

AL Post 49 Membership Meeting Minutes
5Nov2020

Commander Jason Turner conducted **Opening Ceremonies** starting at 1900 and ordered roll call.

Roll Call: Cmdr. Jason Turner, 1st Vice Cmdr. John Barkley, 2nd Vice Cmdr. Guy Cherry, Adjutant Tom Breen, Finance Officer Sean Russell, Sgt. at Arms and SAL Cmdr. Earl Lash, Chaplain and Service Officer Larry Girard, Service Officer Steve Hamilton, Historian (Art) Sergio Orozco, Trustee Tom Dryer, Trustee Willie Reinhardt, Trustee Chuck Aubrey, Ordnance Officer Mike Andruch, Member Leo Flory, SAL Vive Commander Paul Middleton, Member Leo Flory, Member Bruce Thatcher. **Quorum (of at least 5 legion members) present.**

Reading of last meeting minutes. 1Oct2020 minutes approved with one change, 11Nov Veteran's Day breakfast start time revised from 830AM to 8AM to reflect a 29Oct Exec Com Mtg change.

Introduction of guest(s): None

Committee reports

1. **Finance:** report approved as summarized below

- Account status for Oct2020 \$91,233.76 and includes \$10,158.32 SAL cash balance.
- Quickbooks 2020 summary: Jan2020 -\$4,850.67, Feb2020 \$4,292.82, Mar2020 -\$8,775.42, Apr2020 -\$12,001.36, May2020 -\$10,521.76, June2020 -\$4,888.43, July2020 \$4,148.85, Aug2020 \$3,379.61, Sept2020 \$3,091.10 supported by \$5,000 grant, vs Sept2019 \$4,523.09
- AL \$1,000 grant application submitted to Kim Siedelberg, Ass't to State Adjutant, State Commander 4Nov2020.
- An estimated \$20,000 is required for General Operating funding to meet expected shortfall over next 5 months

2. **Adjutant:** report approved as summarized below

- Four (4) new member applications circulated to current membership for their review. No issues reported.
- Member renewals currently less than 65% target but recent processing of 30 renewals achieves 394 of 572 or approx 69% processed as of 5Nov.

3. **Service Officers.**

- Larry reported that he is guiding 3, one for review of benefits, a second Blue Water candidate for approval and a third for benefit approval after exposure to the chemical agent orange.
- Steve reported that SAL still waiting for \$412 reimbursement from AL Veterans account to SAL account as approved previously.

4. **Club Operations.**

- Winter hours 1200-2200 Fri/Sat and 1200-2100 other days
- 29Oct MI DHHS Covid requirements mandate club patrons sign in with name, phone number, time.
- Shelly Rindzy was hired as additional bartender for Wed. evenings. Please stop by and welcome her to the Post.
- Plexiglass shielding between bartender and bar stool occupants approved previously and will be installed. Leo Flory will donate a 4X4ft. sheet of plexiglass material for use at the bar area.
- New convection oven failure caused by use of liquid cleaner shorting out temperature control element.
- Friday dinners scheduled through Dec2020. Sunday breakfasts ended as of October.
- Soup sale Thursdays 1700-1900
- Pasty dinner 6Nov 1700-1900
- Suggestion box-no items
- Calendar review-Nov requires AL mtg updates. Dec not available for review.

5. **Family Meetings - AL**

- 11Nov Veterans Day event being planned including 800-900AM breakfast, 21 gun salute at 3 local nursing homes (RiverRidge Retirement Village planned for 1030-1045) followed by 11AM salute at Post49.
- Trees for Troops volunteer support requested to carry trees to/from wrapping station some time after Thanksgiving, followed by lunch at Larry's. Plan to car pool from the Post for those interested.

6. **Family Meetings - SAL**

- 6Nov2020 pasty dinner 1700-1900
- 11Nov Veterans Day breakfast 800-900 at Post
- 22Nov Larry Carlson Memorial Senior Thanksgiving dinner 1000-1200 takeout, delivery event.
- Golf Tournament being planned for April/May 2020

7. Family Meetings - Aux-Reported from last Exec Com Mtg.

- Wanda Smith resigned as VP and will be replaced by Mary Fitzgerald.
- Aux planning to support color guard and are purchasing uniforms for the event.
- Post PA system being investigated
- Will provide desserts for the 22Nov Larry Carlson Memorial Senior Thanksgiving dinner

Sick call Larry Smith ill, Carl Dials currently in VA Hospital.

Unfinished business

- Facility: Ordnance Officer
- Club area ceiling replacement -acoustical tile estimated at \$10.95 each for 70% acoustical rating. Advertising display being piloted for evaluation. Mike will lead team including Willie Reinhardt and Bruce Thatcher to develop ceiling tile recommendation for bar area, office and kitchen. Ceiling tile 4X8ft. advertising space expected to sell for \$200 for two years and \$75/year thereafter.
- Completed painting 2 sheds and fence. Replaced LED light above armory door, light inside armory.
- Installation of stainless steel convection oven bottom liner and kitchen "slop drain" complete.
- Enlarged brick area around monument to allow for additional memorial bricks.
- Office furnace replacement being studied and may include high efficiency furnace, ductwork and insulation estimated at approx \$8,000.

New Business

- Extended "Buddy Check" call process initiated to also recruit new Post 49 members. Seven people volunteered to participate calling the approximately 240 people and were asked to complete and give report out 19Nov during Exec Committee Mtg.
- Awards Committee governance, process and nomination criteria draft for AL Post 49 top award shared with members for further discussion. Nominations received for AL Post 49 Legionnaire of the year Award. John will call review results with Committee members prior to 19Nov.
- Larry investigating feasibility of hosting a cribbage tournament at the post.

Communication & Donations - No additional items

Next meetings

- Membership Mtg 1900 3Dec
- Club Operations Com. Mtg 1530, Exec Comm Mtg 1600, Family Mtg 1745 after "King of Diamonds" 1730 drawing 19Nov, rescheduled from 26Nov.
- December's Club, Exec Com Mtg, and Family Meetings also rescheduled to 17Dec.

Memorial to a departed post member None reported

For The Good of The American Legion.

- AL Membership, Exec.Com Mtg minutes and Calendar updates posted on the website.
- Significant events posted on Facebook and AL website homepage.
- USMC Birthday 10 November and will be celebrated at 1800 AL Post 49, Veterans/Armistice/Remembrance Day 11 November. Thanksgiving 26 November

Closing. The Commander conducted closing ceremonies and ended the meeting at 2020.

Respectfully,
John Barkley for
Tom Breen, Adjutant
American Legion Post 49