

25Apr2024 American Legion Post 49 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Post Commander John Barkley called the 28 MAR 2024 American Legion Post 49 Meeting to order at 1605, conducted the opening ceremony and declared the meeting of Edward W. Thompson Post No. 49 open for Business.

Adjutant Roll Call: Cmr. John Barkley, 1st Vice Cmr. Earl Lash, 2nd Vice Cmr Jim Addressi, Adjutant Bob Dargis, **Finance Officer Sean Russell, Judge Advocate Jason Turner, Sgt. at Arms Sieg Freitag, Chaplain Larry Girard,** Service Officer Steve Hamilton, Service Officer Marty Welker, Historian Jim McCloughan, **Trustee Bruce Thatcher,** Trustee Patrick Whitlatch, **Trustee Willie Reinhardt,** Trustee Chuck Aubrey, Trustee Rich Ely, **Trustee Guy Cherry, Ordnance Officer Mike Andruch,** SAL Commander Brett Novy, **Auxiliary President Mary Fitzgerald, Auxiliary Vice President Linda Teeter, Club Manager Emily Fitzbaker,** Auxiliary Chaplain Vicki Olson, **Member Tim Gregory, Member Josh Gunneson, Member Brad VandenBerg. Quorum (of at least 5 AL members) present.**

Review/approve Previous Meeting Minutes- 28Mar2024 meeting minutes were approved on motion of Earl Lash, properly seconded.

Meeting purpose reminder. Review recommendations from committees (including the Club Operations Committee), adopt those recommendations that are judged to be useful for the successful operation and management of the post, and present major recommendations/changes to the general Membership Mtg for member approval.

Business

-Account status: \$187,751.69 22Apr2024 vs \$173,306.15 22Apr2023

-Quickbooks: \$ 7,641.25 Mar2024 vs -\$ 4,529.34 Mar2024

-Apr2024 stock value \$5,356

-Finance report was presented by Sean Russell, and on Motion of Jason Turner, properly seconded, the report was approved subject to audit.

-SAL funds available: \$20,394.65.

-Aux funds available: \$29,029 + \$6,498 CD

-Apr/May2024 Calendar review

-5May breakfast update - Billie Coone and Teresa Sealscott will support cooking, Deb Davidson and Grandson Sean Torres will support clean-up ?

-Club Operations Committee recommendations per Emily Fitzbaker:

-Masons will support 5th Friday dinners and 5th Sunday breakfasts

-Five(5) additional open-to-public days will be applied for: 29June, 4,5,6,20July2024 leaving 5 for 2024.

-Emily asked for a list of supplies required for pizza night.

-Bartender hiring in process to support 1400-Sunset Sat/special event Tiki bar

-SAL/Lyons will swap Friday dinner nights.

-Emily asked to order approx 50 AL Post 49 hats for club sale.

AL Events

-0900 30Apr Flag placement at Lakeview Cemetery. Need volunteers.

-Marine Military Honors for Gerald Drake 1245 on 30Apr2024 at McDowell Cemetery, 107th Ave. SH, MI.

-1700-1930 3May Pizza Dinner. Jason, Mike, John, Sean volunteered support starting at 1600.

-0800-12 noon Sun5May breakfast support to date: Jason, Mike, Sean, John, Billie, Teresa Sealscott supporting 0600 AM

-8June veterans event proposal by Toni Kennedy with no alcohol service for guests during 1000-1400 event with bar service isolated from rest of event. SAL cooking outside, Aux planning children's events, Willie Reinhardt supporting with a tent. Plan confirmed 26Mar with Toni Kennedy and Adam Swager, US Dept of Veteran Affairs Specialist prior to developing advertising brochure. VFW invited.

-ALPost 49: 4April officer nominations initiated 4Apr., nomination sheet sign-up posting 5April-1May, 2May Elections, 6June Installation. Chuck Aubry, Mike Andruch, Earl Lash, others will monitor 1200-1900 2May voting process by checking for current membership cards and asking each voter to sign in.

- Memorial Day 0900 parade, 1000 ceremony at Lakeview Cemetery planning in process
- 2024 Holidays and Observances for Apr/May shown below for review

SAL Events

- Planning Quilt raffle/auction, License applied for 21 March 2024.

Aux Events.

- 100% of 728 membership renewals complete for 2024.
- Nursing Home veterans/staff luncheon at Post 23Apr well received
- 74 stuffed animals delivered to SHEAS/Bronson
- Quilt raffle scheduled for Memorial Day 27May2024
- Poppy making "done". Walmart site sales approval in process.
- Copier replacement benchmarking complete for discussion in Aux membership mtg.

Other Business

- Next 4th District meeting 5May at Hastings Post 45. Lunch at 12:30 followed by the annual Memorial service for those who passed last year, breakout meetings starting around 1330. Lunch reservations can be made by contacting the Hastings Post Adjutant at hmssamurai1@gmail.com or by leaving a msg/text at 269-331-0623 with your name and post number, along with the number of reservations.
- Quote received from Froeber Tree Service to remove Mulberry tree at entrance of drive and dying Cherry tree for \$1,260 (50% down prior to start). On motion by Jason Turner, properly seconded, the removal of trees was approved for recommendation to Membership Mtg.
- Developed \$45,000 quote for ADA level access for front/rear doors, bathroom doors including structure/electrical upgrades and \$55,000 quote derived from last deBest estimate by removing fence move and AstroTurf. Met with senate/representatives to request funding and focus will be for ADA level access into building front, bathroom areas and rear/north club door access to outside.
- Technical assist ask to Vibroacoustics for sound reduction in the clubroom. Willie Reinhardt suggested potential acoustical contractor Peter Cook (269-324-6072) as an alternative.
- Service flagpole rope needed; Josh Gunneson suggested Flags Unlimited, previously suggested as a flag supplier.
- Auto zone debit card status: no activity.
- Maintenance: kitchen plumbing TBD. electrical 240 volt work complete. Mike/Sieg will place/compact gravel (donated by Compton per Bruce Thatcher) at trash container site.
- Brad VandenBerg and Josh Gunneson suggested Post 49 make a donation to Hooks and Heroes on east side of state for further discussion in Member Meeting.

Next meetings

- Membership Mtg 1900 2May
- Club Operations Com.1530, Exec Com. Mtg 1600 30May

2024 Holidays and Observances

May: Wednesday May 1 First Day of Military Appreciation Month, Sunday May 5 Cinco de Mayo, Monday May 6 National Nurses Day, Tuesday May 7 National Teacher Appreciation Day, Wednesday May 8 Victory in Europe Day, Sunday May 12 Mother's Day, Wednesday May 15 Peace Officers Memorial Day, Saturday May 18 Armed Forces Day, Wednesday May 22 National Maritime Day, Monday May 27 Memorial Day

Finding No further actions to come before this meeting. Post commander declared this meeting of Edward W. Thompson South Haven Post 49 adjourned at 1720.

Respectfully submitted by John Barkley for
Bob Dargis, Adjutant for American Legion Post 49