

25 JULY 2024 American Legion Post 49 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Post Commander John Barkley called the 25 JULY 2024 American Legion Post 49 Meeting to order at 1600, conducted the opening ceremony and declared the meeting of Edward W. Thompson Post No. 49 open for Business.

Adjutant Roll Call: Cmdr. John Barkley, 1st Vice Cmdr. Earl Lash, 2nd Vice Cmdr 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 Jason Mayer, 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 VicePresident Linda Teeter, Club Manager Emily Fitzbaker, Auxiliary Chaplain Vicki Olson, Trustee Bruce Thatcher.
Quorum (of at least 5 AL members) present.

Review/approve Previous Meeting Minutes- 27 JUNE 2024 meeting minutes were approved on motion of Chuck Aubrey, 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.

Introduction of Guests None.

Business

Account status: Per Sean Russell: \$205,228.72 22 July 2024

-Quickbooks: \$14,152.69 for June 2024 vs. June 2023 \$19,214.07 vs May 2024 \$9,792.05

-Finance Report motion for approval was made by Chuck Aubrey, properly seconded, approved by voice vote.

-Motion to move \$10K from Pull Tab and \$15k from Keno to General Operating account was made by Sean Russell, properly seconded, approved by voice vote.

-SAL funds available: Not Available

-Aux funds available: Not Available

-Club Operations Committee recommendations:

-Emily- Welcome Back ! AUG and SEPT calendar review by Emily

-Third Friday dinner rotation May-Oct will be hosted by Lions

-Fifth Friday (30Aug) dinner and Sunday (29Sep) breakfast events hosted by Masons.

-Post 49 hat ordering status-not yet ordered.

-Fire extinguisher training TBD.

-Aug 2024 calendar review

AL Events

-2024 AL new Officers requiring swearing in: Trustee Josh Gunneson and Jason Mayer, not present, deferred to next member meeting.

-1430 22 July memorial service for Joe Bromberek at Fort Custer and a followup Memorial Luncheon for Joe 1700 22 July at the VFW. Note that we were not invited to support the local Honor Guard but are invited as guests.

-1200 23 July for SH nursing home vet's at Post

-1600 25 July AL Post 49 Club Opn's Mtg

-0600 28 July AL Post 49 Breakfast support

-1900 1 Aug AL Post 49 Membership Mtg

- 1630 2Aug pizza dinner support
- 1100 4Aug Lakeview cemetery.Be at Cemetery by 1045 to support the ceremony.
- 1300 4Aug Glad-peach Festival Parade in Coloma. Bus leaves at 1145 to arrive at 1215
Bring some flags, Dargis to drive van, Honor Guard to shoot 3 Volley.

SAL Events

-None.

Aux Events.

-None.

Other Business

- Lakeview Cemetery Flag replacement proposal update based on MI PA 63 update -
Shooting for 15 Sept 2024 date for inventory of graves, targeting Spring 2025 for installation of flags and flag holders.
- Clubroom sound reduction - 12June Post 49 club layout sent to Peter Cook for next steps.Per Jason Turner:\$22,500 for materials and Labor, 80% down to start, 6-8 weeks to get material, 3 day install. Proposal to be presented at next member meeting 1 Aug. Possible 1/3 split SAL and AUX, but maybe 50/50 w/ AUX.
- Auto Zone debit card status.pending Jason Mayer.
- Memorial Brick proposal-deBest update pending
- Landscape leveling proposal-deBest update pending
- State funding for ADA level interior improvements update
- State Rep Joey Andrews "Community Conversation" at South Haven Library 1700 Tues Aug7.
- Fund raising brainstorming to be done by committee of: Jason Turner, Chuck Aubrey, Mary F., John Barkley, Earl Lash and Emily Fitzbaker.
- Maintenance: Hand sink in kitchen leaking, mens room water pressure better.
- Other Business : New copier installed, old to be picked up. Ladies Veterans retreat Oct 17-20 at Wilwin lodge.

Correspondence to/from AL

None..

Sick Call

Craig Massie hospitalized.

Next meetings

- Membership Mtg 1900 1 AUGUST.
- Club Operations Com.1530, Exec Com. Mtg 1600 29 AUG..

2024 Holidays and Observances

- Jul:** Saturday Jul 27 National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day,
- Aug:** Sunday Aug 4 Coast Guard Birthday, Wednesday Aug 7 Purple Heart Day, **Operation Injured Soldier Friday Aug 16 1700-1930 Dinner and Saturday Aug 17 12 Noon Salute on S Pier**, Monday Aug 19 National Aviation Day
- Sep:** Monday Sep 2 Labor Day, Sunday Sep 8 National Grandparents Day, **Wednesday Sep 11 Patriot Day**, Tuesday Sep 17 Constitution Day and Citizenship Day, **Wednesday Sep 18 Air Force Birthday**, Friday Sep 20 National POW/MIA Recognition Day, Sunday Sep 29 Gold Star Mother's Day
- Oct: Sunday Oct 13 Navy Birthday**, Monday Oct 14 Columbus Day, Wednesday Oct 16 Boss's Day, **Saturday Oct 26 Post 49 Halloween Children's Party**, Thursday Oct 31 Halloween
- Nov:** Sunday Nov 3 Daylight Saving Time ends, **Sunday Nov 10 Marine Corps Birthday, Monday**

Nov11 Veterans Day, Sunday Nov 24 Larry Carlson Memorial Dinner, Thursday Nov 28 Thanksgiving Day, Friday Nov 29 Native American Heritage Day

-Dec: Saturday Dec 7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, Friday Dec 13 National Guard Birthday, **Saturday Dec 21 National Wreaths Across America**, **Saturday Dec 14 Post 49 Children's Christmas Party**, Wed. Dec 25 Christmas Day, Thursday Dec 26 Kwanzaa (first day), Tuesday Dec 31 New Year's

Finding No further actions to come before this meeting. **Post commander** declared this meeting of Edward W. Thompson South Haven Post 49 adjourned at 5:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Bob Dargis, Adjutant for American Legion Post 49