

Regular membership Meeting

March 2, 2017 1900

Opening ceremonies were conducted and the meeting was called to order.

Roll Call: Jed Fall, Jim Montgomery, Larry Girard, Chuck Aubrey, Pat Sullivan, Steve Hamilton and Tom Breen. Guest Bruce Thatcher.

The Commander Stan Wakild is absent and the meeting is chaired by Mr. Fall.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and a motion to accept them was made seconded and passed without objection.

Finance Report: Mr. Sullivan gave the report a copy of which is attached to this report.

Adjutant: The post's membership goal set by the district is 90%. The membership of Post 49 is 111.82%. This puts Post 49 in second place in the district in reaching its goal.

The adjutant advised the board of a meeting with Terry Gregory a former employee of Post 49. Ms. Gregory asked about the plaques and certificates of appreciation that had previously been ok'd by the board, in that if they had been prepared and distributed to the people we had previously voted to receive one. Ms. Gregory volunteered to get the certificates, prepare them and get them to the people that deserve them. A motion was made to have Ms. Gregory do so was seconded and passed without objection.

The adjutant then advised the board of a conversation with a Mr. Dave Griffin he had at the memorial dinner for Art Overhuel, in that Mr. Griffin wants to put in a memorial for Mr. Overhuel on the lower level (lerrace) much like the ones on the bluff overlooking the lake on Monroe Ave. A motion was made to allow the bench as long as the board approves the

style and size etc. of any bench to be installed. It was seconded and passed without objection.

A member present Mike?? Asked permission to hang a plaque in the bar above the windows on the south wall that depicts the emblems of the five U.S. Military units he showed the plaque, a motion was made to allow this it was seconded and passed without objection. (Mike hung the plaque the following Saturday and it looks great).

SAL: Mr. Hamilton reports that a disabled Vietnam Marine had been donated several loads of firewood for his house and that while at his residence SAL discovered that his shower was in such bad shape he couldn't use it so SAL replaced the bathtub and shower. Mr. Hamilton said that Menards gave the SAL an excellent deal on the material when they found out who the material was for and why. Chaplain Girard stated that it would be a good idea to get this Marine a hand book that will guide him to benefits provided to disabled veterans by the V A.

Bar Manager: Poppies have not been ordered. A suggestion was made to get with the VFW and see what they may have available, however, the VFW poppies are blue and the Legion's are red.

The bar is running real well. Ms. Hahn reports that getting the fountain drinks in the bar will be a lot cheaper than having to use the bottles and that the fountain lines currently run through the ice sink which is a health violation and the ice bins are rusting out . She has two quotes on repairing the situation and is waiting on a third to remove the present sink and ice bins and prepare the bar for the coke lines which coke will run when the bar is prepared. The quotes she has 1. \$3700 2. \$3260 plus the sink at \$695. Mr. Hamilton took the floor and on behalf of the SAL donated \$3000 to the project. This project was tabled until the third estimate is received. A motion was made to accept the bar report, seconded and passed without objection.

Unfinished Business: The steelheaders fishing outing will be in August is discussed by Mr. Thatcher. He reports that on Aug. 18 there will be a memorial service at the Masonic Lodge. For the outing on the 19th he needs to know how many Veterans from Post 49 will be taken out to fish. Mr. Thatcher is trying to get lodging for members of Jim McCloughans platoon for the steelheaders outing. Mr. Thatcher then explained that the Lest We Forget is sponsoring a play "letters from home" and wanted to know if the board would like the organization make a presentation at the next board meeting. A motion was made to allow the presentation it was seconded and passed without objection.

New Business: Memorial Day ceremonies need to be addressed. Mr. Fall suggested that Jim McCloughan be the Grand Marshall and start getting cars lined up.

The election of new officers was brought up and discussed but no nominations came forward and the discussion was tabled.

Mr. Hamilton addressed the write up of one of the SAL members Joey Yurewicz he stated he had a meeting with five other SAL board members they ok'd a letter that is to be delivered to Mr. Yurewicz in which his privileges will be suspended for a period of 180 days (6 mos) and that any more violations will result in his dismissal from the SAL squadron of the Legion. A motion was made to accept the disciplinary action of the SAL it was seconded and passed without objection.

Mr. Aubrey took the floor stating "I have a couple of quick things Jed." Really??? There is NEVER a 'quick thing' in one of these meetings. However, he stated he received a report from the Keno giving a summary of the sales at the post of \$152,000 of which the post gets 8% and we received a check of \$11,900. He then stated the post is doing the accounting on line and we are going to an online payroll system which will save the post will 15% by not paying the accounts for our payroll and that Ms. Hahn is very familiar with quickbooks and is good to go with the system. Mr. Aubrey then addressed the Darcy situation and the letter she wanted recommending him for admission to universities she said he was

turned down because of the lawsuit situation, and that he would write the letter and be done with this situation. A motion was made to approve the letter it was seconded and passed without objection.

Mr. Aubrey brought up the last "quick thing" in that, in the last three years the state raised our dues \$5.00 and the national also raised them \$5.00 for a total of \$10.00. Which put our dues to the present \$50.00. Mr. Aubrey proposed raising the dues to \$60.00 to cover the cost of the state and national committees raising our dues a total of \$4500.00. He then proposed that we raise our dues another \$10.00 to \$60.00 to cover the above cost. He then gave a detailed expense report outlining the posts financial intake and output a copy of which is attached to this report. Mr. Aubrey then made a motion to raise the dues to \$60.00. This started a discussion, that quickly went on for the next 30 min. Finally, the motion was tabled so an effort could be made to alert the membership of the intent to raise the dues.

Mr Hamilton took the floor and opined that all duty drinks should be eliminated including bartenders and honor and color guard duty drinks. Mr. Aubrey made a motion to eliminate the duty drinks it was seconded and passed without objection.

Mr. Fall asked if there was any other business to discuss. No one had any and Jed finally rang the bell.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Breen
Adjutant Post 49