

3Nov2022 American Legion Post 49 Membership Meeting Minutes

Commander John Barkley called the 3Nov2022 American Legion Post 49 membership meeting to order at 1904, conducted the opening ceremony and business meeting as summarized below..

Order of Business

Adjutant: Roll Call: Cmdr. John Barkley, 1st Vice Cmdr. Earl Lash, 2nd Vice Cmdr Jim Addressi, Adjutant Bob Dargis, Finance Officer Tom Dryer, Judge Advocate Jason Turner, Sgt. at Arms Art Farmer, Chaplain Larry Girard, Service Officer John McCormack, Service Officer and SAL Commander Steve Hamilton, Historian Jim McCloughan, Trustee Bruce Thatcher, Trustee Patrick Whitlatch, Trustee Willie Reinhardt, Trustee Chuck Aubrey, Ordnance Officer Mike Andruch, Member Tom Breen, Member Richard Ely, Post 68 Member Frank Thompson, Member Jim Montgomery, Member Dan Gomez, Member Josh Gunnison, Christin
Quorum (of at least 5 AL members) **present**

Meeting Minutes Membership Mtg dated 6Oct2022 approved as written.

Introduction of guests and prospective new members: Non present.

The regular meeting order was suspended at 1910 as requested by Josh Gunnison to allow him to discuss a new 501-C3 he is starting to host veterans on hunting, fishing and camping trips. Josh was informed by members at the meeting that the AL Exec Com must first review state/federal licensing as a non-profit, proof of insurance and business plan information prerequisites prior to consideration for funding support. **The regular meeting was then resumed at 1925.**

Committee reports

1. Finance.

- Account status for 23Oct2022 \$191,217.16 Late Nov breakfast fund allocation to sponsors was noted.
- Quickbooks: Sept2022 \$12,362.67 contributed by club operations performance. A copy of Sep2022 performance sent to Earl Lash per his request
- SAL current total funds available approx. \$19,000
- Aux current total funds available \$22,448.95
- Finance report approved (subject to audit)

American Legion Post 49 Finance Report

Account balance as of 23Oct2022 for the 3Nov AL Membership Meeting

Account Name	Current Balance	Purpose	Target Balance
General Operating	\$56,357.33	Daily Club Operations incl maintenance, \$3,000 Vietnam Wall, \$2,000 Raffle	\$35,000
Building Fund	\$6,329.64	Capital spending (from Depreciation, Other)	\$40,000
Pull Tab	\$20,179.48	Pull Tab Machine repair/replacement	\$6,000
KENO	\$33,639.18	MI Lottery KENO payouts	\$5,000
Breakfast Fund	\$26,934.29	Breakfast revenue. Payout scheduled Nov.	\$2,000
Membership	\$15,401.55	Membership dues for donation/support/recruitment	\$7,000

Veterans	\$23,907.65	Direct support for Veterans/Families	\$20,000
Uniform	\$3,067.19	Color/Honor Guard Uniforms	\$4,000
Bank CD	\$5,400.85	Total CD Balance	\$5,000
Total Funds Available	\$191,217.16		\$124,000

Monthly Income statement for Sept2022

Revenue	\$51,990.95	
Expenses	-\$39,628.28	
Net Income	\$12,362.67	

Donations received through August 2022 and Identified for Separate Tracking

Date(Owner)	Amount	Assigned
(Josh Gunneson)	\$164.41	Future Archery classes

2. Adjutant - Membership:

- Membership update: 33 new members, 38 PUFL and and 263 renewals account for 345 out of 631 total members or 55% vs a 55% target.
- Several new member applications were circulated and approved

3. Service Officers.

- Steve provided \$180 support to a veteran earlier and reimbursed by \$150 from SAL, has a request for \$600 to pay overdue electric bill as approved in this meeting and is reviewing several alternatives for home ramp access installation for another veteran. All three interventions are documented on summaries that will be used for followup and at fiscal year end to document Post 49 support. John McCormack also reported working with several veterans and helping with their transportation.

4. Club Facilities and Operations Committee

- Club Manager replacement process update. Job description posted on Indeed, Facebook for and received several inquiries. A meeting will be scheduled with the interview team one (1) week prior to starting interviews to review the process and discuss any further questions and comments.
- Calendars available for Nov/Dec2022.
- Post 49 asked to pay estimated sales tax at a rate of approx. 6% for sales to non-members during "Open to Public" days. Will assume 50% of incremental sales to non members on "Open to Public" Friday dinners, Sunday breakfasts and other advertised "open to public" days.
- Recommendation to remove Archery donation line item and allocate to the General Operating Fund approved.

5. AL Events

- Combination 11Nov. Marine Corp birthday and Veterans Day celebration will start with a free 0900-1130 breakfast for all veterans/families, followed by a 12 noon Salute and a 1230-1330 free lunch for all and 1300 salute at the South Haven Nursing Home. The Marine Corp will also share their birthday (cake) on this 11Nov celebration day.

-Wreaths Across America wreath placement scheduled for 17Dec. Veteran priorities for AL wreath placements include direct family of Post 49 members and Vietnam veterans. If you are not able to participate in the wreath laying process 17 Dec, please send the name of your veteran "loved one" to John Barkley to help with placement. Checks/forms for current orders delivered to Bangor city Hall per Lynne Farmers direction.

6. SAL Events

-636 members with 421 paid this year, 135% of target
-Larry Carlson Memorial Thanksgiving Dinner Nov 20 features Turkey dinner carry outs available from 0900-1100 and dine in service 1200 noon - 2PM at American Legion Post 49. Help needed for cooked turkey processing scheduled to begin 0900 Sat 19 Nov at the Post and supplying desserts for 19 Nov drop-off..

7. Aux Events

-Aux will manage the kitchen cleaning process after 1Nov2022
-Please contribute men's toiletry items in the next week to support 11Nov distribution.
-Discussing and prioritizing donations.

Sick call - Jim Montgomery recovering at home after being in hospital with Covid for several days. Harvey Mollett, a 50 year Post 49 member.. Please keep them in your thoughts/prayers during their recovery.

Unfinished business

-South Haven (SH) removal of American Legion street sign appealed to SH Zoning administrator and sign reinstalled prior to meeting by Jason and Mike. We maintain the right to replace as required with same/smaller size sign, as permitted by "6Chick"s restaurant owner Sandra Collins.

New Business

-Water noted to be leaking through north access door and windows in meeting room and will be investigated /repaired as required.
-Club room floor (including bar area) cleaned Wed morning by Mike Andrich, Bob Dargis, Jin Neely, Jim Addressi, Jason Turner, Paul Middleton and John Barkley.
-Steve Hamilton soliciting quotes for automatic front door opener.
-Steve Hamilton received a \$15,869 quote from Brian beBest for upper level, north side lawn leveling to ensure safe walkability. A followup mtg is planned with Brian deBest later next week, at Brian's convenience.
-Shrink wrap company called to wrap the Tiki Hut and responded that timing would be in approx 3 weeks and requires a work order.
-Four (4) prior year donation checks were not cashed. Now working with Division Finance Officer Wanda Ophaug to help with routing AL Post 49 donations.
-Please plan to meet at Post 49 by 1045 on Friday, 18Nov, to support 1130 military honors for Army Veteran Ludwig Baldauf at St Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 718 Arbor Ct, South Haven, MI 49090.

Communication & Donations (to/from AL) None

Next meetings

-District meeting at Dorr 6Nov 2022
- Membership Mtg 1900 1Dec2022.
- Club Operations Com.1530, Exec Com. Mtg 1600 29Dec2022

Memorial to a departed post member, None

For The Good of The American Legion.

November

Daylight Savings Time Ends Nov 6, Election Day Nov 8, **Marine Corps Birthday, Veterans Day Nov 11, Larry Carlson Memorial Thanksgiving Dinner Nov 20**, Thanksgiving Day Nov 24,

December

Civil Air Patrol (USAF Auxiliary) Birthday Dec 1, **Pearl Harbor Day Dec 7**, National Guard Birthday Dec 13, National Wreaths Across America Dec 18, Christmas Dec 25, New Year's Eve December 31

Commander John Barkley conducted the closing ceremony and declared the meeting adjourned at 2025.

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