

AL Post 49 Membership Meeting Minutes

5Dec 2019

Commander Jason Turner conducted opening ceremonies and ordered roll call.

Adjutant Roll Call: Cmdr. Jason Turner, 1st Vice Cmdr. John Barkley, 2nd Vice Cmdr Sean Russell, Adjutant Tom Breen, Finance Officer Chuck Aubrey, Sgt. at Arms and SAL Cmdr. Earl Lash, Judge Advocate Stan Wakild, Board member Tom Dryer, Board Member Glen Higgs, Club Manager Heather Hahn, Chaplain and Service Officer Larry Girard, Service Officer Steve Hamilton, Member Jed Fall, Historian (Art) Sergio Orozco, Auxiliary Pres. Billie Coone, Auxiliary Sgt at Arms Linda Teeter, Ordnance Officer Mike Andruch, Member Jim Addressi, Member Dick Cavanaugh, Member Guy Cherry.

Quorum (of at least 7 legion members) **present** (Attachment 1-Sign In Sheet)

Reading of last meeting minutes. 7Nov 2019 minutes approved as written.

Introduction of guest(s): None present

Committee reports

1. **Finance:** A 21Nov 2019 cash account summary was distributed showing total funds available of \$69,584 including \$4,075 donations. The new summary format should reference target levels for General Operating (daily club operations), Building (Capital spending) and Veterans (direct support).
2. **Adjutant:** Dept. accredited membership/renewal level is at approximately 72% (actually approx 75%), 34new, 268 renewals, 2 transfers(actually 9) and approx. 30 PUFL.
3. **New Member Applications:** Several new member applications in process and were passed around for current member review.
4. **Service Officers.** Steve/Larry reported:
 - Ongoing conversations with young family to fill up 500gal propane tank and was also referred to county/state organizations. Person would also like to join Legion but currently resource constrained.
 - Access ramp installed/complete per an earlier request.
 - Scheduling additional visits for Gary Easterling to host more focused service help conversations was not discussed.
5. **Board of Directors.**
 - Discussion deferred to next meeting
6. **Club Manager** (incl reviewing events for the next 30-60 days).
 - Ice Breakers event funding approved to \$750 including fees and cost for chili
 - Protemp sourced for HVAC immediate repair and preventative maintenance. Final cost to be reviewed in "Board Mtg"
 - Christmas Party planned for 21Dec
 - New Years eve party planned
7. **SAL.**
 - Purchase of second set of flags for traveling to Memorial/Honor events in process
 - 7Dec post memorial service lunch planned
 - 20Feb Battle Creek VA event planned

8. Aux. Linda reported

- Aux will donate \$200 to Children's Christmas party scheduled 15Dec.
- Aux will develop goals for next 3 years, budget to support goals, succession planning for officers. Next planning meeting 19Dec and planning will be complete by April 2020. The Aux declined not to share/contribute funding for items like 3-door fridge until planning process complete by April 2020.

9. Family Meeting -

- 15Dec 1300-1500Childrens Christmas party will feature Santa's visit
- Marry planning raffle for items including Comiskey Park chair
- SAL reported Boys/Girls state events being planned
- SAL Student Trooper award event14 Jan at SHHS

10. Americanism Committee:

- Chuck attended a meeting 14Nov with the South Haven Public Schools curriculum coordinator to discuss a regular Americanism presentation covering veterans, American Legion and American flag. There was agreement to focus on 4th/5th graders but no specific followup planned.

11. By laws Committee:

- Bylaws approved at 3Oct Membership Meeting
- Approved Bylaws submitted to Department (PDC Brett Holt, Assistant Department Judge Advocate) 7Oct with copy of meeting minutes to verify approval.
- Department sent recommendations for Bylaw changes 15 Nov,
- Revised Bylaws returned to Department with changes incorporated on 18 Nov. Brett also suggested that we create Post 49 specific Constitution; draft completed for later post review.
- Department response received 8Dec., "I have sent the approval letter for your post constitution and bylaws to HQ. You will be receiving a letter from them."

Sick call - Brett Novi reported to be out of SH Hospital and recovering at home. Both Tom Dryer and Glenn Higgs were reported to have limited mobility preventing them from attending meetings.

Unfinished Business

- Removing a picture from the wall of Commanders. Received general consensus for the following "best practice" to be followed in future. The expelling of a member's picture/history/display is similar to expelling a member from the Post and the same due diligence should be followed, including approval for any proposed action by two-thirds of the membership present.
- This individual in question was recognized by the post as Commander albeit for a short period by being duly elected Commander per the 7May 2015 Regular Monthly Membership Meeting Minutes, identified as Commander in the 4June 2015 Regular Monthly Membership Meeting Minutes and self identified as Commander in the 12 June 2015 Resignation letter to local/district legion officers. However it was previously not known/verified that the individual was never installed until this meeting when it was announced.
- Therefore a proposal to remove the individual's picture was passed by a vote of 11 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain based on the fact that the person was never installed. A followup letter was then written to the individual by Commander Turner explaining that the picture would be removed unless proof of Installation as Commander was received.

New Business

- A proposal made and passed to receive approval from Commander Turner prior to displaying any official AL information within or outside of AL Post 49
- Pearl Harbor- Ceremonies being planned for 7Dec.
- Funding for Christmas bonuses authorized for Heather and other Club support people.

- Funding for Notary fee/stamp authorized for Finance Officer
- 4th District Jan. 5, 2020 at Post 89, Alleghan
- Quote for \$215 received for AL sign replacement above front door.

Next meeting- 2 Jan

Communication & Donations-None reported

Memorial to a departed post member-None reported

For The Good of The American Legion-None reported

Closing ceremony

Commander Jason Turner conducted closing ceremonies and meeting adjourned at 2130.

Respectfully submitted by John Barkley for:

Tom Breen, Adjutant

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