

AMERICAN LEGION POST #49

The regular meeting of Edward W. Thompson Post convened on July 3, 2008 at 7:00 pm.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

Commander Stanley Wakild- P	1 st Vice Doug Nelson- P
2 nd Vice Sheldon Booth- P	Adjutant Barney Regnier- P
Finance Officer Dennis Barton- P	Service Officer Roxanne Resmer- P
Chaplain Gene Maul- P	Sgt At Arms Rodney Cockerel- E
Historian John Lammert- P	Judge Advocate Vern Harsch- E

Also present: D. Sinkler, D. Kennedy, H. Sarno, J. Montgomery, R. Tolbert, V. Beers, B. Heavin, D. Tosh, C. Moerke.

Reading of June 5, 2008 minutes suspended for discussion. Motion to approve by Regnier, 2nd by Nelson, carried.

Introduction of guests- None

Committee Reports:

Finance- attached to original. Quick Books program is in and checks for payroll program on it are in. Motion to accept by Resmer, 2nd by Regnier, carried. Barton has checked on a new laser jet printer from Dell at a cost of \$299.00. Motion to purchase by Sinkler, 2nd by Moerke, carried.

Adjutant- Attached to original minutes. Motion to accept by Regnier, 2nd by Nelson, carried.

New applicants - Gregory Daggett, Dennis Nevala and Brooks Rettker, motion to approve by Sinkler, 2nd by Barton, carried.

Board of Directors- Attached to original minutes. Motion to accept by Sinkler, 2nd by Regnier, carried.

Auxiliary- Had no quorum in June or July. They have had their books audited and have given over \$14,000 in donations last year to post and community. They will be spending poppy money on a fishing trip for Veterans in the near future. Motion to accept by Regnier, 2nd by Barton, carried.

S.A.L.- Rodney informed Legion Finance Officer how to obtain their finance reports. They will help pay cost of flags for a the post. They are working on an agenda for next year and hope to have it completed by August. Motion to accept by Regnier, 2nd by Sinkler, carried.

Legion Riders- Thanked Legion for buying them a Riders Flag. They made \$2,500 on their Memorial Day Ride and are donating the monies to the VA Hospital in Battle Creek. They hope to donate via a motor cycle ride there. They have a lot of money and are willing to spend it, so if you have any ideas please let them know. Sinkler suggested new light weight, white tables for Hall. They have set up a budget for next year and are expecting to spend 75% on veterans and 10% on community. Motion to accept by Nelson, 2nd by Booth, carried.

Sick Call- J. Bromberek has started radiation treatment in Ann Arbor. He has 8 weeks of radiation to go. We need to get a card out to him.

Taps- None

Old Business:

Veterans Memorial - Foundation has been poured. Electrical Contractor should be in next week. We have more bricks coming in, so they are waiting for them before they start laying bricks. Motion to accept by Sinkler, 2nd by Nelson, carried.

Honor Guard Committee Report - Attached to original. After much discussion on how the \$340 collected from Funerals was spent a motion to accept by Moerke, 2nd by Regnier, carried with one no vote by B.Heavin.

By-Laws Report - Moerke reported that wording changes in the Bylaws would correct the discrepancy. Wording shall be in changed in Article V, Section 1 to read "The Adjutant and Finance Officer shall receive such remuneration as may be determined by the Board." This change will correct the immediate problem but future changes in the By-Laws need to be addressed. Motion to accept by Regnier, 2nd by Sinkler, carried.

Audit Request by Commander- Wakild has spoken with J. Cook who stated that he does not do audits but will assist Wakild in finding someone who will. Motion was made by Heavin to make it a 2 year audit and supported by Moerke, after discussion on cost motion was carried.

Motion was made by Moerke to have a voting representative from the Riders on the Board of Directors. Barton stated that they already did because they have to be either a regular member or SAL or Auxiliary anyway. Motion was supported by Montgomery and carried with 2 nays (Resmer and Sinkler).

Motion was made to raise Adjutant remuneration from \$200 a month to \$300 a month by Sinkler. Montgomery questioned how we would know if he was doing his job and was informed that his job description is in the Officers Manual and Post Adjutant Manual. Motion was supported by Nelson and carried.

Montgomery questioned where we were at with the fence situation with C. Mueller. Regnier reported that K. Kelly pretty much bowed out of the situation and subject was tabled until V. Harsch could be present.

Regnier brought up the "Hometown to Heroes" program is will be putting out a sign up sheet for volunteers to help with the program.

Regnier read his report on conflict of interest with paid employees being on Executive Committee. Report attached to original.

New Business:

Resmer motioned that no glass be allowed outside for fireworks was supported by Moerke, who also stated that it should never be allowed outside. Barton requested the Board of Directors handle the situation with no glass ever outside. And motion to have none for fireworks was carried.

Barton reminded the membership that they have approved spending approximately \$12,000 tonight.

Regnier read his report on Department of Michigan 90th Annual Convention. Some highlights: Attended Membership Committee, DMS and Transfer Program

meetings.

Reported Resmer received 3 awards, Gold Brigade Award for Category III, District Commander of the Year for Cat. III and District 100% award. Regnier also received District 100% award.

Donations:

Motion by Moerke and supported by Heavin to donate \$2000.00 to Gene Mauls Mower Ride for Veterans, which will be donated to Battle Creek Rehabilitation Center. With 6 against and 7 in favor, the motion was carried.

J. Montgomery declined taking Computer Administrator job, with no other volunteers, subject was tabled for consideration.

With no further business to come before the meeting, adjourned at 8:45.