

MINUTES
Fred E. Hayes Post 57
Department of Washington
The American Legion

June 17, 2021

Stevens-Young Room, Grandview Community Center, Grandview, WA

1. **Call to Order:** The in-person and teleconference meeting was called to order in regular form at 6:59 PM by Commander Gates. The Invocation was offered by Chaplain John Myers. The POW / MIA Empty Chair was recognized. The Pledge of Allegiance and Preamble was recited by all present.
2. **1900 Hour Toast:** The 1900 Hour Toast was offered by Mr. Davidson.
3. **Roll Call of Officers:**

☒ Robert Gates, Commander ☒ Dudley Brown, Vice Commander ☒ Ricard Zook, Vice Commander ☒ Jim Davidson, Adjutant / Finance ☒ Vicky Gates, Sgt-at-Arms ☒ John Myers, Chaplain ☒ Warren Barmore, PEC-man ☒ Curt Nealen, PEC-man	<u>Guests:</u> ☐ Auxiliary: ☐ Other Guests: ☐ Members: ☐ Excused: ☒ Quorum ☐ No Quorum
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4. **Approve Minutes of May 20, 2021 Meeting:**
Mr. Myers moved with second by Ms. Gates to approve the Minutes of the May 20, 2021 Meeting. The Motion was approved unanimously.
5. **Post Everlasting / Memorial to Departed Comrades:**
 - There were no reported deaths during the last month.
6. **Finance Report:** Adjutant Davidson reported the following:
 - Lower Valley Credit Union Checking (General) account balance is \$1,100.29.
 - Lower Valley Credit Union Savings (Programs) account balance is \$9,095.50.
 - Lower Valley Credit Union CD (Investments) account balance is \$26,635.48.
 - The Budget / Profit-Loss statement was circulated. The current year-to-date balance is +\$997.32.
 - Annual donations have been sent to recipients.
 - The account registers were reviewed for income and expenditures.*Mr. Brown moved with second by Dr. Barmore to approve the Finance Report. The Motion was approved unanimously.*
7. **Adjutant's Report:**
 - **Membership:** The 2021 Goal is 90 members. Current paid membership is 80 (88.89% of Goal). Actual membership, including previously-paid transfers not counting for Goal is 82.
 - **Communications:**
 - The report of 2021-2 officers was mailed to Department.
 - Convention Delegate form mailed to Department.
 - Applications for Department Convention Awards mailed to Department (Blue Cap Legionnaire of the Year Award; Burien Post 134 Publicity

Award; William Welsh Americanism Award; Stephen F. Chadwick Boy Scouts Advancement Award; Service Girls Post 204 Education Award; and Arlington Post 76 Community Service Award).

- National requirement to be named on Post insurance policy (see new business).
- Thank you notes and receipts for donations.

Ms. Gates moved with second by Mr. Myers to approve the Adjutant's Report. The Motion was approved unanimously.

8. **Unfinished (Old) Business:**

- **Memorial Day "Flags-in" process:** Mr. Davidson reported that due to a back injury and an upcoming trip immediately after Memorial Day weekend, he plans to load his truck with needed items for Flags-in" and the ceremony, then off-load after "Flags-out." He needs help moving all the items. Mr. Zook volunteered to assist with loading. Others will help with off-loading.

9. **New Business:**

- **National requirement to be named on Pot Insurance:** Mr. Davidson reported that National has issued a requirement to be named on Department, District (where applicable) and Post insurance policies. **ACTION: Our agent has done this and the documentation has been sent to Department as required.**
- **Set Post Activity Dates:** **ACTION: Pending approval by the Community Center, The Veterans Day "SOS" Brunch and Public Safety Awards is set for Saturday, November 13th. The Crab Feed (or other meal function) will be set later.**
- **Back to School Brigade:** The Operation Homefront Back to School Brigade campaign will run from July 5 to August 5. The Post will collect from the Grandview and Sunnyside Dollar Tree Stores and deliver to the Grandview Armory.

10. **Balloting on New Applications / Renewal of Expired Members:**

- There were no new applications, transfers or renewals of expired members.

11. **Service Officer:** Chief Service Officer Davidson reported the following:

- **Claims:**
 - No claims are in progress and in the hands of the VA.
 - Two claims pending completion of paperwork.
 - No Health care requests are pending.
- **Sick Call & Relief:**
 - John Myers, Curt Nealen and Jim Davidson.
- **Employment:**
 - Advertised positions with the City of Grandview.

12. **Committee Reports:**

- **Rehabilitation** (includes Veterans Affairs and Volunteer Services):
 - **Participation in the Yakima Stand-Down and Benefits Fair.** It was approved to have the Post display at the event on October 23rd, providing information on the Legacy Scholarship. The Adjutant will schedule with the Yakima Veterans Coalition.
- **National Security (includes Homeland Security):**
 - **Blood Drive:** The August 11th Drive is nearly fully booked.
- **Americanism:**
- **Community Service and Post Activities** (includes Wreaths Across America):
 - **Chamber of Commerce:** Ray Vining is the recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award.

- **Graves Registration:** New graves have been identified and placed on the cemetery maps.
 - **Wreaths Across America:** The 2021 campaign will begin in September.
 - **Economic:**
 - **Membership and Publicity:**
 - **Boys State:**
 - **Refund:** A refund from the cancelled Boys State was received.
 - **Children and Youth:**
 - **Scouts:** Both Troops are selling meat sticks to raise money to pay for summer camp; Scoutmaster Tim Bardell is the recipient of the Grandview Chamber of Commerce Orrin Dybdahl Youth Service Award.
 - **Law and Order:**
 - **Nominations:** Nominations will be solicited for the Law and Order awards.
 - **Constitutional Speech:**
 - **Education:**
 - **School Award Recipients:** See Appendix "A." No nominations were received from Prosser or Mabton. Recipients from all Grandview schools and one from Bickleton were identified.
13. **Good of the Legion:**
- The "Feed the Pig" piggy bank was circulated for the Child Welfare Foundation.
 - The next Chamber of Commerce meeting is Thursday, July 8th at Noon at Casa Tequila. Members are welcome to attend. Lunch is not required.
14. **Next Regular Meeting.** The next regular Post meeting will be Thursday, September 16, 2021 at 7:00 PM in-person and by phone.
15. **Adjournment:** With no other business before the Post, the Veterans Creed was recited, the POW / MIA Flag was retired, benediction was offered and the meeting was adjourned in regular form by Commander Gates at 8:00 PM.

James A. Davidson
Adjutant

Robert G. Gates
Commander

Date

Appendix "A"

2021 School Award Nominations / Winners

NAMES BY SCHOOL	SCORES	
	MALE	FEMALE
MCCLURE		
Jason Richey	3	
THOMPSON		

Avary Hultberg		3
Devin Gallegos	3	

SMITH

Serenity Estrada		3
Brissa Pineda		5
Liliana Garza		4
Nehemiah Rivera	3	
Alvaro Alvarez-Mendoza	6	
Carter Lyall	4	

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Amaya Benitez		3
Paola Lara-Campos		3

GRANDVIEW HIGH SCHOOL

Nicholas Gutierrez	3	
Keely Bentley		3

BICKLETON HIGH SCHOOL

Jacob Merry	3	
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