

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

September 16, 2021
Stevens-Young Room, Grandview Community Center, Grandview, WA

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order in regular form at 7:00 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: Mr. Zook - Medical ☒ Quorum ☐ No Quorum
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4. **Approve Minutes of June 17, 2021 Meeting:**
Mr. Myers moved with second by Dr. Barmore to approve the Minutes of the June 17, 2021 Meeting. The Motion was approved unanimously.
5. **Post Everlasting / Memorial to Departed Comrades:**
 - There were no reported deaths among members since the last regular meeting.
 - Ed Prilucik, husband of Auxiliary member Jeridith Prilucik was honored.
 - Vince Schmitt, Past Department Commander, was honored.
 - Memorial Prayer was offered by Chaplain Myers.
6. **Finance Report:** Adjutant Davidson reported the following:
 - Lower Valley Credit Union Checking (General) account balance is \$1,086.48.
 - Lower Valley Credit Union Savings (Programs) account balance is \$14,942.11.
 - Auxiliary Unit 57 Account Balance (in Savings): \$3,486.66.
 - Lower Valley Credit Union CD (Investments) account balance is \$26,754.93.
 - The Budget / Profit-Loss statement was circulated. The current year-to-date balance is +\$2,142.67.
 - Auxiliary Unit 57 Budget / Profit-Loss Document – Current Year-to-Date Balance: +\$3,486.66.
 - The account registers were reviewed for income and expenditures.
 - Finance Committee Actions regarding Auxiliary Unit 57 Funds was discussed.
Mr. Myers moved with second by Mr. Nealen to approve the Minutes and actions of the August 19th, 2021 Finance Committee meeting and the Budgets for the Post and Unit. The Motion was approved unanimously.
 - *Mr. Brown moved with second by Mr. Myers to approve the finance report. The Motion was approved unanimously.*

7. **Adjutant's Report:**
- **Membership:** The 2022 Goal is not yet known but anticipated to be 90 members. Current paid membership is 41 (or 45.56% of the anticipated Goal). Actual membership, including previously-paid transfers not counting for Goal is 41.
 - **Website Renewal:** The website, www.walegion57.org was renewed. It is being updated as time allows.
 - **Communications:**
 - Rich Succee of Bellingham is the new Department Commander.
 - Bob Bradford of Yakima is the new 6th District Commander.
 - District Conferences have been scheduled but information has been provided for the 6th District as the District Commander apparently is in Arizona.
 - ***Dr. Barmore moved with second by Mr. Myers to approve the Adjutant's report. The Motion was approved unanimously.***
8. **Unfinished (Old) Business:**
- Mr. Davidson reported he will order the Community signs approved last year.
9. **New Business:**
- **Fundraisers:** There was general discussion regarding fundraisers. It was agreed the Crab Feed should not be attempted this year due to persistent COVID restrictions impacting gatherings. It was agreed a more substantial effort be made in the schools and community for the annual Penny-a-Day campaign in February.
10. **Balloting on New Applications / Renewal of Expired Members:**
- EXPIRED RENEWAL: Zachary L. Martin, US Army (active), 2019 expired member. ***Mr. Brown moved with second by Ms. Gates to approve the membership of Zachary L. Martin. The Motion was approved unanimously.***
11. **Service Officer:** Chief Service Officer Davidson reported the following:
- **Claims:**
 - 1 claim is in progress and in the hands of the VA.
 - 3 claims pending completion of paperwork.
 - No Health care requests are pending.
 - **Sick Call & Relief:**
 - Mr. Myers, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Nealen and Mr. Zook.
 - **Employment:**
 - Various local job opportunities have been posted.
12. **Committee Reports:**
- **Rehabilitation** (includes Veterans Affairs and Volunteer Services):
 - A table has been reserved for the Yakima Stand-Down. Materials regarding the Legion's Legacy Scholarship are being requested.
 - Operation Homefront Back to School Brigade collected \$2,966.00 in school supplies that were delivered to the 792nd Chemical Company of the Washington Army National Guard at the Grandview Armory.
 - **National Security (includes Homeland Security):**
 - Blood Drives:
 - August 11th Drive yielded 22 units.
 - October 13th Drive has 26 scheduled out of 37 slots.
 - December and March drives are open for scheduling.
 - **Americanism:**
 - Flag Disposal:
 - Commander Gates has been made aware of a funeral home in the Tri-Cities that will cremate flags. He will make arrangements

for disposal.

- Mr. Zook has been making periodic pick up of flags at the Legion disposal box at City Hall.

- **Community Service and Post Activities** (includes Wreaths Across America):
 - Wreaths Across America: Chairwoman Sally Van Horn will be mailing wreath order forms to donors later this month.
- **Boys State:**
 - The 2021 Boys State was cancelled due to COVID restrictions that did not allow a sufficient number of participants.
 - Recruiting for the 2022 Boys State is now being encouraged. It is scheduled for June 19 – 25, 2022 at Warm Beach Conference Center.
- **Children and Youth:**
 - Scouts: Four Scouts attended National Youth Leader Training with Post assistance. Eight Scouts attended Summer Camp. Two Eagle Projects are soon to be underway.
- **Law and Order:**
 - Nominations for Public Safety Awards are being sought.
- **Constitutional Speech:**
 - The Department Contest is anticipated to be in March 2022 but actual dates are pending.

13. **Good of the Legion:**

- The “Feed the Pig” piggy bank was circulated for the Child Welfare Foundation.
- The 6th District Conference is scheduled for September 18th but no time or location has been published by the District Commander.
- Blood Drive, Wednesday, October 13th, 1:00 – 6:00 PM.
- The next Chamber of Commerce meeting is Thursday, October 14th at Noon at Casa Tequila on Division Street. Members are welcome to attend. Lunch is not required.
- Yakima Stand Down and Benefits Fair, October 23rd, Yakima Sun Dome, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Please pre-register and complete the needs assessment at <https://tinyurl.com/5atpzn3w>.

14. **Next Regular Meeting.** The next regular Post meeting will be Thursday, October 21, 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 8:08 PM.

James A. Davidson
Adjutant

Robert G. Gates
Commander

Date