

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

October 20, 2022

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

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order in regular form at 7:01 PM by Commander Brown. 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:**

☒ Dudley Brown, Commander ☒ Nikolaus Schultz, Vice Commander ☒ Ricard Zook, Vice Commander ☒ Jim Davidson, Adjutant / Finance ☐ Sgt-at-Arms ☒ John Myers, Chaplain ☒ Warren Barmore, PEC-man ☒ Curt Nealen, PEC-man ☒ Robert Gates. Past Commander	<u>Guests:</u> ☐ Auxiliary: ☐ Other Guests: ☒ Members: Vicky Gates ☐ Excused: ☒ Attended by Teleconference: Robert Gates, Curt Nealen and Vicky Gates ☒ Quorum ☐ No Quorum
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4. **Approve Minutes of September 15, 2022 Meeting:**
Mr. Schultz moved with second by Mr. Myers to approve the Minutes of the September 15, 2022 Meeting. The Motion was approved unanimously.
5. **Post Everlasting / Memorial to Departed Comrades:**
 - There were no reported or recorded deaths in the last month.
6. **Finance Report:** Adjutant Davidson reported the following:
 - Self Help Federal Credit Union Checking (General) account balance is \$724.78.
 - Self Help Federal Credit Union Savings (Programs) account balance is \$16,674.56.
 - Self Help Federal Credit Union CD (Investments) account balance is \$27,007.16.
 - Auxiliary Unit 57 Account Balance (in Savings): \$4,780.66.
 - The Budget / Profit-Loss statement was circulated. The current year-to-date balance is +\$2,810.89.
 - Auxiliary Budget / Profit/Loss – Current year-to-date balance; +\$4,780.66.
 - Boy Scouts Checking Balance: \$1,505.18.
 - Boy Scouts Savings Balance: \$1,361.52.
 - The account registers were reviewed for income and expenditures.
 - Signatories for the bank account were updated and are now Mr. Davidson, Mr. Myers and Ms. Davidson from the Auxiliary. Mr. Myers was added to the Boy Scouts account.
 - The CD's will mature over the next week and will be reinvested by Mr. Myers in the absence of Mr. Davidson.**Dr. Barmore moved with second by Mr. Zook to approve the Finance Report. The Motion was approved unanimously.**

7. **Adjutant's Report:**
- **Membership:** The 2023 Goal is 69 members. Current paid membership is 51 (73.91% of Goal). The Post is far out in front of other District Posts with regards to renewals.
 - **Communications:**
 - Various Department and District emails.
 - USPS First Class postage will increase to 63 cents at the first of the year. Postage was purchased earlier this year and should carry the Post through the year.
 - Adjutant Jim Davidson will be absent and out of the country from October 22nd to November 15th. He will have limited email access. Mr. Myers has access to the Adjutant email account.
 - The "Early Bird" drawing will be held at the November Post meeting. Mr. Davidson reminded members that as administrator of the drawing or raffles, his name cannot be included as a participant in the drawing.
- Mr. Myers moved with second by Mr. Gates to approve the Adjutant's Report. The Motion was approved unanimously.***
8. **Unfinished (Old) Business:**
- **Memorial Board:** The latest batch of nameplates, including replacement plates for those killed or died in service, has been received. A work party to mount them on the Memorial Board will be organized later.
9. **New Business:**
- **Buddy Checks:** Mr. Schultz would like to organize a Buddy Checks campaign for our current and lapsed members. Discussion followed.
10. **Balloting on New Applications / Renewal of Expired Members:**
- There were no new members or renewal; 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 though one will be submitted in the next few days.
 - One other claim is pending completion of paperwork.
 - No Health care requests are pending. Mr. Davidson reported that with the passage of the PACT Act, all Vietnam veterans are encouraged / advised to apply for Health Care.
 - **Sick Call & Relief:**
 - Gary Nirk is under treatment for a new diagnosis.
 - **Employment:**
 - No recent job opportunities have been posted.
12. **Committee Reports:**
- **Rehabilitation** (includes Veterans Affairs and Volunteer Services):
 - The Area IV Christmas Party at Walla Walla will likely not occur.
 - **National Security (includes Homeland Security):**
 - Blood Drive: The October 12th drive netted 16 units with 17 donors making it to the draw table. The December 14th drive has 26 of 37 slots pre-scheduled.
 - **Americanism:**
 - Flag Disposal: The Post has been advised that brass grommets do not need to be removed from flags for cremation.
 - **Community Service and Post Activities** (includes Wreaths Across America):
 - Wreaths Across America solicitation letters have been mailed by

Chairperson Sally Van Horn. The ceremony is scheduled for December 17th.

- Restoration of dingy headstones at the cemetery. Mr. Schultz would like to organize an effort to clean dingy headstones at the cemetery. Methods of cleaning were discussed. An effort to start this process will wait for spring.

- **Economic:** No report.

- **Membership and Publicity:**

- Honorary Life Memberships: Mr. Davidson suggested the Post should consider providing Honorary Life Memberships to our WWII veterans and possibly Korean War veterans to honor their service. This is not a Paid Up For Life (PUFL) membership. It just means the Post would pay the per capita fee each year for those current members who have not already paid or who are already a PUFL member. This would not include new members. ***Mr. Schultz moved with second by Mr. Myers to provide Honorary Life Memberships to current WWII and Korean War veterans who are not already paid for 2023 or a PUFL member and authorize the Adjutant to submit those transmittals. The Motion was approved unanimously.***

- **Boys State:**

- No delegates have been identified.

- **Children and Youth:**

- Rechartering has begun for both Troops.
- While not official, it appears our local Council, Grand Columbia, will be absorbed by the Chief Seattle Council.

- **Law and Order:**

- The Post is still seeking nominations for Law Enforcement Officer and Firefighter of the Year awards. Several potential candidates in Sunnyside, Grandview and Benton County were discussed. It is desired that a candidate be identified for the Department award by the end of December.

- **Constitutional Speech:**

- No students have been identified for the Constitutional Speech Contest. The Department contest is in March at Big Bend Community College in Moses Lake.

- **Education:**

- The first round of scholar awards will be issued in the next month. An effort to identify the other vocational clubs remains underway.

13. **Good of the Legion:**

- District Commander Visitation: The District Commander was to have attended this meeting (to make up for missing last month), but did not show up.
- The "Feed the Pig" piggy bank was circulated for the Child Welfare Foundation.
- The next Chamber of Commerce meeting is unknown. It is unknown what the status of the Chamber is at this time as there is no communication.
- The Area IV Conference is Saturday, October 29th, 10:00 AM at Yakima Post 36. Mr. Schultz is attending to represent the Post in the absence of the Commander and Adjutant.

14. **Next Regular Meeting.** The next regular Post meeting will be Thursday, November 17, 2022 at 7:00 PM in-person and by phone. Due to the absence of the Adjutant until shortly before that meeting and the Agenda will be late.

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 Brown at 8:17 PM.

James A. Davidson
Adjutant

Dudley B. Brown
Commander

Date