

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

December 15, 2022
Stevens-Young Room, Grandview Community Center, Grandview, WA

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order in regular form at 7:07 PM by Vice Commander Nik Schultz. 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, Leif Luglan, Ray Vining ☐ Excused: ☒ Attended by Teleconference: Robert Gates, Vicky Gates, Curt Nealen ☒ Quorum ☐ No Quorum
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4. **Approve Minutes of November 17, 2022 Meeting:**
Mr. Myers moved with second by Dr. Barmore to approve the Minutes of the November 17, 2022 Meeting. The Motion was approved unanimously.
5. **Post Everlasting / Memorial to Departed Comrades:**
 - No Post member deaths were recorded in the past month.
 - The death of David Creighton, 6th District Chaplain of Yakima Post 36, whose original membership was with Post 57 after the Korean War, was noted and honored;
 - The death of Carolyn Wiley-Frasier, Department President, American Legion Auxiliary, was noted and honored;
 - Memorial prayers for both District and Department officers were offered by Chaplain Myers.
6. **Finance Report:** Adjutant Davidson reported the following:
 - Self Help Federal Credit Union Checking (General) account balance is \$512.54.
 - Self Help Federal Credit Union Savings (Programs) account balance is \$16,678.74.
 - Self Help Federal Credit Union CD (Investments) account balance is \$27,038.27.
 - Auxiliary Unit 57 Account Balance (in Savings): \$4,780.66.
 - The Budget / Profit-Loss statement was circulated. The current year-to-date balance is +\$2,592.84.
 - Auxiliary Budget / Profit/Loss – Current year-to-date balance; +\$4,780.66.
 - Boy Scouts Checking Balance: \$2,590.67.
 - Boy Scouts Savings Balance: \$1,362.03.
 - The account registers were reviewed for income and expenditures.

- Another CD was renewed since the last meeting. Changes in banking investments require all signers to be present.

Dr. Barmore moved with second by Mr. Myers 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 61 (88.41% of Goal).
- **Communications:**
 - Department is advertising for a new Adjutant.
 - David Brown, Yakima County Veterans Coordinator, is retiring. Ray Hernandez has been hired as his replacement.

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

- **Business Cards:** Business cards with the "Be the One" information have been received for the Commander, 1st Vice Commander, Chaplain and Adjutant. Cards will be ordered for 2nd Vice Commander and Committeeman Nealen. Mr. Gates and Dr. Barmore have declined the cards.

9. **New Business:**

- **Penny a Day Campaign:** The 2023 campaign was discussed, including a repeat of the street donation drive. **Dr. Barmore moved with second by Mr. Myers to conduct the standard February Penny a Day Campaign in the schools and community during February 2023 and the street campaign in March 2023. The Motion was approved unanimously.**
- **Independence Day Celebration:** Post Member Ray Vining, representing Mainstreet Grandview reported the LDS Church approached Mainstreet Grandview to take over the "4th of July" (Independence Day) celebration held at Bren Plaza. The organization proposes The American Legion join forces with them, taking on responsibility of the program (flag raising, Pledge of Allegiance invocation / benediction, master of ceremonies responsibilities and arranging for a motivational speaker). Mainstreet Grandview would be responsible for the sound system, chairs and refreshments. Discussion followed. **Mr. Myers moved with second by Dr. Barmore / Mr. Gates to team with Mainstreet Grandview to conduct the Independence Day ceremonies at Bren Plaza on the 4th of July. The Motion was approved unanimously.**

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

- Expired Member Renewal: Christopher McCauley, USMC, PG/WOT Era;
 - Expired Member Renewal: Leif Luglan, US Navy, Other Conflicts;
 - Expired Member Renewal: Frederick Holland, US Army, Korea Era (Honorary Life Member);
 - Honorary Life Member: Jack Williams, US Army, WWII Era;
 - Honorary Life Member: Lloyd L. Phinney, US Navy, WWII Era;
- Dr. Barmore moved with second by Mr. Myers to approve the memberships of the listed Legionnaires as presented. The Motion was approved unanimously.**

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

- **Claims:**
 - One claim is in progress and in the hands of the VA.
 - One claim pending completion of paperwork.
 - No Health care requests are pending.
- **Sick Call & Relief:**
 - No updates were received other than Jack Williams is in post stroke recovery and therapy.

- **PACT Act Information:**
 - Members with any exposures (Agent Orange, burn its, etc.) dating back to Vietnam are encouraged to apply for benefits and health care. Mr. Davidson strongly encouraged members present to file for such benefits.
- **Employment:**
 - The Hanford job fair was advertised to members.

12. **Committee Reports:**

- **Rehabilitation** (includes Veterans Affairs and Volunteer Services):
 - The Grandview High School Hounds Have Heart donated \$1,200.00 in food stuffs for the Yakima County Veterans Pantry. Mr. Davidson hauled the donation to Yakima.
- **National Security (includes Homeland Security):**
 - **Blood Drive:** The December 14th Blood Drive netted 28 units. The upcoming February 15th Blood Drive has 25 donors scheduled out of 37 available slots. Efforts are being made to increase "Power Red" donations.
- **Americanism:** Flag disposal efforts continue.
- **Community Service and Post Activities** (includes Wreaths Across America):
 - The Wreaths Across America ceremony is Saturday, December 17th at 9:00 AM at the Grandview Cemetery.
- **Economic:** No action. Dollar General has opened a new store in Grandview. The Dollar Tree store is being rebuilt at its former location (destroyed by fire).
- **Membership and Publicity:**
 - News articles continue to be submitted but have decreased in frequency.
 - Membership promotion: A current list of Post 110 / 110 AD members was distributed to the members present at the meeting. They were encouraged to contact them and urge them to transfer into our Post.
- **Boys State:** No candidates have been identified yet.
- **Children and Youth:**
 - **Boy Scouts:** Rechartering has been delayed by failure of a few families to pay the 2023 fees. Troop 643 leadership will change at the first of the year. Tim Bardell will step down to Assistant Scoutmaster due to multiple obligations. Nik Schultz will step up to Scoutmaster.
- **Law and Order:**
 - **Law and Order Breakfast:** Mr. Davidson proposed a Law and Order / Public Safety Breakfast where Law Enforcement Officer / Firefighter / EMT-Paramedic of the year awards could be made. It was emphasized these awards have far different criteria than the Chamber awards, so should not be compromised. It was suggested the breakfast could be done in the same manner as the SOS breakfasts done in the past. ***Dr. Barmore moved with second by Mr. Gates that the Post host a Law and Order / Public Safety Breakfast to honor individuals in that arena of service and that the event be scheduled in March if possible. The Motion was approved unanimously.***
- **Education:**
 - **Scholar Recognitions:** Scholar recognitions for Fall athletics and vocational programs are pending.
 - **School Award promotions:** Mr. Davidson noted that promotion of School Award nominations must begin soon. He will prepare a brief Power Point presentation for the schools to explain the award and the nominating criteria.

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, January 12, 2023 at 5:30 PM at the YVCC Tasting Room. Members are welcome to attend.
14. **Next Regular Meeting.** The next regular Post meeting will be Thursday, January 19, 2023 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 Vice Commander Schultz at 8:40 PM.

James A. Davidson
Adjutant

Dudley B. Brown
Commander

Date