

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

February 17, 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 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 .
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
Guests:
☐ Auxiliary:
☐ Other Guests:
☐ **Members:**
☒ **Excused:** Dudley Brown, Curt Nealen
☐ **Attended by Teleconference:**
☒ Quorum ☐ No Quorum
4. **Approve Minutes of January 20, 2022 Meeting:**
Mr. Myers moved with second by Dr. Barmore to approve the Minutes of the January 20, 2022 Meeting. The Motion was approved unanimously.
5. **Post Everlasting / Memorial to Departed Comrades:**
 - Resolution 57-2022-002 Donald E. McFerran, US Air Force, Korea Era. *Dr. Barmore moved with second by Ms. Gates to approve Resolution 57-2022-002 transferring Donald E. McFerran to Post Everlasting. The Motion was approved unanimously.*
 - A Memorial Prayer was offered by Chaplain Myers.
6. **Finance Report:** Adjutant Davidson reported the following:
 - Self Help Federal Credit Union Checking (General) account balance is \$1,583.13.
 - Self Help Federal Credit Union Savings (Programs) account balance is \$15,538.97.
 - Self Help Federal Credit Union CD (Investments) account balance is \$26,936.81.
 - Auxiliary Unit 57 Account Balance (in Savings): \$3,580.66.
 - The Budget / Profit-Loss statement was circulated. The current year-to-date balance is +\$2,881.50.
 - Auxiliary Budget / Profit/Loss – Current year-to-date balance; +\$3,580.66.
 - Scouts BSA Troop 643 / 644 Checking Account Balance: \$1,430.64.
 - Scouts BSA Troop 643 / 644 Savings Account Balance: \$810.44.
 - A check for \$82 was sent to the Child Welfare Foundation to qualify for the 100% Per Capita Banner Program. The remainder of budgeted funds will be sent later.
 - The first Wreaths Across America share check was received. Two more are expected by Chairwoman Sally Van Horn.
 - The account registers were reviewed for income and expenditures. Vouchers were signed by the Commander.

Ms. Gates 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 80 members. Current paid membership is 61 (76.25% of Goal). Membership renewals have stalled.
- **Communications:**
 - 6th District Commander Bob Bradford was voted off the Department Executive Committee at the Mid-Winter meeting. He has failed to attend required meetings and was not communicating with Posts in his District. The Department Vice Commander for Area IV has approved that Grandview may host the 6th District Spring Conference on April 2nd.
 - A number of emails have been received from the Department Adjutant regarding IRS materials and reports.
 - Parks and Recreation Director Gretchen Chronis confirmed the Post's sponsorship of the Bunny Breakfast at the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 16th.
 - Department Adjutant reminded Posts to complete the Consolidated Post Report (CPR). The paper version has been mailed to Posts. Mr. Davidson reported that our Post completes our CPR online.

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

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

- **Charvet Memorial at Museum:** Mr. Davidson reported he did not hear back from the Museum if they wanted a small Memorial wreath made by Nancy Davidson. He will follow up with Ray Vining.
- **Graves Registration Committee:** Mr. Davidson reported Sally and Gary Van Horn, Ray Vining and John Myers have responded to serving on the committee. We did not hear from the Legionnaire that had been identified as a photographer. Contact still needs to be made with Domingo Ramirez.

9. **New Business:**

- **Bunny Breakfast:** The Bunny Breakfast will be held Saturday, April 16th at 9:00 AM at the Community Center. The Budget for the Breakfast has been previously approved. Foods will be pre-packaged items to avoid the need for a food permit from the County. Assistance will be needed to prepare a food line and to clean up afterwards. We are not sure if any Scouts will be available to assist.
- **Convention Awards:** Mr. Davidson reported he will begin the process to apply for various Convention Awards. Links for the awards will be sent to officers so they may suggest which awards for which the Post may apply.

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

- No new or expired renewals were recoded in the last month. There is one potential transfer from Post 110 pending.

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:**
 - Curt Nealen; Jim Davidson
- **Employment:**
 - None

12. **Committee Reports:**

- **National Security (includes Homeland Security):**
 - **Blood Drives:**
 - **March 2nd:** 32 of 41 slots are filled. Advertising is pending in the local papers.
 - **May 11th:** 1 of 33 slots have been filled. Many remaining slots will be filled during the March 2nd drive.
- **Americanism:** Flags continue to be collected from the disposal box at City Hall and cremated at a hosting facility.
- **Economic:** Mr. Davidson reported there is an unsubstantiated rumor circulating that a truck stop, hotel and another fast food franchise is coming to town. That has not been verified.
- **Boys State:**
 - Anthony Campuzano (Grandview High School) and Luke Binfet (Bickleton High School) have applied for Boys State. Binfet's registration has been completed and fees paid.
 - Girls State is planned to be held at CWU (pending COVID restrictions). No cost or registration information has been provided.
 - The Director for Girls State has died. There is no other information available.
- **Children and Youth:**
 - **Scouts:** Rechartering completed for Troop 643 (boys) and Troop 644 (girls). Eagle Scout Board of Review pending from Darrel Farnworth of Troop 643.
- **Constitutional Speech:** The Department contest will be held March 11 – 12 at Ephrata high School. There are seven contestants.
- **Education:**
 - **Scholar Programs:** Grandview High School has been contacted about resuming the scholar programs for athletics and vocational programs. There has been no response.
 - **Naming of Vocational Scholar Award:** *Mr. Myers moved with second by Dr. Barmore to approve Resolution 57-2022-003 Robert "Doug" Hilmoie Vocational Scholar Award (Appendix "B"). The Motion was approved unanimously.*
 - **Educator of the Year:** Attempts are being made to seek Educator of the Year nominations.

13. **Good of the Legion:**

- The "Feed the Pig" piggy bank was circulated for the Child Welfare Foundation.
- Blood Drive, Wednesday, March 2nd, 1 – 6 PM.
- The next Chamber of Commerce meeting is unknown.
- 6th District Spring Conference, Grandview, April 2nd, 11 AM – 3 PM.

14. **Next Regular Meeting.** The next regular Post meeting will be Thursday, March 17, 2022 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 8:31 PM.

James A. Davidson
Adjutant

Robert G. Gates
Commander

Date

APPENDIX "A"

Resolution 57-2022-002

Post Everlasting for Donald E. McFerran, US Air Force, Korean Era

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God, The Great Commander, to summon to the immortal legions our beloved comrade, Donald E. McFerran, US Air Force, Korean Era, and

Whereas, We humbly bow to the will of Divine Providence, while ever cherishing in our hearts the memory of distinguished service to our country and outstanding contributions to American Legion comradeship; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That Fred E. Hayes Post 57, The American Legion, Grandview, Washington, meeting on February 17, 2022, does mourn the passing of our comrade, Donald E. McFerran, that we commend to all the works and to God the spirit; and be it further

Resolved, That in token of our common grief, a copy of this resolution transferring Donald E. McFerran to Post Everlasting, The American Legion, is presented to the next of kin.

APPENDIX "B"

Resolution 57-2022-003

Robert "Doug" Hilmoe Vocational Scholar Award

Whereas, Fred E. Hayes Post 57 of The American Legion has promoted scholastic achievement among athletes and vocational students of Grandview High School, and

Whereas, Robert "Doug" Hilmoe, US Navy veteran of the Vietnam Era who has passed to Post Everlasting, vigorously endorsed the thought of recognizing scholars in the vocational arts on the initiation of the Post's Scholar recognition program; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That Fred E. Hayes Post 57, The American Legion, Grandview, Washington, meeting on February 17, 2022, does recognize the contribution of Robert "Doug" Hilmoe to the scholar recognition program, and be it further

Resolved, That the Fred E. Hayes Post 57 Vocational Scholar Program be named the Robert "Doug" Hilmoe Vocational Scholar Award both for quarter or trimester awards and the final annual gold medal award effective immediately for the 2022 and subsequent academic years.