

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

March 17, 2022
Stevens-Young Room, Grandview Community Center, Grandview, WA

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order in regular form at 7:06 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: None ☒ Excused: Curt Nealen ☐ Attended by Teleconference: None ☒ Quorum ☐ No Quorum
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4. **Approve Minutes of February 17, 2022 Meeting:**
Mr. Myers moved with second by Mr. Brown to approve the Minutes of the February 17, 2022 Meeting. The Motion was approved unanimously.
5. **Post Everlasting / Memorial to Departed Comrades:**
 - There were no reported or recorded deaths in the Post or Auxiliary Unit in the last month.
6. **Finance Report:** Adjutant Davidson reported the following:
 - Self Help Federal Credit Union Checking (General) account balance is \$783.76.
 - Self Help Federal Credit Union Savings (Programs) account balance is \$16,659.13.
 - Self Help Federal Credit Union CD (Investments) account balance is \$26,943.72.
 - Auxiliary Unit 57 Account Balance (in Savings): \$3,580.66.
 - The Budget / Profit-Loss statement was circulated. The current year-to-date balance is +\$3,700.61.
 - Auxiliary Budget / Profit/Loss – Current year-to-date balance; +\$3,580.66.
 - Scouts BSA Checking Account: \$2,310.11.
 - Scouts BSA Savings Account: \$1,210.53.
 - The Penny-a-Day Campaign is only being run in some of the schools. No cans have been set out in businesses since the yield that last two years has been so low. There is hope the Street Collection on March 26th will provide a large response. Over \$1,000.00 has been received from members so far.
 - The account registers were reviewed for income and expenditures.*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 62

(77.50% of Goal). There have been no member renewals received since December and one online renewal the end of February.

- **Communications:**
 - Retirement Invitation from CWO Nikolaus D. Schultz, USCG. ***Mr. Brown moved with second by Mr. Myers to authorize the Adjutant to send an appropriate \$50.00 gift certificate to CWO Schultz in honor of his retirement. The Motion was approved unanimously.***
 - Thank you letter from the Child Welfare Foundation for the 2021-22 Per Capita donation.
 - The Consolidated Post Report form was received for completion. Mr. Davidson reported this report is completed online but that he will retain the paper version for backup purposes.
 - The Department Convention Delegate form has been received. It will be completed later. The Convention is in Pasco this year.

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

- **Charvet Memorial:** A completed memorial wreath honoring CDR Paul C. Charvet has been completed for the Museum.
- **Convention Awards:** There was no comment on which awards to pursue other than the usual the Post applies for each year. The Adjutant will begin work on those applications.

9. **New Business:**

- **Legion Park:** A member of the City Council was to be present with a proposal for “improvements” to Legion Park “to make it more inclusive.” Rose bushes, trees and benches were suggested. The Council member did not show. There was brief discussion. No action was taken.

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

- There were no new, expired or transferred members to act upon.

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

- **Claims:**
 - One claim is in progress and in the hands of the VA.
 - Three claims pending completion of paperwork.
 - No Health care requests are pending.
- **Sick Call & Relief:**
 - Nealen, Zook and Myers were mentioned.
- **Employment:**
 - Job opportunities are posted on email and Facebook.

12. **Committee Reports:**

- **Rehabilitation** (includes Veterans Affairs and Volunteer Services):
 - Graves Registration: Domingo Ramirez agreed to serve on the Committee.
- **National Security (includes Homeland Security):**
 - **Blood Drive:**
 - March 2nd Drive netted 24 units. There were a number of deferrals, missed appointments and failed draws.
 - May 11th Drive is mostly scheduled. There is a need for Power Red donors. Other slots will be needed.
- **Americanism:**
 - The annual order for replacement military flags for Legion Park will be made along with a new POW/MIA flag.
 - Flag disposal activities remain strong.

- **Boys State:**
 - Awaiting registration materials for one boy.
 - Girls State will be a virtual event for two hours a day for three days. Our Auxiliary Unit is not actively promoting the activity.
 - **Children and Youth:**
 - Scouts: Darrel Farnworth passed his Eagle Scout Board of Review on March 10th. A Court of Honor will be scheduled later this spring.
 - **Law and Order:**
 - A prospective Lifesaving / Heroism recipient has been identified with the Benton County Sheriff's Department.
 - **Constitutional Speech:**
 - The Department Contest was held in Ephrata on March 12th. The winner was sponsored by Wenatchee Post 10.
 - **Education:**
 - There has been no response from the high school on athlete and vocational scholars.
 - Nominations for The American Legion School Award must begin soon.
13. **Good of the Legion:**
- The "Feed the Pig" piggy bank was circulated for the Child Welfare Foundation.
 - Penny-a-Day drive-by donation, Saturday, March 26th, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM in front of the Museum.
 - 6th District Conference, Saturday, April 2nd, 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM, Grandview.
 - The next Chamber of Commerce meeting to be announced.
 - Bunny Breakfast, Saturday, April 16th, 9:00 AM, Grandview Community Center
14. **Next Regular Meeting.** The next regular Post meeting will be Thursday, April 21, 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 8:21 PM.

James A. Davidson
Adjutant

Robert G. Gates
Commander

Date