

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

May 19, 2022

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**Guests:**
 - ☐ Auxiliary:
 - ☒ Other Guests: Carl Grimes
 - ☐ **Members:**
 - ☐ **Excused:**
 - ☒ **Attended by Teleconference:** Curt Nealen
 - ☒ Quorum ☐ No Quorum
4. **Approve Minutes of April 21, 2022 Meeting:**
Mr. Myers moved with second by Ms. Gates to approve the Minutes of the April 21, 2022 Meeting. The Motion was approved unanimously.
5. **Post Everlasting / Memorial to Departed Comrades:**
 - There were no recorded / reported deaths during the last month.
6. **Finance Report:** Adjutant Davidson reported the following:
 - Self Help Federal Credit Union Checking (General) account balance is \$761.26.
 - Self Help Federal Credit Union Savings (Programs) account balance is \$18,898.93.
 - Self Help Federal Credit Union CD (Investments) account balance is \$26,973.20.
 - Auxiliary Unit 57 Account Balance (in Savings): \$4,580.66.
 - The Budget / Profit-Loss statement was circulated. The current year-to-date balance is +\$4,992.13.
 - Auxiliary Budget / Profit/Loss – Current year-to-date balance; +\$4,580.66.
 - Scouts BSA Checking Account Balance: \$4,676.77.
 - Scouts BSA Savings Account Balance: \$1,360.84.
 - Penny-a-Day (final, with late donation): \$3,466.44.
 - Wreaths Across America (final): \$2,485.74.
 - Post insurance has been paid.
 - Portable PA system purchased.
 - Finance Committee Budget Meeting to be scheduled.
 - The account registers were reviewed for income and expenditures.***Dr. Barmore moved with second by Mr. Zook 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 64

(80% of Goal).

- **Communications:**

- Multiple membership reports have been forwarded by the Vice Commander for Area IV. These have not been shared with officers as they are too voluminous and confusing.
- Parks and Recreation has asked the Post to submit a funding request for youth programs. This is part of funding available to the City for youth programs. Mr. Davidson will confer with Scoutmaster Tim Bardell and develop a request for funding. ***Mr. Myers moved with second by Dr. Barmore to authorize the Adjutant to prepare a funding request to the Parks and Recreation Department Director for funding from the Scouting units chartered by the Post. The Motion was approved unanimously.***

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

- **Purple Heart Signs:** Mr. Davidson reported that he has been in communication with the State about the Purple Heart signs. The communication has not been smooth as State employees are still working from home. He believes he has the information needed to request the signs for the City.

9. **New Business:**

- **Election of Officers:** *Mr. Davidson moved with second by Ms. Gates to nominate the following members for the following positions:*
 - **Commander – Dudley Brown;**
 - **1st Vice Commander – Nikolaus Schultz;**
 - **2d Vice Commander – Richard Zook;**
 - **Adjutant (appointed by Commander, 2023 - 2024) – James Davidson;**
 - **Sgt-at-Arms – No nominations;**
 - **Chaplain – John Myers;**
 - **Post Executive Committeeman (2023 – 2024) – Curtis Nealen*****The Motion was approved unanimously.*** Officers will assume their positions at the end of the Department Convention (July 24th).
- **Election of Delegates / Alternates for the Department Convention:** With the exception of Mr. Davidson, none of the officers are able to serve as a delegate to the Department Convention in Pasco in July. ***Action: Mr. Davidson will represent the Post as a Delegate-at-Large (as past Department Commander).***
- **Disbursement of Donations:** *Ms. Gates moved with second by Mr. Myers to disburse funds for charitable donations as approved in the 2021-22 Budget.* Discussion suggested no other groups be supported this year and no adjustments be made in the budgeted amounts. ***The Motion was approved unanimously.***

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

- Carl Grimes of Prosser was introduced as a potential new member / transfer from Post 110 AD. He is a US Army veteran of other conflicts / Vietnam. Pending a signed transfer request and payment of dues, he will be approved at the June meeting.

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

- **Claims:**
 - No claims are in progress and in the hands of the VA.
 - Three claims pending completion of paperwork.
 - No Health care requests are pending.
- **Sick Call & Relief:**
 - No updates from what has been previously reported.
- **Employment:**

- Continued postings on Facebook and to members as appropriate.
12. **Committee Reports:**
- **Rehabilitation** (includes Veterans Affairs and Volunteer Services):
 - The ASB Leadership Team at Grandview High School donated \$1,500.00+ in food for the Yakima County Veterans Program.
 - **National Security (includes Homeland Security):**
 - **Blood Drive:**
 - The May 11th drive netted 22 units.
 - The August 10th drive is partially scheduled.
 - **Americanism:**
 - The Legion Park replacement flags are still on backorder.
 - Mr. Davidson is scheduled to speak to a women's group in Prosser for Flag Day.
 - **Community Service and Post Activities** (includes Wreaths Across America):
 - Memorial Day plans were discussed.
 - **Boys State:**
 - Boy State has been cancelled due to inadequate registrations. Refunds will be requested. Oregon, Montana and Wyoming have offered to accept Washington delegates. Luke Binfet may attempt to attend the Oregon course. The Post portion of registration is \$350.00.
 - **Children and Youth:**
 - Scouts: The Troops are scheduled to attend Summer Camp the week of July 24th at Camp Easton on Lake Coeur d' Alene. Three Scouts are serving on staff for National Youth Leader Training to be held in June.
 - **Education:**
 - School Award nominations are due by May 20th. The Committee will make selections for recipients on May 23rd.
 - Vocational Scholars for 1st and 2nd Trimesters have been named (Appendix "A").
 - Athlete Scholars for winter and spring sports have been named (Appendix "B").
 - Award for Principal. ***Mr. Myers moved with second by Dr. Barmore to present a certificate of appreciation to departing GHS Principal Kim Casey for her unselfish support of American Legion youth programs. The Motion was approved unanimously.*** The certificate will be presented at the Senior Awards Assembly.
13. **Good of the Legion:**
- The "Feed the Pig" piggy bank was circulated for the Child Welfare Foundation.
 - The next Chamber of Commerce meeting will be announced.
 - Department Convention will be held at the Pasco Red Lion, July 20-23, 2022.
14. **Next Regular Meeting.** The next regular Post meeting will be Thursday, June 16th, 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 8:17 PM.

James A. Davidson
Adjutant

Dudley B. Brown
Vice Commander

Date

Appendix "A" – Vocational Scholars (1st and 2nd Trimester)

1st Trimester	2nd Trimester
DECA: Laysha Araiza Noemi Barajas Lilly Kassinger Arieanna Medrano Anthony Rodriguez Jackeline Valdez	Laysha Araiza Noemi Barajas Lilly Kassinger Arieanna Medrano Jackeline Valdez
FFA: Cole Judkins Natalie Copeland	Cole Judkins Natalie Copeland

Appendix "B" – Athlete Scholars (Winter and Spring Sports)

Girls

Wrestling: Vianey Tovar, Sofia Tovar

Boys Swim:

Girls Sienna Black, Jazmine Richey, Marissa Castilleja, Natalie Copeland, Amaya Benitez,

Basketball: Aulani Benitez

Boys Anthony

Basketball: Rodriguez

Boys

Wrestling: Alexis Vazquez

Cheer:

Tennis: Merylinn Aguilar, Angelina Alvarez, Emily Alvarez, Laysha Araiza, Natasha Ochoa, Christian Sanchez, Kiana Sanchez

Golf: Natalie Copeland, Aiden Rodriguez, Jasmin Torres

Boys Soccer: Julian Garza

Track: Jorge Morales, Anthony Rodriguez, Sienna Black, Amaila Carranza, Jennifer Casteneda, Marissa Castilleja, Jocelyn Espinoza, Karina Guillen, Jennifer Isidoro Silva, Amanda Peterson, Mikaela Ramos, Jazmine Richey

Baseball: Fabien Bravo, Anthony Campuzano, Cole Judkins

Fastpitch: Micaela Figueroa, Sophia Flores, Gabriella Ledesma, Elsie Martinez, Ava Mora, Brooke Valler