

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

June 16, 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 Vice 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:**

☐ 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: Nik Schutz (Vice Commander Elect) ☒ Excused: Bob Gates, Vicky Gates, Curt Nealen ☐ Attended by Teleconference: ☒ Quorum ☐ No Quorum
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4. **Approve Minutes of May 19, 2022 Meeting:**
Dr. Barmore moved with second by Mr. Myers to approve the Minutes of the May 19, 2022 Meeting. The Motion was approved unanimously.
5. **Post Everlasting / Memorial to Departed Comrades:**
 - There were no recorded or reported deaths in the last month
6. **Finance Report:** Adjutant Davidson reported the following:
 - Self Help Federal Credit Union Checking (General) account balance is \$232.23.
 - Self Help Federal Credit Union Savings (Programs) account balance is \$19,506.34.
 - Self Help Federal Credit Union CD (Investments) account balance is \$26,973.26.
 - Auxiliary Unit 57 Account Balance (in Savings): \$4,580.66.
 - The Budget / Profit-Loss statement was circulated. The current year-to-date balance is +\$4,997.00.
 - Auxiliary Budget / Profit/Loss – Current year-to-date balance; +\$4,580.66.
 - Scouts BSA Troop 643 Checking Account Balance: \$2,081.01.
 - Scouts BSA Troop 643 Savings Account Balance: \$1,361.01
 - CD0007 Matured. Renewed as CD0012 for 6 months.
 - Checks are being written for charitable donations as approved at the May 19th meeting.
 - American Rescue Plan Act funding request for youth programs (Scouts) submitted to Parks and Recreation Department. \$8,000.00 was requested.
 - Mr. Davidson reported he has had a large unexpected financial hit to his personal budget and requested that the upcoming payment for Bond insurance be paid with Post funds until he can reimburse the Post with his usual donation. ***Dr. Barmore moved with second by Mr. Myers that the Adjutant be authorized to expend***

Post funds to pay for the Bond insurance until the funds can be replaced with his donation to the Post. The Motion was approved unanimously.

- The account registers and profit-loss spreadsheet were reviewed for income and expenditures.

Mr. Myers moved with second by Dr. Barmore 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 66 (82.50% of Goal).
- **Reports:** All required reports for National and Department have been submitted on time.
- **Convention Awards:** Applications for multiple Convention Awards have been submitted to Department.
- **Communications:**
 - National reports that due to a paper shortage, 2023 membership card printing has been delayed. Department expects to receive our cards in later July. Members who pay their dues prior to that time will have their cards sent to them after they are received locally by the Post.

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

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

- **Vacant Sgt-at-Arms Position:** The Sgt-at-Arms position remains unfilled after the elections in May. ***Mr. Myers moved with second by Mr. Zook to authorize the Commander-elect to appoint a volunteer to serve the 2023 term of office without a vote required of the membership. The Motion was approved unanimously.***

9. **New Business:**

- There was no new business.

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

- Reinstatement of expired membership: Debra Brumley, US Army, Vietnam Era
- Transfer: Carl Grimes, US Army, Vietnam Era, transfer of expired Post 110 AD membership with dues paid for 2022 to Post 0057.

Dr. Barmore moved with second by Mr. Zook to approve Ms. Brumley for reinstatement of membership and the transfer of Mr. Grimes from Post 110 AD to Post 57. The Motion was approved unanimously.

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

- The Department Service Division is closed pending the Department obtaining Officers and Directors insurance, which is required by the Washington Department of Veterans Affairs. No claims may be handled by the Division until the insurance issue is resolved.
- **Claims:**
 - No claims are in progress and in the hands of the VA.
 - Two claims pending completion of paperwork.
 - No Health care requests are pending.
- **Sick Call & Relief:**
 - Mr. Nealen had eye surgery and is in recovery.
- **Employment:**
 - Various City, Postal and area jobs have been posted to the Post's Facebook page.

12. **Committee Reports:**

- **Rehabilitation** (includes Veterans Affairs and Volunteer Services):
 - The Grandview Girl Scouts donated \$960.00 worth of cookies to the Post to provide to veterans. 12 boxes were shared with those attending the meeting. The remainder will be delivered to the Yakima County Veterans Pantry next week.
 - The annual Operation Homefront Back to School Brigade should begin sometime in July. The Post has not yet received notification of the dates.
 - A sponsored fishing event was held near Naches on June 4th. There should be more events over the next year.
 - The 2022 Yakima Stand Down and Benefits Fair is scheduled for the Sun Dome on Saturday, October 22nd.
- **National Security (includes Homeland Security):**
 - Blood Drive: The next Blood Drive is August 10th. 23 of 33 slots have been scheduled. All "Power Red" slots are open.
- **Americanism:**
 - Mr. Davidson spoke to a women's Christian group on Flag Day.
- **Community Service and Post Activities** (includes Wreaths Across America):
 - The Memorial Day activities were discussed. Sufficient numbers of volunteers turned out for Flags in and Flags out but there was trouble with them following instructions. Some flags had to be re-set. The ceremony was sparsely attended despite advertising. The new PA system was used, but we need to train speakers how to use the microphone.
 - There are sufficient cemetery flags for the next year. There was very little loss this year. Replacements will not need to be ordered for the coming year.
 - Replacement Military Flags: Replacement Military flags and a POW / MIA flag for Legion Park were delivered to the City the week after Memorial Day. For some reason they have not been installed.
 - Graves Registration: The Cemetery maps have been updated after Memorial Day and distributed to officers, the Museum and Wreaths Across America coordinator.
- **Boys State:**
 - Luke Binfet was able to attend Oregon Boys State.
 - A Boys State Medal was presented to Delegate Anthony Campuzano. He was unable to attend alternative Boys State offerings as they were during his graduation week.
- **Children and Youth:**
 - Scouts; Both Troops are preparing for a climb of Mount Adams in July and attend Summer at Camp Easton on Lake Coeur d' Alene the week of July 24th.
- **Education:**
 - All School Awards have been presented (see Appendix "A" below). The selection committee had a very difficult time with the GHS girl selection as well as the Smith School recipients due to the high quality of the nominations.
 - Vocational and Athletic Scholar medalists were named and presented with their medals (see Appendix "B" below).
 - A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to departing GHS Principal Kim Casey and was well received.
 - The Penny-a-Day Top School Donor plaque was presented to Thompson Elementary School (Julie Wysong, Principal)).
 - A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to the ASB Leadership Team for their efforts in a food donation to the Yakima County Veterans Pantry.
 - Mr. Davidson will work on developing clear selection criteria for scholar

medalists. This has become difficult since many of the students are listed as 4.0 GPA.

- Mr. Davidson will develop a School Award training Power Point presentation for teachers and school staff so they understand the award and the expectation.

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 to be announced. Members are welcome to attend. Lunch is not required.
- The Department Convention will be held at the Pasco Red Lion, July 20-23, 2022. Mr. Davidson is a Delegate at Large. If others wish to attend, we must certify them as a delegate or guest and they should contact Mr. Davidson before the Convention.

14. **Next Regular Meeting.** The next regular Post meeting will be Thursday, September 15th at 7:00 PM in-person and by phone. Regular meetings are not routinely scheduled during July and August due to Department and National Conventions.

Finance Committee Meeting. The Finance Committee will meet in August to prepare the 2022 Budget.

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 Brown at 8:20 PM.

James A. Davidson
Adjutant

Robert G. Gates
Commander

Date

Appendix "A" – School Awards

2022 SCHOOL AWARD RECIPIENTS (hi-lighted in yellow)

Grandview High School

June 8th, 1:00 PM

Boys

Anthony Rodriguez

Girls

Aulani Benitez

Sashalee Oseguera

Jazmin Corona

Grandview Middle School

June 6th, 7:45 AM

Boys

Westin Layman

Jakob Gonzalez

Oscar Espinoza

Girls

Jaelee Dill

Coral Macias Perez

Aby Vaquera

Thompson School

June 9th, 2:30 PM

Boys

Andrew Benavidez

Girls

Addison Bruinekool

Elizabeth Perez

Arianni Fajardo

McClure School

June 13th, 1:30 PM

Boys

Erick Mendoza

Girls

Dalila Tovar

Smith School

June 14th, 1:45 PM

Boys

Rafael Soto

Francisco Chairez

Jesus "JC" Cruz-Marquez

Ray Jeffrey

Girls

Kayleen Maldonado

Itzel Vargas

Kendra Walker

Sofie Lyall

Ariel Ferrer

Appendix "B" – Vocational and Athlete Scholar Medalists

- Vocational Gold: Natalie Copeland
- Vocational Silver: Laysha Araiza
- Vocational Bronze: Cole Judkins
- Athlete Gold: Anthony Rodriguez
- Athlete Silver: Kiana Sanchez
- Athlete Bronze: Aulani Benitez