

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

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

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order in regular form at 7:03 PM by 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:**

☒ 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 ☐ Excused: ☒ Attended by Teleconference: Curt Nealen, Robert Gates, Vicky Gates. ☒ Quorum ☐ No Quorum
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4. **Approve Minutes of June 16, 2022 Meeting:**
Mr. Myers moved with second by Dr. Barmore to approve the Minutes of the June 16, 2022 Meeting. The Motion was approved unanimously.
5. **Post Everlasting / Memorial to Departed Comrades:**
 - There were no recorded or reported deaths since the last meeting.
6. **Finance Report:** Adjutant Davidson reported the following:
 - Self Help Federal Credit Union Checking (General) account balance is \$1,082.15.
 - Self Help Federal Credit Union Savings (Programs) account balance is \$16,661.51.
 - Self Help Federal Credit Union CD (Investments) account balance is \$27,000.42.
 - Auxiliary Unit 57 Account Balance (in Savings): \$4,800.66.
 - The Budget / Profit-Loss statement was circulated. The current year-to-date balance is +\$3,130.85.
 - Auxiliary Budget / Profit/Loss – Current year-to-date balance; +\$4,800.66.
 - Boy Scouts Checking Balance: \$1,569.52.
 - Boy Scouts Savings Balance: \$1,361.52.
 - The Post was approved to receive \$8,000.00 in an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant from the City of Grandview to support Scouting programs. The mechanism for seeking reimbursement from the City was discussed.
 - The account registers were reviewed for income and expenditures.
 - The proposed budget recommendations of the Finance Committee for the 2022-23 were reviewed. *Dr. Barmore moved with second by Mr. Myers to approve the proposed Budget for 2022-23 and to approve the Finance Report. The Motion was approved unanimously.*

7. **Adjutant's Report:**
- **Membership:** The 2023 Goal is 69 members as set by the Department. Current paid membership is 45 (65.22% of Goal).
 - **Department Convention:** Mr. Davidson reported on the Department Convention and receipt of Department Convention Awards.
 - **Communications:**
 - Multiple Department, District and Area emails.
 - The Department Newspaper has been discontinued and replaced with an email bulletin. Members must ask to be included in that mailing. The Adjutant cannot do it for them.
 - Area IV Conference will be held Saturday, October 29th from 1000 to 1600 at Yakima Post 36. The Adjutant and Commander are not available to attend this date. Vice Commander Schultz will plan to attend.
8. **Unfinished (Old) Business:**
- **Purple Heart Signs:** Mr. Davidson reported he has made no headway on obtaining the Purple Heart signs for the City since state workers are not responding to queries. He will attempt to order them.
 - **Post Community Signs:** The previously approved community signs advertising the Post have not been ordered but will be done soon.
9. **New Business:**
- **Memorial Board Plaques:** Missing names have been added to the Memorial Board. Name plate plaques are being obtained from Engraving Unlimited in Yakima. They are giving us a discounted rate of \$10 per plaques due to volume. The Finance Committee recommended that the plaques of those who were killed in action or died in service be replaced with gold (brass) plaques with black lettering to make their sacrifice obvious and that efforts be made to identify the missing KIA's be added to the board. This was approved by email by the officers earlier this summer but requires a formal approval. ***Mr. Gates moved with second by Mr. Myers to replace name plates of KIA or died in service persons with gold (brass) plaques. The Motion was approved unanimously.***
10. **Balloting on New Applications / Renewal of Expired Members:**
- **New Member:** Keith Jenks, US Army, Other Conflicts;
 - **Renewal of Expired Member:** Roger Grove;
 - **Renewal of Expired Member:** Brett Korvola;
- Mr. Myers moved with second by Mr. Schultz to approve new member Jenks and renewal of expired memberships of Grove and Korvola. The Motion was approved unanimously.***
11. **Service Officer:** Chief Service Officer Davidson reported the following:
- **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 updated his status.
 - **Employment:**
 - Employment opportunities are advertised through email and on the Post's Facebook page.
 - **Addition of Service Officer:** Mr. Schultz has offered to serve as another Service Officer.

12. **Committee Reports:**

- **Rehabilitation** (includes Veterans Affairs and Volunteer Services):
 - The Yakima Stand-Down, Benefits Fair and Career Fair will be held Saturday, October 22nd at the Yakima Sun Dome.
 - Mr. Davidson will advise the High School that if they conduct a Food Drive to benefit the Veterans Pantry in conjunction with Veterans Day, he will pick the donations up after he returns from his trip in Mid-November.
- **National Security (includes Homeland Security):**
 - **Blood Drive:**
 - The August 10th Drive netted 24 units.
 - The October 12th Drive has all currently available slots filled except Power Red slots. More slots should be made available.
 - Scheduling for the December 14th Drive is open.
- **Americanism:**
 - Flag collection and cremation continues.
 - Members have been advised of the flag lowering notifications available through the Legion's National Headquarters.
- **Community Service and Post Activities** (includes Wreaths Across America):
 - Wreaths Across America: Sally Van Horn has reported that solicitations for wreath donations will be mailed in September.
 - Graves Registration: Mr. Davidson reported that maps of the Grandview Cemetery are current.
- **Membership and Publicity:**
 - Membership Incentives: The National Commander has announced multiple membership incentives for the 2023 membership year.
- **Boys State:**
 - Evergreen Boys State for 2022 was cancelled due to insufficient enrollment. Delegate Luke Binfet attended the Oregon course. Delegate Anthony Campuzano, who was also a 2021 Delegate who could not attend due to that course being cancelled, was unable to attend Oregon since it took place during his graduation week. Boys State medals were presented to both Delegates.
- **Children and Youth:**
 - Scouts: Members are invited to attend the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Darrel Farnworth and Luke Binfet to be held Saturday, October 1st at 6 PM at the Community Center. ***Mr. Schultz moved with second by Mr. Myers to authorize the Adjutant to purchase presentation Eagle statuettes for each Scout to be presented at an upcoming Post Meeting. The Motion was approved unanimously.***
- **Law and Order:**
 - Awards: Mr. Davidson reported he is still seeking nominations for Law Enforcement Officer and Firefighter of the Year Awards.
- **Constitutional Speech:**
 - The Department contest will be held March 10-11, 2023 at Big Bend Community College in Moses Lake, Volunteers for staff positions are being sought.
- **Education:**
 - Scholar Awards: Attempts are being made to expand the scholar awards at Grandview High School.

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 unknown. Members will be advised when it is announced.
- The District Commander and Vice Commander were to have attended this

meeting but failed to show up.

14. **Next Regular Meeting.** The next regular Post meeting will be Thursday, October 20, 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 Commander Brown at 8:30 PM.

James A. Davidson
Adjutant

Dudley B. Brown
Commander

Date