

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

January 19, 2023
Stevens-Young Room, Grandview Community Center, Grandview, WA

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order in regular form at 7:05 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: 6 th District Commander Joe Santos ☒ Members: Ray Vining, Vicky Gates ☒ Excused: Richard Zook ☒ Attended by Teleconference: Robert Gates Curt Nealen ☒ Quorum ☐ No Quorum
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4. **Approve Minutes of December 15, 2022 Meeting:**
Mr. Myers moved with second by Dr. Barmore to approve the Minutes of the December 15, 2022 Meeting. The Motion was approved unanimously.
5. **Post Everlasting / Memorial to Departed Comrades:**
 - A Memorial Prayer was offered for 6th District Vice Commander Dale Spurlock by Chaplain Myers.
6. **Finance Report:** Adjutant Davidson reported the following:
 - Self Help Federal Credit Union Checking (General) account balance is \$696.66.
 - Self Help Federal Credit Union Savings (Programs) account balance is \$16,100.89.
 - Self Help Federal Credit Union CD (Investments) account balance is \$27,048.36.
 - Auxiliary Unit 57 Account Balance (in Savings): \$4,700.66.
 - The Budget / Profit-Loss statement was circulated. The current year-to-date balance is +\$1,995.22.
 - Auxiliary Budget / Profit/Loss – Current year-to-date balance; +\$4,780.66.
 - Boy Scouts Checking Balance: \$1,476.08.
 - Boy Scouts Savings Balance: \$1,362.20.
 - Troopmaster software license for Troop 643 was renewed.
 - The account registers were reviewed for income and expenditures.*Dr. Barmore moved with second by Mr. Myers to approve the Finance Report. The Motion was approved unanimously.*
7. **Adjutant's Report:**
 - **Membership:** The 2023 Goal is 69 members. Current paid membership is 65 (94.20% of Goal).

- **Communications:**
 - Mr. Davidson reported on several Department issues.
8. **Unfinished (Old) Business:**
 - **Independence Day Ceremonies:** The 4th of July Independence Day ceremonies was discussed for clarification.
 9. **New Business:**
 - **Department Resolutions:** Mr. Davidson suggested the Post consider re-submitting past resolutions on flag disposal and licensing and credentialing of VA healthcare providers since no action has taken place. There was general approval to prepare new resolutions for the Department Convention.
 - **Bunny Breakfast:** The Post will provide the Bunny Breakfast in association with the City's Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8th at 9:00 AM. Pre-packaged foods will be served eliminating the need for food handler permits. \$200.00 is budgeted for this event.
 10. **Balloting on New Applications / Renewal of Expired Members:**
 - There were no new or expired memberships 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.
 - One claim is pending completion of paperwork.
 - No Health care requests are pending.
 - **Sick Call & Relief:**
 - Mr. Zook for health care issues.
 - **Employment:**
 - Various job openings have been posted.
 12. **Committee Reports:**
 - **Rehabilitation** (includes Veterans Affairs and Volunteer Services):
 - **National Security (includes Homeland Security):**
 - **Blood Drive:** The next blood drive is February 15th and most slots are already filled. The next drive is in April.
 - **Americanism:** The Scouts have folded the flags for disposal.
 - **Community Service and Post Activities** (includes Wreaths Across America): The Chamber of Commerce's Awards Dinner is scheduled for March 10th. Awards from 2020 and 2021 will be presented (which should include member Ray Vining and Scoutmaster Tim Bardell).
 - **Economic:** No report.
 - **Membership and Publicity:** Buddy Checks are recommended as part of the "Be the One" program. The "Be the One" program has been publicized in the local papers.
 - **Boys State:** No applications for Boys State or Girls State have been received.
 - **Children and Youth:**
 - **Boy Scouts:** Rechartering has been completed for both the Girls Troop 644 and the Boys Troop 643. An effort at recruiting is underway.
 - **Law and Order:** No nominations have been received.
 - **Constitutional Speech:** No report.
 - **Education:** Identification of athletic and vocational scholars is underway.
 13. **Good of the Legion:**
 - 6th District Commander Joe Santos congratulated the Post on an excellent meeting and said he would be taking some of the ideas back to his Post (such as

the Agenda, Minutes, etc.). He discussed some of the issues facing the Department and said he would not seek a second term as District Commander.

- The "Feed the Pig" piggy bank was circulated for the Child Welfare Foundation.
- The next Chamber of Commerce meeting is Thursday, February 9th at 5:30 PM at the YVCC Wine Tasting Room. Members are welcome to attend.

14. **Next Regular Meeting.** The next regular Post meeting will be Thursday, February 15, 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 9:00 PM.

James A. Davidson
Adjutant

Dudley B. Brown
Commander

Date