

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

November 16, 2023
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 Executive Committeeman Barmore. 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 ☐ Keith Jenks, 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: Dudley Brown, Nik Schultz ☒ Attended by Teleconference: Robert Gates, Vicky Gates, Curt Nealen. ☒ Quorum ☐ No Quorum
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4. **Approve Minutes of October 19, 2023 Meeting:**
Mr. Myers moved with second by Mr. Zook to approve the Minutes of the October 19, 2023 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 \$365.37.
 - Self Help Federal Credit Union Savings (Programs) account balance is \$14,465.56.
 - Self Help Federal Credit Union CD (Investments) account balance is \$27,383.90.
 - Auxiliary Unit 57 Account Balance (in Savings): \$4,003.66.
 - The Budget / Profit-Loss statement was circulated. The current year-to-date balance is +\$830.16.
 - Auxiliary Budget / Profit/Loss – Current year-to-date balance; +\$4,003.66.
 - Boy Scouts Checking Balance: \$1,959.67.
 - Boy Scouts Savings Balance: \$2,498.81
 - Two CD's matured in October and were rolled over for 12 months at 4.602% APR.
 - Raffle Sales: -70.85 (does not include outstanding sales).
 - Meal income from SOS Brunch: \$139.00
 - Poppy Sales: \$62.00.
 - The account registers were reviewed for income and expenditures.*Mr. Myers moved with second by Mr. Gates to approve the Finance Report. The Motion was approved unanimously.*

7. **Adjutant's Report:**
- **Membership:** The 2024 Goal is 76 members. Current paid membership is 62 (81.58%% of Goal). There currently 63 members including one Post 119 transfer (that does not count towards Goal).
 - **Communications:**
 - There were no other communications other than Department news previously forwarded to the officers.
8. **Unfinished (Old) Business:**
- **Sea Cadets:** Deferred to January.
9. **New Business:**
- **Dues Increase:** *Mr. Davidson moved with second by Mr. Myers to increase the Post's dues to \$55.00 effective July 1, 2024.* The Post was advised that National approved a \$5.00 increase in *per capita* dues. The Department has not yet indicated if there will be an increase at their level but history suggests an increase can be anticipated. It likely would not be more than the National assessment, but the Post should be prepared. Increasing the Post dues by \$10.00 should be adequate to still maintain the current \$7.00 Post portion. It would still make the Post competitive with other District Posts that frequently charge more and will be less than the Post 110 dues. **The Motion was approved unanimously.** **ACTION: The Adjutant is instructed to submit an updated Post Data Report to the Department reflecting this change and to inform the membership of the change and encouraging PUFL membership.**
10. **Balloting on New Applications / Renewal of Expired Members:**
- **TRANSFER-IN:** George Montanaro, USMC, Vietnam Era, transfer from WA 0110 on October 23, 2023. *Mr. Zook moved with second by Mr. Myers to approve Mr. Montanaro for transfer into Post 57. **The Motion was approved unanimously.***
11. **Service Officer:** Chief Service Officer Davidson reported the following:
- **Claims:**
 - One claim is in progress and in the hands of the VA.
 - No claims pending completion of paperwork.
 - No Health care requests are pending through the Post
 - **Sick Call & Relief:**
 - Domingo Ramirez, Curt Nealen, Richard Zook, Nik Schultz, Dudley Brown and Jim Davidson.
 - **Employment:**
 - Scattered postings of job opportunities.
12. **Committee Reports:**
- **Rehabilitation** (includes Veterans Affairs and Volunteer Services):
 - Operation Homefront Holiday Toy Drive collection status has been approved for Grandview and Sunnyside Dollar Tree stores. Delivery to the Grandview Armory may be problematic since staffing is not consistent.
 - **National Security (includes Homeland Security):**
 - Blood Drive:
 - The next drive is December 13th.
 - The August 2024 Blood Drive was changed to August 14th at the request of the Red Cross.
 - **Americanism:**
 - The flag disposal box at City Hall was marked as not being a ballot drop box. It was checked on Election Day to assure no ballots had been

dropped there.

- **Community Service and Post Activities** (includes Wreaths Across America):
 - The Wreaths Across America ceremony is December 16th at 9:00 AM. There will be about 540+ wreaths laid at Grandview. Wreaths will be placed at the graves of Fred E. Hayes and his brother Harry in Sunnyside.
- **Membership and Publicity:**
 - The Early Bird winner of a \$25 gift card was Don Aubrey of Prosser.
- **Boys State:**
 - Recruitment is underway.
- **Children and Youth:**
 - Boy Scouts: Several new Scouts have joined Troop 6643 for boys. Efforts are underway to get a Cub Scout Pack going again in Grandview. It is not felt the Post can provide a meeting place (since a Legionnaire would need to be present), but might be able to charter the unit.
- **Law and Order:**
 - The SOS Brunch was successful and enjoyed by attendees.
 - The Law Enforcement Officer of the Year and 911 Operator / Dispatcher of the Year winners will be submitted for the Department awards.
- **Education:**
 - The High School will be contacted for the scholar wards (athlete and vocational)

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 Thursday, December 14th at Noon at Casa Tequila. Members are welcome to attend. Lunch is not required.
14. **Next Regular Meeting.** The next regular Post meeting will be Thursday, December 21st 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 Executive Committeeman Barmore at 7:55 PM.

James A. Davidson
Adjutant

Dudley B. Brown
Commander

Date