

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

February 16, 2023
Stevens-Young Room, Grandview Community Center, Grandview, WA

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order in regular form at 7:00 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: Curt Nealen ☒ Attended by Teleconference: Robert Gates, Vicky Gates ☒ Quorum ☐ No Quorum
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4. **Approve Minutes of January 19, 2023 Meeting:**
Mr. Gates moved with second by Mr. Myers to approve the Minutes of the January 19, 2023 Meeting. The Motion was approved unanimously.
5. **Post Everlasting / Memorial to Departed Comrades:**
 - Resolution 57-2023-001, Melvin Krous, US Navy, Korean War Era. Mr. Krous was a 77 year member of The American Legion and Post 57. The family has requested the Post to perform the graveside ceremony when he is inurned in Grandview later in June. ***Dr. Barmore moved with second by Mr. Myers to approve Resolution 57-2023-001 transferring Mel Krous to Post Everlasting. The Motion was approved unanimously.***
 - A Memorial Prayer was offered by Chaplain Myers.
6. **Finance Report:** Adjutant Davidson reported the following:
 - Self Help Federal Credit Union Checking (General) account balance is \$663.05.
 - Self Help Federal Credit Union Savings (Programs) account balance is \$20,173.88.
 - Self Help Federal Credit Union CD (Investments) account balance is \$27,070.94.
 - Auxiliary Unit 57 Account Balance (in Savings): \$5,180.66.
 - The Budget / Profit-Loss statement was circulated. The current year-to-date balance is +\$3,633.89.
 - Auxiliary Budget / Profit/Loss – Current year-to-date balance; +\$5,180.66.
 - Boy Scouts Checking Balance: \$1,607.89.
 - Boy Scouts Savings Balance: \$1,362.37.
 - Funding for Scouts through the ARPA invoices to the City is moving very smoothly.
 - The first Wreaths Across America share check was received (\$1,553.00) and

deposited into Savings.

- The IRS postcard 990 form was submitted.
- The IRS Inclusion letter was mailed to Department.
- The account registers were reviewed for income and expenditures.

Mr. Myers moved with second by Mr. Schutz 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 69 (100% of Goal).
- Letters have been sent to members whose membership has expired and Post 110 members seeking transfer to our Post.
- Letters to Korean War members on the 110 list from throughout the Valley (excluding Zillah) regarding transfer to the Post and obtaining Honorary Life Membership.
- **Communications:**
 - Mr. Davidson discussed reports from the Mid-Winter Conference.
 - Additional legal documents regarding the lawsuit at Department were received via email.
- The Chamber of Commerce Banquet is scheduled for March 10. Mr. Vining and Scoutmaster Tim Bardell should receive their much delayed awards at that time.

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

- **Penny-a-Day:** Mr. Davidson reported he has not been able to get the Penny-a-Day program going due to other commitments that have consumed much of his time. He suggests that the campaign be done in March.
- **Department Resolutions:** At the January meeting, the Post agreed to again submitting resolutions dealing with VA Healthcare Provider credentialing and licensing and Alternative Methods of Disposal of Unserviceable Flags. Mr. Davidson reported that he would like to submit those at the March meeting.

9. **New Business:**

- **Supplies:** Mr. Davidson reported that various supplies need to be replenished in the storage room, including paper towels, napkins, cups, garbage bags and some cleaning supplies. Stocks were used slowly during the pandemic but most are now depleted. There is not a current budget line item for this and it is requested the Adjutant be authorized to purchase the needed items. ***Mr. Myers moved with second by Dr. Barmore to authorize the Adjutant to purchase needed supplies for the storage room. The Motion was approved unanimously.***

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

- Expired member Renewal: Mark W. Grimmett, USA, PG/WOT Era. Last membership year was 2021. ***Mr. Gates moved with second by Mr. Schultz to approve the renewal of regular membership for Mark W. Grimmett. 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.
 - One claim is pending completion of paperwork.
 - No Health care requests are pending. Mr. Davidson encouraged members to apply for VA Health Care. He can provide the form which can be mailed by the applicant. Once accepted, the veteran should see their assigned provider at least once a year.
- **Sick Call & Relief:**

- No report though Mr. Nealen remains in follow-up care and Mr. Zook may have ongoing health issues.
- **Employment:**
 - No actions.

12. **Committee Reports:**

- **National Security (includes Homeland Security):**
 - **Blood Drives:**
 - February 15th drive netted 22 units. There were four who called in sick, four were deferred and four had quantity non-sufficient / failed draws.
 - April 12th drive has 21 of 37 slots filled.
 - Upcoming dates are June 14th, August 9th, October 11th and December 13th.
- **Community Service and Post Activities** (includes Wreaths Across America):
 - Memorial Board: nameplates need to be installed. A work party needs to be held to complete that task and to hang the award plaques received over the last several years.
 - Name Updates: Mr. Davidson reported he is monitoring names that may have been missed for the Memorial Board.
- **Membership and Publicity:**
 - Auxiliary dues for 2024 have been increased to \$50 due to increases in the per capita dues from national and Department. Mr. Davidson reminded members not to be surprised if Legion per capita dues are increased in the next year.
 - Mr. Davidson reported that the Post should help with Auxiliary recruitment. Our Unit is one of very few in the area.
- **Boys State:**
 - No applications for Boys State or Girls State have been received.
 - Girls State tuition has been announced as being \$600 this year. Boys State is still \$450. The difference is the location for the events.
- **Children and Youth:**
 - **Boy Scouts:**
 - The Troops wish to send two Scouts to National Youth Leader Training (NYLT) in June. One boy and one girl have been identified. It is desired that their tuition be paid from the Scouts line item. ***Dr. Barmore moved with second by Mr. Myers to approve payment of NYLT tuition for two Scouts from within available funds in the Scout line item. The Motion was approved with one abstaining vote by Mr. Schultz (Scoutmaster for Troop 643).***
 - Summer Camp will be at Camp Meriwether on the Oregon Coast the week of August 13 – 19.
 - An information night on the transition to the Chief Seattle Council will be held March 7th. The Troop meetings for that night will be cancelled so Troop leaders can attend.
- **Law and Order:** The new license plate readers installed in the community was discussed.
- **Constitutional Speech:** 10 contestants are scheduled for the Department contest on March 11th.
- **Education:** Attempts at getting names of athlete and vocational scholars continues.

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, March 9th at 5:30 PM at the YVC Wine Tasting Room. Members are welcome to attend.
14. **Next Regular Meeting.** The next regular Post meeting will be Thursday, March 16, 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 8.25 PM.

James A. Davidson
Adjutant

Dudley B. Brown
Commander

Date

Appendix "A"

Resolution 57-2023-001

Post Everlasting for Mel Krous, US Navy, Korean War Era

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God, The Great Commander, to summon to the immortal legions our beloved comrade, Mel Krous, US Navy, Korean War Era, and

Whereas, We humbly bow to the will of Divine Providence, while ever cherishing in our hearts the memory of distinguished service to our country and outstanding contributions to American Legion comradeship for 77 years; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That Fred E. Hayes Post 57, The American Legion, Grandview, Washington, meeting on February 16, 2023, does mourn the passing of our comrade, Mel Krous that we commend to all the works and to God the spirit; and be it further

Resolved, That in token of our common grief, a copy of this resolution transferring Mel Krous to Post Everlasting, The American Legion, is presented to the next of kin.