

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

June 15, 2023

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 Commander Brown. The Invocation was offered by Committeeman Warren Barmore. 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: Luke Binfet, Cody Goepner ☒ Members: Vicky Gates, Ray Vining ☒ Excused: Nik Schultz ☒ Attended by Teleconference: Robert Gates, Curt Nealen ☒ Quorum ☐ No Quorum
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4. **Approve Minutes of May 18, 2023 Meeting:**
Dr. Barmore moved with second by Mr. Vining to approve the Minutes of the May 18, 2023 Meeting. The Motion was approved unanimously.
5. **Post Everlasting / Memorial to Departed Comrades:**
 - There were no reported or recorded deaths in the last month.
6. **Finance Report:** Adjutant Davidson reported the following:
 - Self Help Federal Credit Union Checking (General) account balance is \$237.33.
 - Self Help Federal Credit Union Savings (Programs) account balance is \$16,637.36.
 - Self Help Federal Credit Union CD (Investments) account balance is \$27,183.71.
 - Auxiliary Unit 57 Account Balance (in Savings): \$3,580.66.
 - The Budget / Profit-Loss statement was circulated. The current year-to-date balance is +\$3,188.30.
 - Auxiliary Budget / Profit/Loss – Current year-to-date balance; +\$3,580.66.
 - Boy Scouts Checking Balance: \$5,860.46.
 - Boy Scouts Savings Balance: \$2,363.65.
 - One CD renewed at 4.08% APR for one year.
 - Finance Officer Bond (2023=24 Crime Premium) due in July (\$317.00).
 - Budget Meeting for 2023 will be conducted in July.
 - The account registers were reviewed for income and expenditures.***Mr. Vining moved with second by Dr. Barmore 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 74 (107.25% of Goal).
 - **Annual Reports:** All required annual reports have been submitted to the Department.
 - **Convention Awards:** Nominations / Applications for Convention Awards have been submitted. None will be awarded this year since there will not be a standard Convention.
 - **Communications:**
 - National Advisory Team on Department Charter Suspension.
8. **Unfinished (Old) Business:**
- None
9. **New Business:**
- **Raffle:** Mr. Davidson proposed the Post conduct a raffle again this year with a goal of raising \$4,000. He suggests a Pendleton Veteran's Blanket be raffled at \$10.00 per ticket. The cost of the blanket is \$300.00. An award date would be when 400 tickets are sold r Veterans Day 2024. ***Dr. Barmore moved with second by Mr. Gates to authorize the Adjutant to proceed with a raffle. The Motion was approved unanimously.***
10. **Balloting on New Applications / Renewal of Expired Members:**
- **TRANSFER-IN:** Tim Bardell, USN, PG/WOT Era, transfer from Post WA-0073. ***Mr. Gates moved with second by Mr. Nealen to accept the transfer of Tim Bardell into the Post. The Motion was approved unanimously.***
11. **Service Officer:** Chief Service Officer Davidson reported the following:
- **Claims:**
 - Two claims are in progress and in the hands of the VA.
 - No claims pending completion of paperwork.
 - One Health care requests is pending.
 - **Sick Call & Relief:**
 - No report
 - **Employment:**
 - No activity.
 - **Request from Museum Regarding Medal:**
 - Mr. Vining presented a request to assist the Museum in seeking the Silver Star for Clarence Turley, a Grandview man who was killed in World War I. He provided some background to support the request. ***Mr. Gates moved with second by Dr. Barmore to assist the Grandview Museum in seeking the Silver Star for Clarence Turley. The Motion was approved unanimously.***
 - Actions required:
 - A copy of his military records must be obtained.
 - The approval of the family must be sought.
 - Assistance of Congressman Newhouse's Office must be sought.
12. **Committee Reports:**
- **Rehabilitation (includes Veterans Affairs and Volunteer Services):**
 - A donation of canned food from GHS ASB Leadership Team was transported to the Yakima County Veterans Pantry on June 9th. The donation was valued at \$1,000.00.
 - **National Security (includes Homeland Security):**
 - **Blood Drive:**

- June 14th resulted in 23 units.
- August 9th has half of the slots filled.
- **Americanism:**
 - **“Rock the Vote” Campaign:** Cody Goeppner from the Chamber of Commerce presented information about a voter registration drive and voter participation effort planned this year.
 - **Independence Day Ceremony:** The planned Independence Day ceremonies were discussed.
- **Community Service and Post Activities** (includes Wreaths Across America):
 - **National Night Out and Street Fairs:** Upcoming activities were discussed. No action was taken.
- **Boys State:** No Boys State delegates have been identified. Three or four girls are going to Girls State in Idaho (one Grandview girl).
- **Children and Youth:**
 - **Boy Scouts:**
 - Eagle Scout Luke Binfet was presented with a gift statuette. He will be departing for the US Maritime Academy after the 4th if July.
 - Tw Scouts leaving for National Youth Leadership Training this weekend.
 - Tw new Scouts pending for Troop 643 (boys).
- **Education:** Multiple awards were presented at Grandview Schools. See Appendix “A” below.

13. **Good of the Legion:**

- The “Feed the Pig” piggy bank was circulated for the Child Welfare Foundation.
- Mel Krous Graveside Service, June 28th, 10:00 AM.
- Independence Day Ceremony, Bren Plaza, 11:00 AM
- The next Chamber of Commerce meeting is Thursday, July 13th 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, September 21st, 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 8:20 PM.

James A. Davidson
Adjutant

Dudley B. Brown
Commander

Date

APPENDIX “A” – EDUCATION

- **School Awards:**
 - **GHS:** Jazmine Richey, Cole Judkins, Maleah Jones;
 - **GMS:** No nominations.;
 - **Thompson School:** Herman Martinez Gonzalez and Kimberly Ramos Ramirez;
 - **McClure School:** Katalina Rodriguez and Juan Manuel Montejano III. Honorable Mention certificates: Skylar Byam, Kassidy Folden, Alexander Licea and Salvador Vergara;

- **Smith School:** Frankie Estrada and Ashley Shephard. Honorable Mention certificates: Jaycob Cardenas, Kendra Fajardo, Yahir Verdugo Lopez, Mia Atwood-Martinez, Nathan Mendoza, Noah Mendoza, Davian Orozco, Magdalena Pizano, Giselle Gomez Renteria, Emiliano Munguia Sanchez, Samantha Vaquera and Janet Ramos Villanueva;
- **Sunnyside High School:** Luke Binfet;
- **Other Awards:**
 - **Thompson School:** Penny-a-Day Top School Donor;
 - **Smith School:** Certificate of Appreciation for School Award Efforts;
 - **Grandview High School:**
 - Athlete Scholar Medalists: Natalee Trevino (Bronze), Julian Garza (Silver) and Jazmine Richey (Gold);
 - Robert “Doug” Hilmoie Vocational Scholar Medalists: Lilly Kassinger (Bronze), Cole Judkins (Silver) and Andres De Robles (Gold);
 - Hounds Have Heart – Food Donations certificate;
 - DECA – Food Donations certificate;
 - ASB Leadership Team – Food Donations certificate.