

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

February 15, 2024
Home of Commander Dudley Brown, 611 W. 5th St, 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 ☐ 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: ☒ Attended by Teleconference: W. Barmore, R. Gates, C. Nealen, V. Gates. ☒ Quorum ☐ No Quorum
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4. **Approve Minutes of January 18, 2024 Meeting:**
Mr. Gates moved with second by Mr. Myers to approve the Minutes of the January 18, 2024 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 \$330.94.
 - Self Help Federal Credit Union Savings (Programs) account balance is \$13,621.16.
 - Self Help Federal Credit Union CD (Investments) account balance is \$27,773.78.
 - Auxiliary Unit 57 Account Balance (in Savings): \$3,626.66.
 - The Budget / Profit-Loss statement was circulated. The current year-to-date balance is -\$141.00.
 - Auxiliary Budget / Profit/Loss – Current year-to-date balance; +\$4,003.66.
 - Boy Scouts Checking Balance: \$1,700.82.
 - Boy Scouts Savings Balance: \$2,500.71.
 - The account registers were reviewed for income and expenditures.
 - IRS 990 form completion pending online portal availability.*Dr. Barmore moved with second by Mr. Myers 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 70 (92.11% of Goal). There are 71 members of record including one paid transfer not counting towards Goal.

- **Communications:**
 - The 6th District Spring Conference is Saturday, April 6th at Yakima Post 36. Social Hour is at 11 AM, Lunch at Noon and the meeting at 1:00 PM.
8. **Unfinished (Old) Business:**
- **Sea Cadets:** Deferred.
 - **Chairman for Independence Day:** Mr. Davidson reported that no one has volunteered to be chairman for the event.
 - **Penny-a-Day Campaign:** Mr. Davidson reported that he has been delayed in getting the Penny-a-Day campaign underway due to health issues. He advises mounting the campaign in March, which would encompass the street campaign. He will focus on the elementary schools since the Middle School yield is very poor (less than \$20.00) and the High School throws up too many barriers to conducting a campaign there.
 - **Community Calendar:** The planned meeting of community organizations to compile a community calendar of events was short-circuited by the new Mayor who inserted herself into the process. As a result, the meeting did not occur and groups just listed what they planned to do this year. Mr. Davidson will attempt to organize the listings and publish on the Post's Events Calendar on the web page.
9. **New Business:**
- **No Rhyme or Reason Flea Market:** Mr. Davidson reported the Scout Troops would like to set up at this event (April 26-27) to sell meat sticks and recruit new members. It would be a good venue for us for the Post to team up with them and sell raffle tickets and promote the Post. He will make arrangements with the promoter. He emphasized this is not a one man show and others must help man the event.
10. **Balloting on New Applications / Renewal of Expired Members:**
- There were no new members or transfers recorded since the last meeting.
11. **Service Officer:** Chief Service Officer Davidson reported the following:
- **Claims:**
 - One claim in process was cancelled by the VA. The client is working with the Service Division to reinstate the claim.
 - **Sick Call & Relief:**
 - Domingo Ramirez (treatments); Dudley Brown (auto accident).
 - **Employment:**
 - Grandview Police Officer position advertised.
 - **VA News:**
 - Proposed VA change that would expand benefit eligibility for veterans exposed to Agent Orange.
 - Article on what VA disability compensation can do for a veteran.
12. **Committee Reports:**
- **National Security (includes Homeland Security):**
 - **Blood Drive:**
 - The February 14th blood drive netted 23 units.
 - The April 10th blood drive is nearly fully booked.
 - **Americanism:**
 - The previously approved donation of funds for the roundabout flag pole was made to the City (1/3rd the cost of the 30' x 50' flag).
 - Replacement flags for Legion Park will be ordered in April.
 - **Community Service and Post Activities** (includes Wreaths Across America):
 - The Bunny Breakfast will be conducted as part of the City's Easter Egg

Hunt on Saturday, March 30th. This likely will be held outside due to repairs in the Community Center.

- **Membership and Publicity:**
 - The Facebook page is updated nearly every day.
- **Boys State:**
 - No delegates have been identified for Boys State. One girl from our Scout Troop for girls wishes to attend Girls State, but is staffing a Scout training event that week. Efforts are underway to send her to the Idaho program which is held another week.
- **Children and Youth:**
 - **Scouts:** A new girl has joined Troop 6644. The Scouting program has a full, active schedule.
- **Law and Order:**
 - The Law and Order nominations for the Convention awards have been forwarded to the Department.

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 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, March 21st at 7:00 PM in-person (if possible) 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 7:46 PM.

James A. Davidson
Adjutant

Dudley B. Brown
Commander

Date