

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

April 18, 2024

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 1st Vice Commander Nik Schultz. 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: Robert Gates, Vicky Gates ☒ Quorum ☐ No Quorum
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4. **Approve Minutes of March 1, 2024 Meeting:**
Dr. Barmore moved with second by Mr. Myers to approve the Minutes of the March 21, 2024 Meeting. The Motion was approved unanimously.
5. **Post Everlasting / Memorial to Departed Comrades:**
 - There were no reported / recorded deaths since the last meeting
6. **Finance Report:** Adjutant Davidson reported the following:
 - Self Help Federal Credit Union Checking (General) account balance is \$1,821.01.
 - Self Help Federal Credit Union Savings (Programs) account balance is \$14,639.43.
 - Self Help Federal Credit Union CD (Investments) account balance is \$27,971.13.
 - Auxiliary Unit 57 Account Balance (in Savings): \$3,232.66.
 - The Budget / Profit-Loss statement was circulated. The current year-to-date balance is +\$2,878.66.
 - Auxiliary Budget / Profit/Loss – Current year-to-date balance; +\$3,609.66.
 - Boy Scouts Checking Balance: \$579.81.
 - Boy Scouts Savings Balance: \$2,817.98.
 - Penny-a-Day Campaign: \$1,440.42. The street campaign was cancelled due to rain and needs to be rescheduled. Smith School was the top school donor this year.
 - Flag replacement donations after the theft of the Marine Flag at Legion park: \$125.00
 - CD's maturing on 4/28/24 and 5/27/24. They will be allowed to roll over.
 - 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 70 (92.11% of Goal). There are 71 actual members, including one transfer who was previously paid for 2024.
- **Communications:**
 - Mr. Davidson reported on the 6th District Spring Conference. No Commander or Vice Commander was elected. This will now occur at the Department Convention District Caucus.

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

- **Sea Cadets:** Deferred.
- **Independence Day:** No chairman identified. A key note speaker will be recruited.

9. **New Business:**

- **Roundabout Flag Dedication:** The Post has been asked to conduct the new flag dedication at the Roundabout on April 19th. The ceremony will be kept short to minimize traffic impact.
- **Grandview Days:** The Post will team with the Scouts to host a booth at Grandview Days on April 27th. The Post will sell raffle tickets and the Scouts will sell meat sticks.
- **Table at Grandview High School Bazaar:** The Post has reserved a table at the GHS Bazaar on May 4th to sell raffle tickets.
- **Department Lawsuit Status:** Mr. Davidson reported on the current status of the Department Lawsuit. At some point members will be asked to approve or disapprove the proposed settlement.
- **Endorsement for National Executive Committeeman:** Members reviewed a request for endorsement for National Executive Committeeman by Bob Clark and his submitted resume. ***Dr. Barmore moved with second by Mr. Myers to decline to endorse Bob Clark for National Executive Committeeman. The Motion was approved unanimously.***
- **Endorsement for Alternate National Executive Committeeman:** Members reviewed a request for endorsement for Alternate National Executive Committeeman by Rafael Munoz-Clinton and his submitted resume. ***Mr. Davidson moved with second by Mr. Myers to approve endorsement of Rafael Munoz-Clinton for Alternate Executive Committeeman. The Motion was approved unanimously.***
- **Call for Nominations for 2024-2025(6) Officers:** Per the Bylaws, the election for officers to hold one or two year terms beginning after the Department Convention is to be held at the Annual Meeting in May. Positions Include:
 - Commander (until 2025)
 - Vice Commander (until 2026)
 - Adjutant (until 2026, may be appointed)
 - Sgt-at-Arms (until 2025)
 - Chaplain (until 2025)
 - Executive Committeeman (until 2026)
- **Newsletter:** Mr. Davidson reported he has not implemented the Constant Contact newsletter due to other obligations and concern about the expense. He has found another email platform called Beehive that is free and seems to offer the features we want. He will work on developing that platform.

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

- There were no new members or transfers since the last meeting.

11. **Service Officer:** Chief Service Officer Davidson reported the following:
- **Claims:**
 - No claims are in progress and in the hands of the VA.
 - No claims pending completion of paperwork.
 - Several Health care requests may be pending.
 - **Sick Call & Relief:**
 - Ramirez, Brown, Zook
 - **Employment:**
 - A City of Grandview position was posted.
12. **Committee Reports:**
- **Rehabilitation** (includes Veterans Affairs and Volunteer Services):
 - The ASB Leadership Team at Grandview High School sponsored a food drive that collected \$2,000.00 worth of quality food that was handed off to the Post to give to the Yakima County Veterans Program pantry.
 - **National Security (includes Homeland Security):**
 - **Blood Drive:**
 - The April Drive collected 19 nits.
 - The June Drive has 42 slots, including Power Reds and is half filled.
 - **Americanism:**
 - Flags for Legion Park will be ordered. They include 5 military branch flags, the POW/MIA flag and a 4' x 6' US Flag. All are polyester for long life.
 - **Membership and Publicity:**
 - Several recent Posts on Facebook have generated around 2,000 views.
 - **Boys State:** No delegates yet
 - **Children and Youth:**
 - **Boy Scouts:** The Troops are in fundraising mode at this time so money can be raised for Camp.
 - **Education:**
 - Nominations will be sought for The American Legion School Award.
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, May 9th 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, May 16th at 7:00 PM in-person and by phone. This is the "Annual Meeting" called for in the Bylaws.
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 Mr. Schultz at 8:12 PM.

James A. Davidson
Adjutant

Dudley B. Brown
Commander

Date