

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

January 18, 2024

Stevens-Young Room, Grandview Community Center, Grandview, WA

1. **Call to Order:** The teleconference meeting was called to order in regular form at 7:00 PM by 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:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dudley Brown, Commander <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nikolaus Schultz, Vice Commander <input type="checkbox"/> Ricard Zook, Vice Commander <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Davidson, Adjutant / Finance <input type="checkbox"/> Keith Jenks, Sgt-at-Arms <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Myers, Chaplain <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Warren Barmore, PEC-man <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Curt Nealen, PEC-man <input type="checkbox"/> Robert Gates. Past Commander	<u>Guests:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Auxiliary: <input type="checkbox"/> Other Guests: <u>Members:</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excused: Robert Gates <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attended by Teleconference: All attendees <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quorum <input type="checkbox"/> No Quorum
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4. **Approve Minutes of December 21, 2023 Meeting:**
Dr. Barmore moved with second by Mr. Myers to approve the Minutes of the December 21, 2023 Meeting. The Motion was approved unanimously.
5. **Post Everlasting / Memorial to Departed Comrades:**
 - There were no reported or recorded deaths since the last meeting..
6. **Finance Report:** Adjutant Davidson reported the following:
 - Self Help Federal Credit Union Checking (General) account balance is \$329.37.
 - Self Help Federal Credit Union Savings (Programs) account balance is \$14,402.47.
 - Self Help Federal Credit Union CD (Investments) account balance is \$27,672.37.
 - Auxiliary Unit 57 Account Balance (in Savings): \$3,626.66.
 - The Budget / Profit-Loss statement was circulated. The current year-to-date balance is +\$638.74.
 - Auxiliary Budget / Profit/Loss – Current year-to-date balance; +\$4.003.66.
 - Boy Scouts Checking Balance: \$1,519.01.
 - Boy Scouts Savings Balance: \$2,500.07.
 - First Feed the Pig Deposit for Child Welfare Foundation: \$45.64
 - Raffle Balance: -\$70.85
 - IRS 990 “postcard” filing will be done in the next few weeks
 - The account registers were reviewed for income and expenditures.***Mr. Schultz moved with second by Mr. Myers to approve the Finance Report. The Motion was approve 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 those transfers not counting towards the Goal.
 - **Communications:**
 - Fire suppression failure and flooding at the Community Center.
8. **Unfinished (Old) Business:**
 - **Sea Cadets:** Deferred.
 - **Constant Contact Communications Tool:** Use of the Constant Contact tool was discussed. ***Dr. Barmore moved with second by Mr. Myers to utilize the Constant Contact tool at the primary level for Post newsletters. The Motion was approved unanimously.***
9. **New Business:**
 - **Penny-a-Day Plans:** Mr. Davidson reviewed proposals for the annual Penny-a-Day campaign held in February. He will seek participation from the schools and interested businesses to host penny boxes during February and will make arrangements for a street campaign in March.
 - **Community Calendar Plans:** Mainstreet Grandview is hosting a meeting on January 29th to develop a community calendar. Mr. Davidson will present the Post's scheduled events.
 - **Independence Day Chairman:** Mr. Davidson asked for a volunteer to chair the Independence Day ceremony at Bren Plaza. There was no response. A volunteer will be sought from the membership.
10. **Balloting on New Applications / Renewal of Expired Members:**
 - No new members or transfers were recorded or requested.
11. **Service Officer:** Chief Service Officer Davidson reported the following:
 - **Claims:**
 - One claim remains in progress and in the hands of the VA.
 - No claims pending completion of paperwork.
 - No Health care requests are pending.
 - **Sick Call & Relief:**
 - Domingo Ramirez
 - **Employment:**
 - Grandview Police Department policeman position posted on Facebook.
 - **Post / District Service Officers:** The communication from the Department advising that Post and District Service Officers cannot work claims was discussed.
12. **Committee Reports:**
 - **Rehabilitation** (includes Veterans Affairs and Volunteer Services): No report.
 - **National Security (includes Homeland Security):**
 - **Blood Drive:** The scheduled February 14th drive will be held in the gymnasium due to the flooding damage in the North end of the Community Center. The Red Cross has been informed. 28 of 29 donor slots have been filled.
 - **Americanism:** No report.
 - **Community Service and Post Activities** (includes Wreaths Across America): Thank you cards have been sent to the two non-members who presented wreaths at Wreaths Across America. They have been invited to join the Post.
 - **Economic:** No report.
 - **Membership and Publicity:** Facebook postings regarding Mr. Myers and Scouts have received quite a bit of attention with over 2,000 impressions for the posting

about Myers.

- **Boys State:** No delegates have been identified. One girl is interested in Girls State but is staffing a leadership training event that week. She has asked if she can attend Idaho's Girls State, so that is being investigated.
- **Children and Youth:**
 - **Boy Scouts:** Mr. Schultz reported that snow camp will be held at Camp Fife for Troop 6643. Scouts will be attending a Merit Badge event on February 3rd. Two Scouts were approved for the rank of 2nd Class Scout. Three Scouts received the Pope Pius XII religious recognition for Scouts BSA at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. Two were from Troop 6644 (girls) and one from Troop 6643 (boys).
- **Law and Order:** Public Safety nominations for the Department Awards should be completed this week.
- **Constitutional Speech:** No participants identified. The Department Contest is in March in Moses Lake.
- **Education:** Scholars for athletics and vocational programs still being identified.

13. **Good of the Legion:**

- The "Feed the Pig" piggy bank was not circulated for the Child Welfare Foundation since the meeting was held via teleconference.
- The next Chamber of Commerce meeting is Thursday, February 8, 2024 at Noon at Casa Tequila. Members are welcome to attend. Lunch is not required.
- The Mid-Winter Conference is February 2 – 4, 2024 at the Doubletree in Olympia.

14. **Next Regular Meeting.** The next regular Post meeting will be Thursday, February 15, 2024 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 8:11 PM.

James A. Davidson
Adjutant

Dudley B. Brown
Commander

Date