

Evanston Post 42 Board Meeting Minutes 23 April 2026 Start time: 19:30

Members present:, Christine Candelario, Jim Farley, Peter Koerner, Neil Franke, Wilfredo Candelario, David Madison, Joe Jefferson, Mike Wojciechowski, Jim Sullivan, Greg Wilson, Mike Carder,

Members absent: James Brusek, Greg Lisinski, Ian Darbyshire, Larry Pahlke

The meeting was called to order by Commander C. Candelario at 19:36 hrs.

Agenda Item	Role/person	Time	Report (due by Tuesday night of meeting)	Notes/next steps
Review and approve Last month's minutes	Peter Koerner	1 min	Minutes were provided by Peter Koerner. Motion to approve minutes by Jim Farley, seconded by Neil Franke. Motion passes.	
Membership Report	Peter Koerner	3 min	Sitting just over 90%. Greg Wilson moves to pay for the remainder of the renewals for membership. Jim Farley seconds. Motion passes. Working on the roster for Post Everlasting.	
SR. Vice Report	Mike Carder	1 min	We are at 92% with the Department.	
Jr. Vice Report	Mike Wojciechowski	1 min	August 23 will be the Family Day. Soliciting donations for raising money for food.	
Finance Report	James Farley	10 min	Report was submitted digitally. Largest recent expenditures were insurance expenses at around \$7200. Peter Koerner moves to approve the finance report pending audit. Mike Wojciechowski seconded. Motion passes.	

Service Officer Report	Joe Jefferson	10 min	<p>The service officer took a number of items up to the Midwest Veterans Closet. They are looking for some additional appliances and canned goods. He is working with the VFW to try to synchronize our actions to maximize our help to Veterans. There will be a Veterans resource fair on August 23 along with our family day.</p> <p>The VA and will have a concert on May 16 at the Midwest Veterans Closet at 1720 Green Bay Road from 11 AM to 1 PM.</p> <p>The Colonial Dames want to continue to support Veterans with us and will potentially support our flag placement at Memorial Gardens.</p> <p>We have ordered 2000 Poppies for May. We will be distributing them at the next business meeting. The Charitable Foundation will match all the funds raised.</p>	
Evanston Post 42 Charitable Foundation, Inc.	Jim Brusek	0 min	No Report.	
Americanism	Mike Carder	1 min	Done for the year. Committee will meet at Convention.	
Children and Youth	Jim Brusek	1 min	Please do your best to get any leads for Boys/Girls State to Jim.	
Club Room	Phil Cocco	5 min	Clubroom is doing well. There are a number of needed improvements in the bar and to the South	

			Lawn. We have the cash on to fund these improvements. Peter Koerner moves to approve the Clubroom Manager to use bar funds to make property improvements to the indoor and outdoor spaces as he sees fit, subject to approval from the Bar Committee. Greg Wilson seconds. Motion passes.	
Building/Development/Maintenance Committee Update	Jim Farley	20 min	<p>We have moved all of our stuff out of the downstairs bar. We will remove our sink and fittings from there, but there is no rush because the Outdoor bar construction is delayed. We need volunteers to help assemble new tables that we have in storage.</p> <p>The Board discussed a proposal for a new sign on Central Street.</p>	
Shrapnel	Peter Koerner	1 min	At the printer and posted online.	
SAL	David Madison	6 min	<p>I. Squadron Updates</p> <p>A. Membership</p> <p>1. Currently sitting at 293 members</p> <p>B. Financials</p> <p>1. Funds on hand are sufficient to cover expenses.</p> <p>2. Budgeting for LegionFest 2026</p> <p>a) Higher Budget, better bands</p> <p>b) More T-shirts</p> <p>C. Miscellaneous/Good of the Legion</p> <p>1. Date for LegionFest 2026 is July 11th, 2026</p>	

			<p>a) sorry, Commander...</p> <p>2. Blood Drive with 1st Division SAL.</p> <p>a) Aiming for Picnic day, will hold at Chandler if it happens.</p> <p>b) Still moving, meeting with Red Cross soon</p> <p>c) In conjunction with a Veterans Health Fair (Joe??)</p> <p>d) Can we put tents up along the south side, even closer to Chandler?</p> <p>3. We owe Wojo \$600 and change</p> <p>a) I have the cash, just need to remember to bring it with me.</p> <p>b) Can Post pay Wojo now?</p> <p>4. Ellen Ingram is coordinating a 250 celebration on 07/04</p>	
Old Business	Open	0 min	None.	
New Business	Open	5 min	<p>Neil Franke has supplies to service our flagpole. He will be replacing the rope and pulley. New flags have been ordered.</p> <p>Jim Farley brought up the issues that the gaming machines have introduced to the Post. Peter Koerner moved to remove the gaming machines. Greg Wilson seconds. Motion carries.</p> <p>Upcoming elections will be in June. Nominations need to be in by the May business meeting.</p>	

			<p>Please submit your volunteer hours to the adjutant so that we can log them with the Department.</p> <p>Mike Wojciekowski would like to have membership tables at events. Christine Candelario moves to buy a branded canopy for events and a membership table. Jim Sullivan seconds. The Board discussed whether we need our own canopy or if the festival provides it. Motion is amended to include a table banner. Will Candelario seconded the amendment. Motion passes.</p>	
Sick Call	Open	1 min	<p>Karen Fleming Dave Fox Jim Brusek</p>	
For The Good of The Legion	Open	2 min	<p>If you want to be on the Parade Committee, please contact Greg Wilson.</p> <p>Mike Carder let the Board know that the Past Commanders will be meeting in the next two weeks to discuss the next Board members and recommend a slate of officers.</p>	.
Commander's Comments	Christine Candelario	0 min	None.	

Suspense Items:

Peter Koerner moves to adjourn. Jim Sullivan seconds. Motion carries.

Adjourned: 21:29