

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

Members present:, Christine Candelario, Jim Farley, Peter Koerner, Neil Franke, Wilfredo Candelario, Joe Jefferson, Mike Wojciechowski, Mike Carder, James Brusek, David Madison, Larry Pahlke, Rory Lozano, Billy Triphahn

Members absent: Greg Lisinski, Greg Wilson, Ian Darbyshire

The meeting was called to order by Commander Koerner 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 Mike Wojciechowski. Motion passes.	
Membership Report	Peter Koerner	0 min	No report.	
SR. Vice Report	Mike Carder	1 min	New year, just starting.	
Jr. Vice Report	Mike Wojciechowski	1 min	Family day is 23 August. Need more volunteers for the event. Wojo was approached by a mother of an Eagle Scout who is nominated for the national Eagle Scout award. Wojo put him in touch with the VFW.	
Finance Report	James Farley	10 min	July was a high expense month for the Post. All of our air conditioners were serviced this month. We had convention and July 4 expenses this month. Larry Pahlke moves to move agreed upon amount of funds from the bar to the Post and to up the monthly transfer of funds by an agreed upon amount. Christine Candelario seconds. Motion passes. Discussion is about what the risk is to the bar from the money being out of the bar account.	

			Movement to approve the finance report by Mike Wojciechowski and seconded by Larry Pahlke. Motion passes.	
Service Officer Report	Joe Jefferson	10 min	Working on a few new claims from Veterans. Working with Digs for Dignity to get furniture for Veterans that need furniture. They will pick up furniture. Trying to reestablish Thanksgiving dinner here at the Post.	
Evanston Post 42 Charitable Foundation, Inc.	Jim Brusek	4 min	The charitable foundation is in good financial standing. The Post has previously bought beds for homeless vets. This year they will be buying 10 beds this year. There will be a trailer this year at the picnic to provide supplies for newly homed vets.	
Americanism	Mike Carder	0 min	No Report.	
Children and Youth	Jim Brusek	0 min	No report.	
Club Room	Phil Cocco	0 min	No Report.	
Building/Development/Maintenance Committee Update	Jim Farley	20 min	No meeting recently. There have been a number of projects have been completed. Civil Air Patrol will be helping to clean out our fenced in area next week. They are also staining the fence. The board reviewed some proposals from a lighting company for the Legion Hall.	
Shrapnel	Peter Koerner	1 min	In for print.	
SAL	David Madison	0 min	Legionfest was a huge success. Financially the Squadron is doing well. No full numbers on Legionfest yet, but probably better than last year. There were no incidents. The American Red Cross	

			is managing the blood drive. Please solicit donations.	
Old Business	Open	0 min	None.	
New Business	Open	1 min	Wojo is looking to put a veterans kiosk at our Post. He will provide more information.	
Sick Call	Open	1 min	Dave Fox	
For The Good of The Legion	Open	1 min	There will be a White Sox game Thursday for Vets. Joe Jefferson will paint the ceiling. Jim Farley moves to spend agreed upon funds on a party for Shadow. Wojo seconds.	.
Commander's Comments	Peter Koerner	0 min	Commander Koerner's priorities going forward: -Veterans Programs: Expand our partnerships with local Veterans organizations like Fisher House, Midwest Veterans Closet, Military Outreach USA, NU Vets, etc. -Integrate and enable our in-house partners: SAL, Charitable Foundation, and Canal Shores. -Post Facilities: Make our location a venue of note for Evanston, maximizing our ability to host events and generate revenue for the Post. -Cementing our Post in the current location: making real advances toward a plan for a memorial in Chandler Park.	

Suspense Items:

Neil Franke moves to adjourn. Larry Pahlke seconded. Motion carries.

Adjourned: 20:51