The American Legion Department of Michigan Fall Conference, 2026
Michigan American Legion Foundation Board Meeting
Meeting minutes 11/07/2026

The Foundation met in the Ontario/St. Clair Rooms of the Treetops Resort located at 3962 Wilkinson Rd., Gaylord, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order by President Larry Money at 2:52 pm.

Roll Call
Present- President Larry Money, Secretary Scott Nichols, members Roger Avie, James Wallace, Howard Crumit and Randy Gilbert,
Excused- John Mella

A quorum was established.

Guests- 5 guests were present.

Minutes
The minutes of the meeting on 06/26/26 were read by Nichols. There were no corrections.
Motion- Avie to accept minutes
Second- Crumit
Discussion-None
Motion passed

Finance Report
Avie reviewed for the committee the finance report provided by ProNexus.
Motion- Avie to accept the finance report as presented.
Second- Wallace
Discussion- None
Motion passed

Old Business
Nichols reported he visited Chelsea Post 31 who had used the Foundation as a passthrough organization to install a lift chair for elderly/injured members. The work has been completed and all funds held by the Foundation on behalf of the post have been dispersed to the post. The post is grateful for the Foundation's assistance.

Gary Tanner reported that 42 requests for financial assistance have been processed and a total of $84,155.47 has been dispersed.

Since September he has received a little over $41,000 in donations from various organizations to support the Wounded and Returning Warrior program.

Gary Easterling reported the Higgins Lake Service Training event was a success. The event cost was approximately $32K with more than $55k received in donations and fees. He also reported

the Michigan's American Legion Auxiliary President Anita Mennel has announced her special project this year will be to raise funds for the VA&R Endowment Fund; thanking her for her effort.

New Business

Motion- Avie to reimburse Gary Tanner $314.16 for travel expenses for three different events.
Second- Gilbert
Discussion- None
Motion passed

President Money announced The Foundation is raising money for the Boys State Endowment by raffling a limited-edition handgun. There are 500 tickets, each ticket is $20.00. A winner will be announced at the 2027 Convention.

Good of the Foundation

Gary Tanner presented the idea to purchase weight scales needed for the Michigan Veterans Home in Chesterfield township. Fifteen scales are needed at a cost of $722.38 per scale. After much discussion the idea was tabled to the next meeting.

American Legion Riders of Southwest Michigan presented a $500.00 check to the Wounded and Returning Warrior endowment.

Tanner reported the Southeast Michigan Camero Club donated $2,500.00 to the Wounded and Returning Warrior endowment.

Motion- Avie to pay one day per diem and mileage for Crumit, Gilbert and only per diem for Money, Wallace and Avie.
Second- Nichols
Discussion- None
Motion passed

Motion- Wallace to adjourn
Second- Nichols
Discussion- None
Motion passed

Meeting adjourned at 2:47 pm

Respectfully submitted
Larry Money, President
Michigan American Legion Foundation

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