

American Legion Department of Michigan
Michigan American Legion Foundation
Meeting Minutes of 2/6/2026

The foundation met at the Double Tree Inn and Hotel, Port Huron, MI in the Water's Edge meeting room.

Opening ceremonies were performed and the meeting was called to order at 2:06 pm by President Larry Money.

Roll call

The following officers were present- Larry Money (president), Scott Nichols (secretary), Howard Crumit (treasurer), John Mella and Roger Avie and Jim Wallace.

The following officer was excused- Randy Gilbert

Nine guests were in attendance.

Minutes from previous meetings were read.

Minutes- 9/27/25

Avie- Motion to accept minutes as read

Mella- Second

Discussion- None

Motion passed

Minutes- 10/3/25

Avie- Motion to accept minutes as read

Wallace- Second

Discussion- None

Motion passed

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Finance report- Crumit, no report

Avie- Foundation investments are doing very well.

MATRY'S

Mella- Motion to donate \$5,000.00 to support Michigan's own Matry's Goldenaires Drum and Bugle Corp appearance at the National Memorial Day Parade in Washington D.C.

Avie- Second

Discussion- Mella, Members range in age from 16-80 with 75 members. About 1/2 of money needed has been raised. Nichols suggested group seek additional money from direct asks of posts.

Motion passed

Nichols- Motion to allow Chelsea Post 31 to use the Foundation as a pass through organization for a grant they are seeking from the Chelsea Foundation.

Avie- Second

Discussion- The Chelsea Foundation requires an organization to be a 501c3 which the post is not. The grant will be approximately \$9,000.00 and will be used to install a lift chair system to assist elderly and disabled members access from the lounge area to the post meeting area.

Motion passed

Wallace- Motion to raise the grant cap for the Wounded and Returning Warrior temporary financial assistance cap from \$2,000.00 to \$2,500.00.

Avie- Second

Discussion- Gary Tanner explained how donations are received and from which organizations. 40% of the recent requests have been turned down because they are over the current cap and the need to raise the cap to meet current needs of veterans.

Motion passed

Good of the Foundation

Wallace-Motion to pass unanimous vote to continue Foundation Board members Larry Money (President), Howard Crumit (Treasurer), Scott Nichols (Secretary).

Crumit- Second

Motion passed.

Wallace- Motion to adjourn

Avie- Second

Discussion- None

Motion passed

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 pm

Respectfully submitted

Larry Money, President

Michigan American Legion Foundation

M/8th Dist Rutchoff
2/1st Dist Burnett
to pass the minutes

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Online Meeting
Michigan American Legion Foundation
Meeting Minutes of 10/3/25

The Foundation met online to review a request for temporary financial assistance (TFA) received from Gary Tanner with the Wounded and Returning Warrior project. The total sum requested was \$2,254.03. Information for the request was distributed to the board by foundation President Larry Money.

A quorum was established by email response.

Motion- Jim Wallace made a motion to reject the application

Second- Roger Avie

Discussion- There was discussion that some of the requested information on the TFA form was not completed or missing.

The motion was called for a vote on October 3rd by President Money

Motion to reject application passed.

Meeting adjourned on October 3rd.

Respectfully submitted

Larry Money, President

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m/ 4th Dist Tolbert
2/ 7th Dist Montgomery
To adopt - PASSED