American Legion Post 129 General Meeting July 7, 2023

Commander Joe Maichles called the meeting to order at 1900 and conducted the opening ceremony.

**Draping of the Charter**: Not this month

**Chaplain** Danny Rodriguez

Adjutant David Tarnowski conducted roll call of officers and certified a quorum was established. Roll call sheet attached.

Commander Maichle recognized Post 129 past and present commanders and department officers.

**Guest**: No

**Reading of the minutes**: Minutes read from the E-board meeting from 6/1/23. 2nd & passed. The General Membership meeting minutes are posted on the website. 2nd and passed.

**Commander’s Note:** We ended 2023 at 102.6% for membership for the Legion, SAL, and the Axillary made 100%. At this time, the commanderwould like the Sgt at Arms and the 1st Vice Commander Ray Shires to come forward. Show the 100% + 1 plaque that was received. Commander Shires, here is a lapel pin for your work in helping make the 100% goal. Sgt at Arms would you and the 1st Vice place the 100% Ribbon on the Legion Flag.

Certificates: Helping with Hurricane Ian, 100% + 1, 100%, Post Membership Retention,

We also received two letters from boys who went to Boys State thanking us for the opportunity.

There is a plaque for Dart League, donating $5,000 to Special Olympics.

As you may have heard, on Sunday two weeks ago the post was broken into. There was no damage, and the only loss was the money in the Pull Tab Machine. Since then, there has been new bar locks put on the doors, and the House Committee Chairperson will give a Briefing on what other things we are doing to help prevent this from happening again.

The week of June 14th through June 18th the commander attended the Department Convention in Orlando along with other members of the post. A new Commander was installed along with a new 1st Vice Commander and 2nd Commander. There was a lot of great information received.

Don’t forget that this Sunday is installation here at the post. All post elected officers are to attend, and the dress code is dark pants with a Legion shirt. The Commander was informed by the District Commander that the Department Commander and the Department 1st Vice Commander will also attend. Let us have a good showing from the officers that you have elected for 2023 – 2024.

Starting July 15th through September 30th we will be running our Early Bird Special for renewal. Let us get off to a great start and make the goals set by the Department each time they come up as we did last year.

Lastly, The Commander wants to read a letter from one of the boys we sponsored for Boys State. The Commander has also been informed that one of the boys we sponsored was elected to attend the National Boys State, congratulations to him.

More good news, we have sponsored 5 or 6 dogs to become Seeing Eye Dogs. Well, the commander received a letter from the Seeing Eye Dog Foundation letting us know that Liberty, our latest sponsored dog was the only one from her litter to become a full-fledged seeing eye dog and has been paired with someone from Texas.

**Finance Report**: Was read by Jim Wineland and is posted in the hallway.

Second and passed subject to Audit.

**House Committee Report**: Has been submitted. The meeting was called 1830 HRS on 5/30/23. Guests: Bar Manager Brandy

Club report presented by Brandy.

The following numbers are profits only

Pull Tabs-in $3,493 and a loss by burglary $2,494

Lotto $165.65 Bingo-Liberty $1,147.08, Freedom $9,158.60 Fish 15,280.20

The profitability of liquor sales overall is 71% total.

Inventory was conducted and was very good

The chairs have been shipped and be here soon.

The new Bingo system is being installed but has been delayed due to system issues.

Repair to the Pull Tab machine will cost approximately $1,200

The new camera system will cost approximately $13,500. This should be more than enough to cover purchase and installation. The installation will be overseen by Terry from the House Committee. The Equipment list was examined by Matt Altman and is what we need.

All repairs that had been done as a result of the burglary has been completed.

Have learned from the Fire Marshal that eventually our fire suppression system / alarm will have to be replaced. The estimated cost is between $35,000 and $40,000. I suggest we begin putting money aside in a fund for the replacement system. It is working fine now but could fail at any time.

Second and Passed

**1st Vice Membership**: New 1 and Transfer 1. Al Yardly from 316 is pending. Second and Passed

**2nd Vice Kitchen Report**: Hot Dogs and Hamburgers will be served on the 4th of July for lunch.

Chicken Parm, pasta, marinara, Millie has a medical problem so Terry Stickles will fill in for breakfast.

**3rd Vice**: No Report

**4th Vice:**  Queen of Diamonds tickets are jamming due to improper thickness. Ordering the correct ones.

**Chaplain**: No report

**SAL:** No report

**Service Officer:** Danny Rodriguez was contacted by 12 Veterans. We will be getting a female Service Officer. Received a call from Here Tomorrow to help a vet fill out paperwork. No DD214 and not in the system.

**ALR:**  The Rider received multiple awards for top fund raiser. Round Robin Trophy

**Baseball:**  No report

**Boys State:**  One boy was selected for Boys Nation

**Honor Guard**: No report

**Old Business**: No

**New Business:**

Jim Wineland – Motion for $13,500 for new camera system. Old system is silent, the new one should be Audible. 2nd and passed

Jim Wineland – Motion to have $2,000 to a monthly a fund for a new fire suppression system not to exceed. $40,000 2nd and passed

Jeff Durdan – Motion for Brian Hancher to be Chaplain. 2nd and passed

**Correspondence**: Covered during Commanders Call

**Good of the Legion**: New post member (pending) will sell raffle tickets

Motion to adjourn 2nd and passed.

**Meeting adjourned** 1949 hours

David Tarnowski Adjutant Joe Maichles