



American Legion Post 129
1151 4th South Street
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Minutes General Membership Meeting **August 5, 2021**

- Commander Maichle opened the meeting @ 1900.
- Opening prayer by Chaplain Hancher.
- POW/MIA Remembrance
- Pledge of Allegiance
- American Legion Preamble
- Adjutant Kirkwood conducted Roll Call/confirmed a quorum.
- Commander Maichle recognized Past Post Commanders, District and Department Officers. Congratulations to the new Department Commander Jerry Brandt, Department SAA Jeff Durden, and Department Auxiliary President Wanda Brandt. Cake cutting in honor of Commander Maichle's birthday!
- Commander Maichle announced that the minutes of the General Assembly Meetings are posted on the website. MM2 approved.
- Adjutant Kirkwood read minutes from Executive Board (8-3-2021); minutes approved.
- Finance Officer Wineland presented financial report; MM2 subject to audit.
 - Sub-total Legion: \$ 802,431.00
 - Queens of Diamonds Account: \$95,608.00
 - Legion P&L: \$9,771.00
 - (Finance Officer Report continued):
 - Canteen: \$114,384.00
 - Club Account: \$100,321.00
 - Lottery Account: \$14,063.00

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- Net income July 2021: \$10,421.00
- Riders: \$14,882.00
- Total assets: \$931,697.00

- Finance Officer Wineland proposed the Post select Wells Fargo to manage and be the financial arm of the Post; MM2. Additionally, he recommended the initial investment of \$500K; Investment Committee (members: Commander, Finance Officer, Adjutant, Chaplain, and EB Chuck Nist) to research and recommend at the September E-Board/General Membership meeting the best course of action for investments. MM2.
- House Committee minutes read by Acting Chairman Wineland. The Committee's recommendations/topics of concern follow:
 - Canteen Manager Canteen/Finance Report:
 - Awning installation will start late August.
 - PA System installed.
 - Queen of Diamonds' machines arrive September.

Finance (NET): Pull Tabs: (IN) \$13,282 (OUT): \$7,099 Profit: \$3,183
 Lotto: \$304
 Bingo: \$21,542
 Fish Machine: \$21,220
 Total: \$43,104

- Committee is looking at installing a Point-of-Sale software program to better account for sales, inventory control, and future submission of taxes, payroll, and vendor invoices. Brandi has been researching and will report her findings/recommendation at the September House Committee meeting.

Committee Reports

1st Vice Commander – New member James Clifford (USN). MM2.

2nd Vice Commander – No report.

3rd Vice Commander – No report.

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4th Vice Commander – No report.

Chaplain's Report – No report.

SAL Report – Adjutant received the report.

Service Officer Report – Assisted eight (8) veterans in July. His cell:
(904) 806-6231.

Legion Riders – Adjutant received the report.

Legion Baseball – No report.

Boys State – no report.

Adjutant Kirkwood received reports from Finance Officer, SAL, and Riders. Post received a "Thank you" from Jax Beach Chief of Police for Memorial weekend meals provided by the Post.

Old Business

No old business.

New Business

- Finance Officer addressed the "phases" of implementing Quick Books On-line.
- Motion to transfer funds from one line-item account to the operating account, The operating account will have enough funds to operate for sixty (60) days.
- House Committee Chairman Kirkwood addressed concerns by membership regarding Service Dogs, emotional pets, and basically any animals entering the building. House Committee will research and report back to the E-Board in September.
- Commander Maichle announced that vacant Committee positions will be posted on the Post's Website.
- Early Bird luncheon will be in October.

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- Finance Officer addressed background checks for employees and elected officers who handle Post monies. Checks will cost \$50 per background check; company will report findings to the Finance Officer indicating either GREEN (good) or RED (bad). No details of the report will be provided to the Post and the criteria is controlled by the Post's Insurance Company. (I Criminal Checks). Checks will be from all 50 states to include County and Federal court systems. Under Article 7 Section 5 of Post's By-Laws, following individuals will require background checks: Post Commander, Finance Officer of the Legion, SAL Commander, SAL Finance Officer, Director and Finance Officer of the ALR, Canteen Manager, Canteen employees and anyone else that has access to the building.
- Motion made to donate \$400 to the Legion Riders "Stuff the Bus." MM2.
- Motion made to donate \$2,500 to the Lions Club "Seeing Eye Dog" Program; MM2.
- Closing prayer by Chaplain Hancher.

With no new business to come before the membership for the good of the Legion, Commander Maichle closed the meeting in due order @ 2018.

Submitted:

Sonny Kirkwood
Adjutant

Approved:

Joe Maichle
Commander

Note: MM2 (Motion made and seconded)

