



American Legion Post 129
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Minutes General Membership Meeting **July 8, 2021**

- Commander Maichle opened the meeting @ 1907.
- Financial presentation by Steve Hartman (www.providerwealth.com). Steve Hartman's Business conducts financial investment for the American Legion Department of Florida. Further discussion during the General Membership meeting approved the initial investment of \$500K (financial institution TBD).
- No Opening prayer.
- 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.
- 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 (7-8-2021); minutes approved.
 - Adjutant/SAA posted 100% membership banner for 2021.
- Finance Officer Wineland presented financial report; MM2 subject to audit.
 - Sub-total Legion: \$ 791,912.00
 - Queens of Diamonds Account: \$87,346.00
 - Legion P&L: \$41,885.00

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- (Finance Officer Report continued):
 - Canteen: \$100,171.00
 - Club Account: \$87,731.00
 - Lottery Account: \$12,440.00
 - Net income June 2021: \$5,184.00
 - Riders: \$15,040.00
 - Total Assets: \$879,257.84
- Finance Officer Wineland proposed the Post initiate an Investment Committee (members: Commander, Finance Officer, Adjutant, Chaplain, and EB Chuck Nist) to research a proposed Investment Policy Statement; outline Post's goals for future investments; expectations, objectives, and guidelines. MM2. Finance Officers also meeting with current Post bookkeeper to implement a more robust financial streamlining procedure(s).
- House Committee minutes read by Chairman Kirkwood. The Committee's recommendations/topics of concern follow:
 - Canteen Manager Canteen/Finance Report:
 - Awning installation will start late July/early August.
 - PA System installation completed this week.
 - HVAC partially finished by Tropic/Cooler Bear.
 - Queen of Diamonds' machines ship July 27th.

Finance (NET): Kitchen: \$2,877.00
 Sales up 102% compared to last year
 96% Freedom Hall and 4% Liberty Hall sales down
 Pull Tabs: (IN) \$14,274 (OUT): \$11,956 Profit: \$2,318
 Lotto: \$214.17
 Bingo (Freedom Hall): \$15,988.98
 Bingo (Liberty Hall): \$186.70
 Fish Machine: \$20,869.20

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House Committee New Business:

- Job description was created for the Canteen Manager's position. Brandi signed the document yesterday and the Committee will revisit Compensation, Bonus Program, and educational reimbursements.
- 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.
- Air conditioning issues within the office spaces and hallway between Liberty and Freedom Halls was discussed. Brandi requested Cooler Bear Heat & Air come out and provide a quote of \$4,500. Committee requested a "walk-thru" with Cooler Bear which was conducted today with the Chairman, Terry Reglin, and Canteen Manager. After discussion with all parties, proposal was modified to \$5,100 and supported by the Committee. MM2.
- House Committee Chairman, Post Commander, and Finance Officer scheduled to meet with the Post's CPA July 7, 2021 @ 3:30 PM.
- No planning board was conducted July 2021. Meeting adjourned @ 7:45 PM.

Commander Maichle reminded everyone about installation of officers on Saturday, July 24th at 4:00 PM officiated by Department Commander Jerry Brandt. Uniform is Legion/Department Shirt with blue and/or khaki pants. Commander Maichle reminded everyone about "early bird" dates starting July 15th thru September 30th – save \$10 on annual dues.

Old Business (House Committee)

- Parking Lot paving will commence August 19th timeframe.

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- Finance Officer proposed \$2,600 for lawyer fees regarding By-Laws/Constitution updates to include bonding of employees/elected officers – MM2. (Note: lawyer's fee was under the impression of being pro-bono; finance officer will report at the August E-Board meeting).
- Proposal of \$5,100 for A/C repairs – MM2.
- Fred St. Clair stated that Atlantic Beach Country Club expressed their gratitude for Commander Maichle replacing their torn American Flag. Also, Post 129 received a letter of appreciation for the \$1,000 donation on behalf of the Alzheimer's Association "The Longest Day."
- Motion of the floor to support the Department Commander's and Department President's Homecoming Event at the Post in late April 2022, which would require the Post to be closed to general membership for 24 hours. Much discussion about the "inconvenience" of membership along with the "Queen of Diamonds." Department SAA Durden expressed concern about the Post "NOT" supporting the event given it's a "FIRST" for Post 129 with a Department Commander and Department President from the same Post. All concerns will be addressed in the future; however, membership approved support the event. MM2.
- Finance Officer addressed a new initiative to combine multiple bank accounts under Quick Books Online. Presentation by Steve Hartman (www.providerwealth.com) on future Post investments at General Membership Meeting.

Committee Reports

1st Vice Commander – New members and transfers: Randell Haddox (USA), Donald Haddox (USAF), Jeff Warin (USAF), Stanley Crouse (USMC), William King (USA), Elwood Hall (USN), and Helen Benfield (USN). Transfers: Roberto Flores and Denise Beasley. MM2.

2nd Vice Commander – No report.

3rd Vice Commander – No report.

4th Vice Commander – No report.

Chaplain's Report – No report.

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SAL Report – Chuck Nist reported obtaining quotes for granite monuments.

Service Officer Report – Averaging helping two (2) veterans a week. Cell number is (904) 806-6231.

Legion Riders – New officers and contact information submitted to the Adjutant.

Legion Baseball – No report.

Boys State – no report.

Adjutant Kirkwood received reports from Finance Officer, SAL, and Riders. Post received a “Thank you” card from Mrs. Florig for the Post’s support of providing meals for the JAX Beach Fire Department Memorial Day – very emotional!

Old Business

No old business.

New Business

- Finance Officer addressed the “phases” of implementing Quick Books On-line.
- Chuck Nist asked that the Post look into not having audio events during the E-Board/General membership meetings. Commander Maichle will investigate options.
- Closing prayer by E-Board Member Chuck Nist.

With no new business to come before the membership for the good of the Legion, Commander Maichle closed the meeting in due order @ 2012.

Submitted:

Sonny Kirkwood
Adjutant

Approved:

Joe Maichle
Commander

Note: MM2 (Motion made and seconded)

