



American Legion Post 129
1151 4th South Street
Jacksonville, Florida 32250
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Minutes General Membership Meeting **November 5, 2020**

- Commander Maichle opened the meeting @ 1900.
- Opening prayer by Chaplain Brian 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.
- Commander Maichle announced that the minutes of the General Assembly Meetings will be posted on the website.
- Adjutant Kirkwood read minutes from Executive Board (10-01-2020); minutes approved. Minutes from General Membership Meeting (10-01-2020) read; approved. House Committee Meeting (11-02-2020); read and approved.
- Commander Maichle conducted "Draping of the Charter" for members who have joined Post Everlasting. Ceremony conducted in the Main Hall along with Chaplain Hancher. Ceremony honored Ernie Florig and Michael Hantrich.
- Canteen financial report (posted at the post); MM2 subject to audit.
- Finance Officer Jim Wineland reported post finances; MM2 subject to audit.
- House Committee Chairman Bill Wilson resigned due to health reasons; Jim Wineland (Finance Officer) will be the interim Chairman.

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- House Committee reviewed the handicap parking situation, and the decision was made that the Post is following city requirements (in fact, the post has one additional handicap parking than required by city regulations). However, current handicap parking situation came under scrutiny from the floor (Ray Shiers); motion made to have more handicap parking spots; majority disapproved the motion.
- Mike Flanagan has been appointed 5th District Boys State Chairman and accepted the position for Post 129, too. Post is planning on sending six (6) kids this year with four (4) alternates. Deadline for submissions is January 6, 2021. Comrade Flanagan mentioned his "conflict of interest" with interviews because he is a teacher at Fletcher High School.
- Motorcycle Parking: two more spots will be designated.
- Motion made to donate \$5,000 to Post 551 (Louisiana) for repairs from recent storm damage; MM2.
- Directional signs on 3rd Street have been disapproved by the city because of State/Federal regulations. Will visit looking at private property for location of the signs.
- **OLD BUSINESS:** None.
- **NEW BUSINESS:** Department 1st Vice Commander Jerry Brandt made a motion for the Post's By-Laws update be put on hold until the Department of Florida offers more guidance/clarification; MM2.
- Chaplain Hancher is heading-up the By-Laws update and stated that if the Department doesn't offer guidance soon; Post will move forward, regardless. Also, Chaplain Hancher addressed the current Executive Board composition and bonding of employees – more information to follow.

Committee Reports

- Two new members approved: Jonathan Castle (Army) and Tract Duland (Coast Guard); MM2. Transfers: Steven Lane (USMC) and Joseph Tambasco (Navy); MM2.
- 1st Vice Commander Taylor – not present.
- 2nd Vice Commander Stickles – USMC Birthday November 10th; cake cutting

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ceremony @ 1800. Veteran's Day on November 11th; cake cutting ceremony @ 1800. Dinner for Legion will be conducted by the Post Commander and his brother on Friday, November 20th starting at 1700. Post kitchen passed recent Health Department inspection.

- 3rd Vice Commander Dave Tarnowski – no report.
- 4th Vice Commander Rick Miller – no report.
- Finance Officer Wineland – report presented; MM2 subject to audit. Finance Report posted on the Post's Bulletin Board.
- SAL Report read by Adjutant Kirkwood; MM2.
- AL Beaches Riders Report – upcoming meetings for Veteran's Day ceremony preparations.
- SSA Durden – no report.
- Service Officer Rodriguez – not present.
- Judge Advocate Durden – no report.
- Historian Tarnowski – no report.
- 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 @ 1957.

Submitted:

Sonny Kirkwood
Adjutant

Approved:

Joe Maichle
Commander

