American Legion Post 129 General Meeting Nov 2, 2023

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

**Draping of the Charter**: Tom ?

**Chaplain** Danny Rodiguez

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**: Eagle Crest – Military and patriotic apparel, patches, caps, etc. He set it up on the back table.

**Reading of the minutes**: Minutes from October 5th E Board were read, Jerry Brandt – Motion to wave reading of the General meeting. 2nd and passed. Minutes from last month’s General Membership Meeting from October have been posted on the Web site. 2nd and passed.

**Commander’s Note:** As of November 2nd,2023, the post stands at 63.17% for membership renewal which is 4th in the district. We have renewed 437 members as of this date with 21 awaiting to be processed which will give us 458. We need 17 more renewals to make the November 11th goal of 65%.

On Saturday October 14th the Jax Beach Lions Club held their annual Barktoberfest Festival here at the post. It was an honor to receive another plaque for our continued support to them for the seeing eye dog effort. I believe that we have sponsored 6 dogs and 3 are still in training, and 1 is a fully licensed seeing eye dog in Texas.

On October 14th, there was a cleanup day at the e post where most of the weeds in the front flower bed were pulled. Thanks to Kathy Jewels, Brad, the commander’s wife, and children who assisted in this endeavor. While doing the clean up it was found that we have termites and had to have some wood replaced around the front door. We also had 3 different companies come out and give us a bid to help get rid of the problem: (House Committee chairmen will give a brief report on cost during his report.)

The second week in December will be the Department Commanders visit to the 5th District. I have been asked by the 5th District Commander to have a dinner for the Department Commander on Saturday December 9th. We will serve a Low Country Boil and Desert for $12. You must sign up and prepay for dinner as we have no idea how many will attend with the Commander and the President of the Auxillary, and there will be no Food Truck that Saturday.

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

Second and passed subject to Audit.

**House Committee Report**: The committee called to order at 1830 hours on 10/30/2023. All members present. Guests, Bar Manager Brandy, Joe Maichle, Jim Wineland. Brandy presented the club report as follows.

Machines:

Pull Tabs Profits: August $1802.00, September $1,152, and October $266

Lotto: $255.42

Bingo: Liberty $2,478.63, Freedom $9,350.93, Fish $13,372.80

A recent inspection of the building revealed termites around and near the front door. Three companies were contacted and responded with estimates to treat and further prevent infestation. The commander and I reviewed the estimates in addition to checking Florida law. After consideration, we would recommend Turner Pest Control. Turner recommend a liquid treatment of the entire exterior of the building. Treatment with liquid on interior spots with an annual renewal cost of $375. The initial cost will be $1,616. This will result in a termite bond being issued for ten years.

Some ceiling tiles have been replaced and wire hoops to support the new camera system installed in the ceiling. The storage area was cleaned out and organized, please try to keep it that way.

2nd and passed.

**1st Vice Membership**: New 5 and 6 Transfer. Second and Passed

**2nd Vice Kitchen Report**: No report

**3rd Vice**: 1st Vice read it.

**4th Vice:**  No report

**Chaplain**: No report

**SAL:** Brian Hantcher has more details. Discussion to another member to House committee for more representation. Update on membership, it may be 50%. Motion to support Vivian and Richard while recovering for $3500.

**Service Officer:** He served 7 veterans. Please don’t advise veterans that they could get money. It is up to the VA. If anyone needs help, please call him.

**ALR:**  Received report. Read by Adjutant

**Baseball:**  No report

**Boys State:**  Motion for $5625 for 9 boys at $625 per boy. 2nd and passed

**Honor Guard**: Octorber 1st a service for Coast Guard Auxillary, 2 funerals, and events October 7th, three Color Guard services on 8th, and two services on the 11th.

**Old Business**: No

**New Business:** Chuck Nist – Motion for $1616 for termite removal. 2nd and passed

The 11th Matt Altman Band will be playing at the post. Flag presentation at 1800. 0900 is the ceremony at 316’s park.

Two weeks ago Post 233 asked for a $5,000 donations and it was passed by the E Board. All Items are in place to open. This was disappointing to our Commander. He feels that there should be an accounting for this money. Sonny said he would get that information.

Brad – Motion for $1,500 for material to beautify the front of the post. Brad will take the lead.

2nd and passed.

Jim Wineland – Informed us that the back bar has a 35% profit and 48% for front

Motion to pay, what was paid, for fall conference. 2nd and passed

Joe ? – SAL made a donation for Jimmy & Vivian Richmond for $3500. They have not asked for this money. They both are not doing well and what little extra money coming has stopped. The Auxillary has been providing meals. They had $1,100 per month and has not worked for 3 months. Motion for $3500 to match SAL’s donation. 2nd and passed.

Jerry Brandt asked about a vetting committee to review any entity asking for money. Mike Smith, Brad ?, Kinneth Daniels, Danny Rodiguez, and Fish are the new committee.

**Correspondence**: No

**Good of the Legion**:

**Meeting adjourned** 2020 hours

David Tarnowski Adjutant Joe Maichles