American Legion Post 129 General Meeting February 2,2023

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

Chaplain Danny Rodriguez

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

Draping of the Charter for Joe Gills and Bill Wells

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

**Reading of the minutes**: Minutes read from the E-board meeting from February 2, 2023. Second and passed. The General Membership meeting minutes from are posted on the website. 2nd and passed

**Commander’s Note** At this time as far as membership renewal is slowed. Department goal is 85% by February and right now we are at 84.93% with 586 cards turned in. We need 32 more renewals to make 90%. According to our records we are at 78% with 541 cards with the last group I sent in.

I have made arrangements with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for them to use the meeting room during the week of March 13th thru March 18th for training purposes. There will members from the FDOTand outside instructors giving 10 veterans ready for employment by FDOT and other contractors. The time will be 8 a.m. to about 5 p.m. I have made arrangements with Richard to feed them lunch and FDOT will pay the bill. I feel this is a good endeavor to help fellow veterans.

We will have another Buddy Check February 17th at 10 a.m. Only 3 members showed up last month and over 100 calls were made. If 10 members were here, we could make 3 times the calls. We have issued 593 cards out of the 690. We need to make 100% our roster shows we have almost 800 members so there are a lot to get renewed.

The Sunday morning crew tell me that they are getting to the point that they need the people every morning. There are three regulars that are there every Sunday morning and they are getting swamped. What started out at about 20 – 30 breakfasts have climbed to over 60 served between 9 a.m. till 11 a.m. and they can’t keep up. Anyone that can help is great but two people from the night before need to show.

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

Second and passed subject to Audit

**House Committee Report**: It was called to order on January 6th at 1860 hours. Present was the 2nd Vice Commander, District Adjutant. Guests: Wanda and Jerry Brandt, and the bar manager.

Pull Tab - $2,975, Lotto - $526.34, Bingo Liberty - $1,767.70, Bingo Freedom - $12,785.95, and Fish Game – $24,184.80

Dish washer was approved by the 2nd Vice

Overall profitability at 61%, food and drink prices may increase due to rising costs. District Adjutant clarified rules concerning positions on house committee and their responsibilities.

Complete report is on file. 2nd and passed

**1st Vice Membership**: The post is presently at 84.9%. New 5 and Transfer 4. Second and Passed

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

**3rd Vice**: No Report

**4th Vice:**  Dinner menu for Friday

**Chaplain**: No Report

**SAL:** No Report

**Service Officer:** Talked to 14 veterans and dependence. He cannot fill out paperwork but he can make sure all paperwork is gathered so they can go downtown and have paperwork completed. About half of the people came from Post 316.

**ALR:**  No report

**Baseball:** No report

**Boys State:**  Interviewed 3 last night and 3 last week with two standby.

**Honor Guard**: 4 services last month and 0 on the docket.

**Old Business**: No old business

**New Business:** : Jim Wineland. Motion to raise drink prices by $0.50. 12 Yes, 3 No, 2nd and Passed

Jim Wineland andorsed Joe Maickles for 1st Vice Commander for Fifth District. 2nd and passed

Matt Motion to purchase two high tops and chairs. 2nd and Passed

Election will be May 4 at the meeting.

**Correspondence:** Talbit Post 70 Easton MD thank you from the SAL for hospitality.

19th Street Charity, Thank you for support

**Good of the Legion:**

Congratulations to new members and transfers

**Meeting adjourned** 1940 hours

David Tarnowski Adjutant Joe Maichles