American Legion Post 129 General Meeting January 5, 2023

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

Chaplain Joey Tambaxco

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

**Reading of the minutes**: Minutes read from the E-board meeting from January 5, 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 80% by January 15th and right now we are at 78.5% with the last group I sent in. We need 18 more renewals to make 80%.

We have a request from the Florida Department of Transportation to hold a class for veterans here at the post to get them ready for a job with outside contractors and the FDOT. The class will have between 10 and 15 students and I suggested they used the meeting room as to not interfere with daily operations. The class will be from 8 a.m. through 4 p.m. for one week.

We held our Buddy Check on Saturday December 17th. 5 Officers showed up and last count over 100 calls were made. I want to thank those who showed and helped make the calls.

The Sunday morning crew wants to thank everyone that has stepped up and assisted them on Sunday morning

Also the District meeting that was held here in December was a huge success as always. The Department Auxiliary was very impressed with the showing and the friendliness of everyone she met.

The Department Commander will be making her visit here to the Post on the 13th of this month and will be here from 10 a.m. till 11a.m. Please make every attempt to be here and greet her as we do everyone.

**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 78.5%. New 9 and Transfer 7. Second and Passed

**2nd Vice Kitchen Report**: Other than the new dish washer I invite the members to help in the kitchen.

 2nd and passed

**3rd Vice**: No Report No report

**4th Vice:**  No Report

**Chaplain**: He will be stepping up more

**SAL:** Membership is at 73.3%. This is their fundraising month and they are doing lottery tickets. Dinner is on the 20th. $500 donation to Sandalwood JROTC.

**Service Officer:** 4 calls, got called to sign in SAL member. The calls were directed count CSOs to fill out the VA form because we don’t want the blame for any mistakes. Post 283 did not help Sandalwood HS. They were promised half the profits and did not see a dime. When Sandalwood called the post the commander was drunk. Sandalwood JROTC wants us Post 129. The cadets will be working with us now. January 13th 0745 we are invited to Full formation and unit mission briefing. A retired General will be there. They will not be asking for money but donations are welcome.

Candice presented the post with the 2nd place award for Deck the Chairs

Ron Whittington thanked the post for renewing his contract.The focus is Challenge 22, Looking at donors early.

**ALR:**  Report submitted

**Baseball:** No report

**Boys State:**  Interviews end of January

**Honor Guard**: Looking for new members

**Old Business**: No Report

**New Business:** : Motion by Terry Stickles for $8500 for the new dish washer. 2nd and passed

Motions by Jim Wineland: $300 to frame the flag we received. 2nd and passed

$2500 for children and youth foundation. 2nd and passed

$2500 for Folds of Honor Golf Marathon. 2nd and passed

$5000 for Project Vet Relief. Total to be presented at the end of the Unity Ride. 2nd and passed

$5000 for challenge 22. 2nd and passed

Motion to allow FDOT to use our meeting room. 2nd and passed

**Correspondence:**

**Good of the Legion:** Dart League is looking for members. A motorcycle is being raffled off for the Unity Ride.

Congratulations to new members and transfers

**Meeting adjourned** 2000 hours

David Tarnowski Adjutant Joe Maichles