American Legion Post 129 General Meeting Aug 3, 2023

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

**Draping of the Charter**: Not this month

**Chaplain** Brian Hancher

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**: No

**Reading of the minutes**: There was not a E-board meeting because there was not a quorum.The General Meeting minutes from July 7th are posted now on the website with any questions or changes. Just a follow up to a question by Jerry Brandt that the minutes were not posted on the website. The Adjutant had the wrong email address to send them to Brandi. That problem has been rectified. 2nd and passed

**Commander’s Note:** As of July 28th, 2023, the post stands at 39.17% for membership renewal which is 4th in the district. All officers should have their 2024 cards if not see me after the meeting. Don’t forget that early bird is on it and will last until September 30, 2023. Our new goal is 725 members.

Since the break-in we have taken several steps to try and prevent this from happening again. There have been extra locks put on the doors and we are upgrading the video system throughout the post. Make the alarm audible.

We have received many letters of thanks from the boys we sponsored for Boys State. The boys State Chairman will read during his report. (RCVR 6 letters) not read.

**Finance Report**: Was read by Joe Maichles and is posted in the hallway.

Second and passed subject to Audit. 2nd and passed subject to audit

**House Committee Report**: Has been submitted. The meeting was called 1830 HRS on 5/30/23. Guests: Bar Manager Brandy and Commander Maichles.

Club report presented by Brandy.

The following numbers are profits only

Pull Tabs-in $692.00

Lotto $511.33 Bingo-Liberty $2,642.60, Freedom $10,160.50 Fish $30,549.60

Inventory will be conducted next week due to how this meeting fell

The profitability of liquor sales overall is 71% total.

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The committee received a written request to change the rules governing the Queen of Diamonds. The request was reviewed and discussed by the Committee and was unanimously rejected. Attached request to report.

A member made a request to investigate a complaint of property damage to our neighbor (Doctors Office). No complaints were received, and the bar manager had no knowledge of it. Damage was allegedly done during fireworks on the 4th of July

No disciplinary actions. 2nd and passed

**Discussion**: Feed Back on the new cleaning company. Sending only one person instead of two, mopping around the furniture, dirty floors.

Tom received a written request from JD to resume cleaning the post. If he starts, we will have to get a floor cleaning machine that runs @ $30,000 but he bears full responsibility for that machine. For sake of argument have it run every 3 days and mop every day. Brian Hancher, should we re-instate the $30,000? It was removed from purchase. The commander will let the house committee handle it

Command Maichles informed General Meeting that Post 233 was broken into like we were. Post 233 is delayed due to not fixing things that were done 6 months earlier. Appears that they are coming together.

**1st Vice Membership**: New 10 and Transfer 7. Second and Passed

**2nd Vice Kitchen Report**: Excused

**3rd Vice**: Working

**4th Vice:**  No report

**Chaplain**: No report

**SAL:** Dinner next Friday 8/11. Eddie is being trained by Scott as backup on membership. Oyster Cookout event on September 23 starting at 5pm till 8 pm. $25 a.y.c.e(All You Can Eat). $2000 cap

A permit will be issued due to drink pass the posts doors. Tent help from VLSC

Motion from $500 for silver level for Lions Barktoberfest.

**Service Officer:** Danny Helped 6 veteran. Ads for the papers will be out soon.

**ALR:**  Received a report

**Baseball:**  No report

**Boys State:**  No Report

**Honor Guard**: We had a funeral on July 12th. We are still looking for volunteers.

Two funerals on Aug 8th and 31st.

16 September Wreaths Across America.

Discussion: The group that calls themselves the “Rucks” would like us to provide dinner and drinks for them. They have had internal problems and the commander feels like not getting involved. They start at Griffity Burger and come through the post on their walk.

The post elected to not provide dinner but water and snacks when they come on Saturday.

**Old Business**: No

**New Business:**

SAL - October 21st Barktoberfest (Lions Club) at the post 6:30 pm to 10:00 pm. $3000 is level Platinum. We get to name the dog, 6 tickets to the event. **2nd and passed**

Jerry Brandt – Need to check the By-Laws because an officer from another post did not belong to THAT post. We need to make sure that an officer of a post belongs to that post is written in the By-Laws. Can we form a committee to review the By-Laws. (Jeff Durdan) Waiting for the National Convention is over. Bar Rules need updating, too.

Jeff Durdan – Motion to Upgrade and replenish the first aid kits. Tom will look into it first thing.

Brian Hancher – He had been on the board Jax Beach Life Saving Corp, at Officers Installation a couple of board members presented us with a Plaque and a Buoy. (If your post went away, would your community notice?) With out the help of this post. They would not have continued to exist.

**Correspondence**: Covered during Commanders Call

**Good of the Legion**: Commander – A member of a post was going to be expelled, they joined Post 400 wanting to join the Riders. This is why our By-Laws are addressed. Find out why he is transferring

Motion to adjourn 2nd and passed.

**Meeting adjourned** 1949 hours

David Tarnowski Adjutant Joe Maichles