American Legion Post 129 General Meeting Sep 9, 2023

Commander Joe Maichle 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**:

Wells Fargo Greg - Discussed Placement of money and future goals.

Ron Whington PR Completed work on Challenge 22. Will be putting out sponsorship information so the websites can be updated. Looking for more sponsorship.

John Poe Losing 3 people at the end of the year. Need Volunteers

**Reading of the minutes**: Minutes from Sep 9th E Board were read, 2nd and passed. Minutes from last month General Membership Meeting from August 3rd have been posted on the Web site. 2nd and passed.

**Commander’s Note:** As of August 31st, 2023, the post stands at 50.06% for membership renewal which is 4th in the district. We have renewed 363 members as of that date. Our next goal is 55% by October 12th, that means we need to renew 37 or more members by that date. All Officers should have their 2024 cards. If not, see me after the meeting. Don’t forget that Early Bird ends on September 30th. Our goal is 725 members for 100%.

Since the break in, there has been 6 other American Legions and VFW broke into and all the pull tab machines are targeted. Jax Beach Police have contacted Brandi and all the Police agencies are getting together and comparing information and videos.

The is the Volunteer Luncheon scheduled for September 17th at 12 oclock in Liberty Hall. Please come out and support the volunteer’s who give their time to help make the post successful.

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

Second 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. Machines:

Pull Tabs August Profits: $841.00

Lotto: $481.68

Bingo: Liberty $1,748.28, Freedom $10,320.05 Fish $9537.00

The new camera system has been installed and is up and operating.

Inventory was completed on 8/27/23, looks good.

Have received an estimate for upgraded fire system from ADT. Which is $20,636.00 for installation along with a monthly service charge of $155.56.

Going to ask the Fire Marshall for a list of recommended companies and installers.

No Disciplinary matters. Spot inspections of the Posts cleanliness have failed. A new cleaning service is being considered.

Discussion: Tom – He was informed by the Fire Marshal that the system was old and it was Grandfathered in. Told that a new system could run $40,000 to replace. The quote I gave you tonight is just an inquiry only. At EBoard we discussed this with Chuck Nist. The upgrade in fire suppression when we remodeled. Chuck has experience in this field and was voted in to head it. A committee was formed.

**1st Vice Membership**: New 2 and Transfer 4. Second and Passed

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

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

**4th Vice:**  No report

**Chaplain**: No report

**SAL:** Oyster Roast on September 23. Checking on getting an extra bartender and permits for drinking outside the post. Will get a letter from the landowner for permission. Pls put Brandi in the loop.

**Service Officer:** Danny Helped 8-9 veteran. A church sent a non-veteran over. He contacted JROTC to see if they have a new commander and if not, I’m trying to get things scheduled. 1st A flag folding ceremony on Veterans Day, 2nd September 10th a Slide presentation for the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. St. Walter is interested in have Boys State through us. Mike Flanager will have to get intouch with them. Oritorical, the 15th of this month is the MIA/POW table ceremony.

**ALR:**  Received report. The Rider want to start a new game with 5 dice and a Pool Ball Rack. They want to do it on Friday and Saturday that they cook. A dollar will get you one roll. Depending on how high ranking it is you have a chance to win 70% of the pot. Still working out the rules. Ruling: ALR has the post blessing. No objection

**Baseball:**  No report

**Boys State:**  No Report

**Honor Guard**: Losing 3 members at the end of the year. Really need new replacements.

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**Old Business**: No

**New Business:** Jim Wineland made a motion for $2000 for the POW/MIA Musium. 2nd and passed

Jerry Brandt put out that July 1st 2025 dues will be going up $25 per National in $5 sequence. The 3 year membership cards are coming and that will save some money. Renewal dates changing. We may have to go to a card reader system. Your card would be locked out till you pay your dues.

140 members of 5th district were at National.

POW/MIA Ride.

**Correspondence**: No

**Good of the Legion**: Jim Wineland motioned for Jerry Brandt for NCEA Alternet 24-25 2nd and passed

**Meeting adjourned** 2003 hours

David Tarnowski Adjutant Joe Maichles