

American Legion Post 129 1151 4<sup>th</sup> South Street Jacksonville, Florida 32250 904-249-2260

## Minutes General Membership Meeting April 1, 2021

- Commander Maichle opened the meeting @ 1902.
- Opening prayer by Chaplain Brian Hancher.
- POW/MIA Remembrance
- Pledge of Allegiance
- American Legion Preamble
- Adjutant Kirkwood conducted Roll Call/confirmed a quorum.
- Commander Maichle recognized Past Post Commanders, District and Department Officers.
- Commander Maichle announced that the minutes of the General Assembly Meetings are posted on the website. MM2 approved.
- Adjutant Kirkwood read minutes from Executive Board (4-1-2021); minutes approved.
- Finance Officer Wineland presented financial report; MM2 subject to audit. Finance Report posted on the Post's bulletin board.
- Finance Officer Wineland presented future financial investment(s) options; survey offered to attending members and more to follow.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

New members approved: Jeff Warin (USAF), Dennis McFadden (USN), Gary

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Dagey (USN), David Hileman (USA), Chad Grieger (USN), Joe Carraway (USN), Rachel Stroman (USN), Henry Matthews (USMC), Michael Hajjar (USN), Joseph Goad (USA), Kimberly Wichlan (USN). Transfers: John Wolf Post 400, George Thompson Post 141 VA, Robert Deery Post 316 FL, Harry McNally Post 400, and Edward Allen Post 316 FL. MM2.

- **Northern Area Commander Marie Conti** presented Commander Maichle a Letter of Appreciation for hosting the recent Ball Commander Conti praised the Post and Staff for a job well done!
- Commander addressed the upgrade of the Post's PA system more information to follow.
- Discussion about "tweaking" the Queen of Diamond rules to include selling tickets on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday along with Saturday night.
   Additionally, look at carrying-over 10% of the previous pot to start the next event. Tabled for further discussion.
- Parking lot re-surfaced project. Motion made to get bids not to exceed \$30K.
   Bids must include proper striping. If bid(s) comes under \$30K; authorization to move forward approved. MM2.
- Discussion about having the sewer line and grease trap cleaned issue deferred to the House Committee for action. MM2.
- COVID testing for employees approved for \$1,200 per month for the next 90 days. MM2.
- Updated Constitution and By-Laws were posted on the website for 30 days for review/comments by membership. Motion made to approve and to submit at General Membership meeting. MM2.
- Finance Officer looking at other banking options more information to follow.
- Discussion to continue and allow local church group using Liberty Hall at nocharge – they donate \$100 each Sunday. MM2.
- Canteen Manager's Door needs to be replaced not to exceed \$750. MM2.
- Commander appointed Adjutant to head-up the Election Committee. Need two volunteers.

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- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Taylor not present.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Stickles No report.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander Dave Tarnowski no report.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Vice Commander Rick Miller no report.
- SSA Durden no report.
- Service Officer Rodriguez Not present.
- Judge Advocate Durden no report.
- Chaplain Hancher no report.
- Legion Riders report posted.
- Legion Baseball no report.
- Boys State no report.
- Historian Tarnowski no report.

Post Officer nominations for 2021-2022: Final round of nominations from the floor:

- Commander Joe Maichle (accepted nomination).
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Dave Tarnowski (accepted nomination).
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Terry Stickles (accepted nomination).
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander vacant.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Vice Commander Rick Miller (accepted nomination).
- Finance Officer Jim Wineland (accepted nomination).
- Sgt-at-Arms Ricky West (accepted nomination).
- Chaplain Brian Hancher (accepted nomination).
- Executive Board: Lee Fair (accepted), Chuck Nist (accepted), Paul Vaccaro (not present to accept), Ray Shires (accepted), Fred St. Clair (accepted), Ed Dellapenna (accepted). Elections at the Post will be conducted on May 16<sup>th</sup>, from 1230-1700.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

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Correspondence (continued):

Minutes (March 2021), House Committee Minutes (March 2021).

- Correspondence received from American Legion Post 293 (Interlachen, Florida) requesting financial support with a donation of \$100 to help pay for a new roof. MM2 to donate \$500.
- Correspondence from The Memorial Day Foundation (Floral Wreaths for American Overseas cemeteries) requesting donation tabled.
- Correspondence from K-9 Line thanking Post 129 for their \$2,000 donation.
- Closing prayer by Chaplain Hancher.
- With no new business to come before the membership for the good of the Legion, Commander Maichle wished everyone a Happy Easter and closed the meeting in due order @ 1954.

Submitted: Approved:

Sonny Kirkwood Joe Maichle
Adjutant Commander

Note: MM2 (Motion made and seconded)