



American Legion Post 129
1151 4th South Street
Jacksonville, Florida 32250
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Minutes General Membership Meeting **June 3, 2021**

- Commander Maichle opened the meeting @ 1900.
- Opening prayer by Chaplain 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 (6-3-2021); minutes approved.
- SSA Durden escorted Eastern Area Commander Eric Hamrick to the podium. Comrade Hamrick is running for the high office of Department 3rd Vice Commander; announced his platform of "making it simple." SAA Durden made a motion that Post 129 endorse Comrade Hamrick at this year's Convention; MM2.
- Finance Officer Wineland presented financial report; MM2 subject to audit.
 - Sub-total Legion: \$754,316.00
 - Queens of Diamonds Account: \$82,191.00
 - Legion P&L: \$29,856,00

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- (Finance Officer Report continued):
 - Canteen: \$102,335.00
 - Club Account: \$89,895.00
 - Lottery Account: \$12,440.00
 - Net income May 2021: \$17,467.00
 - Riders: \$16,114.00
 - Total Assets: \$1,026,561.54
- Finance Officer Wineland proposed the Post initiate an Investment Committee (members: Commander, Finance Officer, Adjutant, Chaplain, and EB Chuck Nist) to research a proposed Investment Policy Statement; outline Post's goals for future investments; expectations, objectives, and guidelines. MM2. Finance Officers also meeting with current Post bookkeeper to implement a more robust financial streamlining procedure(s).
- Comrade John Poe (Beaches Honor Guard) announced they need volunteers.

Commander Maichle "thanked" everyone who served as an officer this past year and announced new officers: 1st Vice Commander Dave Tarnowski, SAA Ricky Head and Past Post Commander Ray Shires.

NEW BUSINESS:

- No new members and/or transfers read-in this meeting.
- House Committee minutes read by Jim Wineland. House Committee recommended the following expenditures:
 - Parking lot resurface costs have increased to \$33,443 versus \$30,000 because the city came out and staked out the lot which added an additional 84 square yards of new surface. E-Board voted total project not to exceed \$35,000 – MM2.
 - New House Committee Chairman is Adjutant Sonny Kirkwood. Commander Maichle made the nomination, seconded, and confirmed.
- Commander Maichle thanked everyone (13 members) who came out and

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NEW BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

helped with placing over 800 flags at the Warren Smith Cemetery for Memorial Day. Also, thanked everyone who came out on Tuesday to retrieve the flags.

- Department Convention in Orlando July 1-4, 2021.
- Installation of new post officers (2021-2022) will be conducted on Saturday, July 24th @ 4:00 in Liberty Hall. 2022 dues must be paid before installation!
- Early Bird eligibility if dues are paid July 15 thru September 30th; \$10 off annual dues if paid during this timeframe.
- Memorial Day meals provided to the Police Department well received.
- Volunteer luncheon will be held Sunday, August 29th @ 2:00 PM.
- Issuing of 2022 cards will begin July 15th.
- Chaplain Hancher proposed Post financially assisting Post 244 (Emerson Road) with the purchase/repairing of their A/C unit. Post 244 is conducting a fundraiser and Post 129 would match their funds raised not to exceed \$5,000. MM2 under the pretense that coordination between the Post Commanders to validate/verify funds raised.
- Proposal to assist Post 33 with \$2,500 for operating expenses. MM2.
- Comrade Poe requested wall space within the Post for Honor Guard memorabilia, announcements, etc. – MM2. Back wall in the Legion Meeting Hall (back east side) approved.
- Comrade St. Clair made a motion to donate \$1,000 to the Atlantic Beach Alzheimer's/Dementia Organization. MM2.
- Much discussion regarding the monies allocated/donated to assist other Posts with operating and maintenance expenses. Finance Officer proposed we implemented a "budget" to make donations in the future and, at the same time, ensure the Post's financial sovereignty for the future.

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Committee Reports

- 1st Vice Commander Taylor – not present.
- 2nd Vice Commander Stickles – Stove burner enhancement. Legion meal (lasagna). Millie will coordinate breakfasts.
- 3rd Vice Commander Dave Tarnowski – no report.
- 4th Vice Commander Rick Miller – no report.
- SSA Durden – no report.
- Service Officer Rodriguez – Five (5) contacts/death benefit packages
- Judge Advocate Durden – no report.
- Chaplain Hancher – excused.
- Legion Riders – currently have 81 members.
- Legion Baseball – no report.
- Boys State – No report. MM2.
- Historian Tarnowski – no report.

CORRESPONDENCE

Adjutant received the following reports: Finance, Riders (April & May).

- Thank you card from Post 293 Auxiliary for our donation for their roof.
- Next general Membership meeting will be July 8th.
- Closing prayer by Chaplain Bob Schmidt.
- With no new business to come before the membership for the good of the Legion, Commander Maichle closed the meeting in due order @ 2012.

Submitted:

Sonny Kirkwood
Adjutant

Approved:

Joe Maichle
Commander

Note: MM2 (Motion made and seconded)

