American Legion Post 129 General Meeting March 2, 2023

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

Chaplain Joe 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

**Guest**: Ron Whittington

Reported on Challenge 22 progress with sponsors. Updated us on the Media and Publicity. He also informed us on future events he is working on. The full report has been filed.

Guest: Manny Here Tomorrow

Covered his history. The counselor hired and we help pay for. What serves are available. Thanking us for our support.

**Reading of the minutes**: Minutes read from the E-board meeting from March 2, 2023. Second and passed. The General Membership meeting minutes are posted on the website. 2nd and passed

**Commander’s Note** At this time as far as membership renewal is slowed, we have made the March Goal of 90%. To make the next goal for April of 95% we need to have 35 more renewals by April. To do so we need everyone to get involved and get the other 197 members we have in the books to renew. If they cannot make it to the Post. we will go to them.

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will be using the meeting room next week during the week of March 13th thru March 18th for training purposes. The time will be 8 a.m. to about 5 p.m. I have made arrangements with Richard to feed them lunch and FDOT will pay the bill. I feel this is a good endeavor to help fellow veterans.

We will have another Buddy Check March 11th at 10 a.m. Only 3 members showed up last month and over 100 calls were made. If 10 members were here, we could make 3 times the calls. We have issued 619 cards out of the 690. We need to make 100% our roster shows we have almost 800 members so there are a lot to get renewed.

As you know Jim Wineland and myself (Joe Maichles) were appointed to the National Security Council last year. The last couple of days Jim and I were in Washington DC. At the National Commanders Call, we were part of a group put in contact with as many Representatives and Senators from Florida. The National Security Counsel members could talk to them about bills coming up in Congress dealing with veterans benefits and VA issues. Both Jim and I walked the halls in the buildings where each have their offices. We both agree it was quite an experience. Jerry Brandt received an award for legislation. For working with the Federal and State government to push legislation through concerning veterans.

**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 on 2/28/23. Present: Bar Manager

Profitability was 62%, Inventory completed.

Lotto: $237.75 Bingo Liberty: $2,135.65 Bingo Freedom: $7,498.20 Fish: $17,434.20

The dishwasher is installed and working well. Special thanks to the commander, his brother Ron, and Terry Reagon.

Recommendation: A sign indicating “NO ALCOHAL BEYOND THIS POINT” be placed on the south doors of Liberty Hall. The purpose of these signs is to prevent members and guests leaving the boundaries of our Liquor License does not cover that area.

The search for a new Assistant Bar Manager continues.

Discussion: Why with the raise the prices of alcohol, people are finding that some bartenders are not getting charged the same across the board. Can a cheat sheet be created showing the new prices being charged. This is being referred to the House committee. 2nd and Passed

**1st Vice Membership**: The post is presently at 90%. New 7 and Transfer 4. Second and Passed

**2nd Vice Kitchen Report**: fish dinner will be served for Good Friday

**3rd Vice**: No Report

**4th Vice:**  No report

**Chaplain**: Mentioned the Vietnam Veterans and how we should be thinking of them.

**SAL:** Will be sponsoring a hole for the golf tournament. SAL is cooking for St. Patricks Day (Bangers and Mash. Received Letters from Gary Genease and Gov Desantas for Hurricane Relief.

**Service Officer:**  No report

**ALR:**  Report submitted

**Baseball:** No report

**Boys State:**  There are 7 candidates and 3 alternates. May 13 is orientation at the post. Mike Flanagan made a motion to sponsor a hole for The Post Auxillary Golf Tournament that will benefit Boys and Girls State. $1800 2nd and Passed

**Honor Guard**:

**Old Business**: Jim Wineland – Update on Post 372 and the money loaned. Found a parcel of land for $250,000. We will be the land owner. Report submitted

**New Business:** Lions Club will be hosting the Annual Bowlaroma. April 25th 1 – 4 p.m At Jax Lanes. Motion – Jeff Durdan – Sponsor 4 lanes at $150 $600. 2nd and passed.

Nominations:

Commander Maichles by Jeff Durdan

1st Vice Ray Shire by Jeff Durdan

2nd Vice Terry Stickles by Joe Maichles

3rd Vice Mike Flanagan by Joe Maichles

4th Vice Rick Miller by Joe Maichles

Finance Officer Jim Wineland by Joe Maichles

Sgt at Arms Matt Altman by Jeff Durdan

Chaplain Joe Tambaxco by Joe Maichles

Judge Advacate Jeff Durdan by Matt Altman

Historian James Clifford

Service Officer Danny Rodriguiz

House Committee Tom Gilsanas

E-Board Lee Fair by Joe Maichles

E-Board Chuck Nist by Joe Maichles

E-Board Kinneth Danials by Joe Maichles

E-Board Joe Clark by Jim Wineland

E-Board Jeff Durdan by Jim Wineland

All 2nd and passed

**Correspondence:** Guiding Eyes for the Blind – Thank you

American Legion Child Welfare Foundation Inc – Thank you for your donation

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**Good of the Legion:** Jerry Brandt**,** Bill Wells past, Did we drape the Charter. Disaster funds to Kentucky, The Commander thanked us and wants to pay us back. John Poe - Greg Dunning past? Member?

Congratulations to new members and transfers

**Meeting adjourned** 2018 hours

David Tarnowski Adjutant Joe Maichles