American Legion Post 129 General Meeting October 6 2022

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

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

Post Honor Guard Bugler John Poe needs prayers for he underwent double bypass surgery and is resting at home.

**Reading of the minutes**: Minutes read from the E-board meeting from October 6th. Second and passed. The General Membership meeting minutes from are posted on the website. 2nd and Passed

**Guest 1:**  Jo Ann Parrett: A little history first, requesting a donation for 19th Street Charity, more than $100,000 have been donated in the past. Thanksgiving at Post 129 November 18 pay by donation.

**Guest 2:** Post 372 is looking for their own home. At Mandarin Garden Club comedian Zenneth Nevers will be giving a performance to benefit them on December 3, 2022. $20/person and $35/couple.

Guest 3: Ron Whittington gave a rundown for September/October events.

**Commander’s Note**

Membership is 54% with the Department goal is 55%. 5 more renewals to make goal.

September 19th the Legion and the sons each presented $500 along with the Jax Beach Volunteer Lifeguard to Fletcher HS Female Athletic Department.

October 4th Joe Maichles and Jim Wineland toured Here Tomorrow and presented the first of three checks for the new Veteran Counselor.

Fall Conference November 18th to the 20th, anyone interested let the Commander know.

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

Second and passed subject to Audit

**House Committee Report**: Report was read, seconded, and passed

Freedom Hall coolers are failing, and parts are hard to find.

Men’s room urinals are not draining properly. Will be fixed by post members.

Card checking will be encouraged by bar staff. Tom Gilsanas motion for $6500 for the new cooler for freedom Hall

2nd and passed.

**1st Vice Membership**: excused

**2nd Vice Kitchen Report**: Terry Stickles, No one signed up for tomorrow’s dinner, there is enough for 54 servings, first come first serve. Veterans Day November 11th dinner for about 100 persons. Veterans are free and spouses pay. Salisbury Steak Motion for $800 for the meal. 2nd and passed

**3rd Vice**: 2 New Members and 4 Transfers. Seconded and passed

**4th Vice:**  Halloween party will be Sunday October 30th. Motion for $300 for hotdog and hamburgers for the Halloween Party. 2nd and passed

**Chaplain**: John Poe, Richard is doing well. George Tomson and Andy Brend terminal cancer

**SAL:** Report submitted. $1000 to Florida Disaster Fund, $500 to 19th Street Charity, $500 Heroes run

**Service Officer:** Helped 3 veterans, 1 by Phone and 2 at 129. Danny Rodriguez is looking at getting accreditation to look claims to check the status of it. Marine Corp Birthday is November 10th.

November 19th Cemetery cleanup at 0800

**ALR:**  September 13,063 miles, 1300 hours, and 76 members

**Baseball:** No report

**Boys State:**  Post 129 golf tournament was not held. Motion for up to $3500 Bus, spending money. 2nd and passed. Motion to sponsor one hole at the golf tournament. 2nd and passed. April 29th at Jax Beach Country club. December 3rd interviews for Boys State.

**Historian**: No Report

**Honor Guard**: Need more Members

**Old Business**: None

**New Business:** Motion for Post 372 building fund. Set aside a total $10,000 for the next 3 months. 2nd and passed.

Motion for $10,000 for 3 months set aside for Disaster Relief Fund. 13 District has 13 posts in fair condition and 3 in good condition after the Hurricane. 2nd and passed. Children’s Relief Fund will be put into the Disaster fund.

Chuck Nist: motion for $5000 for Wreaths Across America. 2nd and Passed

Chuck Nist: Motion $1500 to 19th Street Charity. 2nd and passed

Motion for $500 to Parkwood Height Elementary. 2nd and passed

**Correspondence:**

**Good of the Legion:** Jerry Bryant, Membership changes. The ability to sign up for multiyear membership. New due dates depend on the last date you signed up. Write a new amendment.

Think of the future. Swipe cards or phone app. All still in discussion.

Congratulations to new members and transfers

**Meeting adjourned** 2015 hours

David Tarnowski Adjutant Joe Maichles