



George F. Johnson, American Legion Post 1700

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Commander Joseph N. Irons called the regular meeting of George F. Johnson, American Legion Post 1700 to order @ 1900hrs, Tuesday, April 3, 2012. Colors being in place, all members rendered a "Hand Salute". Chaplain Barb Beebe gave the "Opening Prayer". All members recited "The Pledge of Allegiance", followed by the members whom recited "The Preamble of the American Legion".

Special Award Presentation: Sgt at Arms Gary King presented Firefighter Lt. Scott Ellsworth of the Five-Mile Point Fire Department to receive the 2011-2012 Fire Fighter of the Year Award from Post 1700. Cmdr Irons read the commendation and presented a plaque in recognition of saving a child from drowning.

Roll Call: Adjutant Bob Wood read roll call; Commander Joseph N. Irons: present, 1st Vice Commander Bob Wood: present, 2nd Vice Commander Ron Reece: present, 3rd Vice Commander Deb Roehm: present, Chaplain Barb Beebe: present, Historian Ray Beebe: present, Treasurer Charlie Verno: present, Sgt-at-Arms Gary King: present and Service Officer Vic Hand: present.

Past Post Commanders present: Ray Nabinger 1982-1984, Jim Davis 1990-1992, Phil Dillenbeck 2004-2006, Barb Beebe 2006-2010, and Rob Jensen 1997-2002. Past County commanders present: Ray Nabinger 1984-1985, Barb Beebe 2004-2005, and Ray Beebe 2008-2010. Past District Commander present: Rob Jensen 2003.

Correction of the Minutes: Charlie Verno pointed out that Bob Wood did not give the Membership/Treasurer's Report because he gave the report and was present. Barb Beebe had correction for Chet Dearing @ Ideal Living Center and Steve Ricciardi @ Woodland Manor Nursing Home. Motioned by Charlie Verno to accept minutes as corrected, 2nd by Ray Beebe, all in favor, motion carried.

Membership/Treasurer's Report: Charlie Verno reported on the Post paid membership for 2012 as of April 2, 2012 was 402. We are 25 members short of 427 for 94.1%. Post has a bank balance of \$1,793.86; Good of the Legion balance is \$174.00.

Motioned by Ray Nabinger to accept treasurer's report, 2nd by Bob Hunt, all in favor, motion carried.

Back to God: Robert Raney Jr. – WWII – Army Air Corps – March 13, 2012

Sick Call: Walt and Joan Miller at Willow Point Nursing Home, Bill Gasbarra at Susquehanna Nursing Home also Chet Dearing at Ideal Living Center, Steve Ricciardi at Woodland Manor, Robert Guilfoyle at Ideal Nursing Home and Ed Korba at home.

Committee Reports:

Americanism: Ray Beebe had nothing to report.

Baseball: Ray Beebe had nothing to report.

Historian: Ray Beebe had nothing to report.

Boys State: David Jensen reported that he finished the interviews and came up with three candidates for Boys State. All paperwork will be completed this week.

Good Will Days: Barb Beebe reported a meeting is scheduled for May 20th in Kingston, Ontario. They are planning a small parade. Charlie Verno asked if we have participating member of the Post. Barb said they will find out who is eligible to march at a later date.

POW/MIA: Barb Beebe had nothing to report.

Oratorical: Barb Beebe had nothing to report.

Honor Guard/Scholarships: Jim Davis reported the Memorial Day Parade on Washington Ave lineup will be at 10:00 AM, kickoff at 11:00 AM. He will have more information at the next meeting. Ray Nabinger asked if the Continentals will be marching with us. Cmdr Irons said they will be here 7:00 AM on Memorial Day. Scholarships should be ready at the end of May.

House/Kitchen: Joe Irons reported said the Board of Directors is working on the contract for the roof replacement. Legion Riders will be grillin on the deck on Friday, May 4th and the 18th.

Junior Shooting: Rob Jensen reported his team came within 150 points of 1st place in the 1st BB Gun State Championship on March 24th at the Binghamton Rifle Club on Conklin Road. Rob appreciated the honor guard to open the event and Post the Colors. His team qualified for the National Championships in Arkansas.

Service Officer: Vic Hand absent nothing to report.

Old Business:

Nomination of Post Officers 2012-2013

	<u>Nominated by</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Accept/Declined</u>
Commander:	<u>Phil Dillenbeck</u>	<u>Bob Wood</u>	<u>Accepted 2/7/12</u>
1st Vice:	<u>Ray Beebe</u>	<u>Ray Nabinger</u>	<u>Accepted 3/6/12</u>
2 nd Vice:	<u>Debbie Roehm</u>	<u>Ron Reece</u>	<u>Accepted 3/6/12</u>
3 rd Vice:	<u>Ray Beebe</u>	<u>Phil Dillenbeck</u>	<u>Accepted 4/3/12</u>
Treasurer:	<u>Barb Beebe</u>	<u>Charlie Verno</u>	<u>Accepted 4/3/12</u>
Chaplain:	<u>Phil Dillenbeck</u>	<u>Barb Beebe</u>	<u>Accepted 2/7/12</u>
Historian:	<u>Barb Beebe</u>	<u>Ray Beebe</u>	<u>Accepted 2/7/12</u>
Sgt at Arms:	<u>Ray Beebe</u>	<u>Gary King</u>	<u>Accepted 2/7/12</u>

Ray Nabinger made a motion for the Adjutant to cast one ballot each for all officer positions, 2nd by Charlie Verno. All in favor, motion carried. Adjutant Bob Wood did cast a ballot each for all officer

positions. Therefore there will not be elections next month. Dave Jensen will be Adjutant; Vic Hand will be Service Officer.

Barb Beebe asked about proceeds of a Friday Night Dinner donation to John Knapp's campaign for SAL State Commander. The Board of Directors said no. Charlie Verno asked how much was given to Gary Denmon. If John's Post gave to his campaign, then maybe we can look into it.

New Business: None

Correspondence: Five -\$5.00 raffle tickets for Tim Van Patten running for NYS Commander, drawing will be at the convention on July 21st. Prizes will be 7 day Caribbean Cruise, 5 day Canadian Cruise or cash equivalent. Bob Hunt motioned to have the Post buy the tickets, if we win, the Post can raffle them off. 2nd by Ray Nabinger, all in favor. Motion carried.

For the Good of the Legion: Debbie Roehm said on August 15 there will be a Post Golf Tournament at Pheasant Hill CC, Owego, NY., \$45.00 per person which will include green fees, cart and steak dinner at the club. Captain and crew format, only one member on the team must be a Post member.

Ray Beebe reported on Hill Days stating that you must contact your government officials concerning veteran services, and starting another Veteran's Cemetery in New York. He also gave examples other needs for veterans. Cmdr Irons suggested to get a listing of Assemblyman, Congressman addresses on the website.

Gary King said there will be a Legion Riders Poker Run on June 16th.

Jim Davis said Clear Channel radio station suggested advertizing with them for the Legion for Memorial and Veteran's Day for about \$400.00

County Meeting will be Monday, April 9, 2012 7:00 PM at First Ward Post 1254

Clean Up day will be May 12th; May 5th will be Garage Sale and Kentucky Derby Day.

Chaplain Barb Beebe gave the "Closing Prayer, Commander Irons gave his "Closing Remarks". Meeting adjourned by Commander Irons, at 2006 hrs.

For God and Country.

Robert F. Wood

Robert F. Wood. Adjutant