



George F. Johnson, American Legion Post 1700

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Acting Commander Robert F. Wood for Commander Joseph N. Irons called the regular meeting of George F. Johnson, American Legion Post 1700 to order @ 1900hrs, Tuesday December 6, 2011. 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".

Roll Call: Acting Commander/Adjutant Bob Wood read roll call; Commander Joseph N. Irons: excused absent, 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 and Sgt-at-Arms Gary King: excused absent. Past Post Commanders present: Ray Nabinger 1982-1984, 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 Commanders present: Rob Jensen, 2003.

Membership/Treasurer's Report: Bob Wood reported for Charlie Verno on the Post paid membership for 2011 as of December 6, 2011 was 346. We are 81 members short of 427 for 81%. Post has a bank balance of \$3,023.93; Good of the Legion balance is \$223.90.

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

Correction of Minutes:

Reading of the Minutes: Motioned by Ray Nabinger to accept minutes as amended, 2nd by Ray Beebe, all in favor, motion carried.

Sick Call: Bill Gasbarra still at Susquehanna Nursing Home because Vestal Nursing Home was flooded out.

Back to God: Tommy Lesko from Post 80 who many from Post 1700 knew him past away Dec. 5th. Andy Wahl from Otsego County (6th District member) past away Dec. 4th.

Committee Reports:

Americanism: Ray Beebe received a call from Ann McGuinness and with his contingent of people (Bill Przybysz, Barbara, Jim Davis, and Nancy Patnode) showed how to fold the flag and what each fold stood for. Also from the Broome County Children's home in Hillcrest with help from Barb Beebe and Lt. Krause. C. Fred Johnson asked Ray, Barb and two Army recruiters to come on Veteran's Day. Teachers read "America's White Table" written by Margot Raven to students as they set up a table of their own.

Baseball: Ray Beebe had nothing to report.

Historian: Ray Beebe had nothing to report.

Law & Order: Ray Beebe had nothing to report.

Boys State: Dave Jensen was absent, nothing to report.

Good Will Days: Barb Beebe had nothing to report.

POW/MIA: Barb Beebe had nothing to report.

Oratorical: Barb Beebe reported that Oratorical contest was cancelled at Post 1254 due to lack of entries.

Honor Guard/Scholarships: Jim Davis was absent, nothing to report.

House: Bob Haynes reported had a pipe leak in the cellar on Thanksgiving, was fixed. Purchased a dehumidifier to handle the moisture in the basement. Flag light out front will be replaced; monument lights are on a photocell now for night use only.

Kitchen: Bob Haynes had nothing to report.

Junior Shooting: Rob Jensen Binghamton Shooting team will be joining our team because the Post sponsoring them is defunct. Pete Matway will be the head coach for the air rifle team. Rob will remain head coach of the BB gun team.

Old Business: None

New Business: Nominations for the Board of Directors, Joe Irons, Ray Beebe and Ron Reece 3 year terms are expiring. Person nominated must accept in the meeting. Joe Irons, Vic Hand had accepted last meeting. Bob Hunt nominated Ray Beebe who accepted, Bob Haynes nominated Charlie Verno who accepted, Debbie Roehm nominated Ron Reece who accepted, and Ray Nabinger nominated Paul Shepard who accepted via letter sent in to accept if nominated, Bob Wood nominated Tom Decker who accepted. It was asked three times if there were any other nominations. No one else spoke; nominations were closed for the final time. Voting will take place on January 3rd, from 2:00 to 7:00 PM. Debbie Roehm said she would handle voting starting at 2:00, Butch Nabinger said he would take over at 5:00, Barb Beebe said she might be able to help out at 6:00.

Rob Jensen wanted to know why the Post did not get the NRA grant for the Junior Shooters. The reason that we didn't get the grant was because it was submitted late by Bob Wood. Rob pointed out that he got with us in the first week in August to help get the grant started which was due September 1st. Bob Wood admitted that he "dropped the ball" and apologized to Rob Jensen for his mistake. Bob Wood did point out that another grant from YSSA for shooting equipment will be coming soon. The NRA suggested resubmitting the application late spring, early summer.

Ray Nabinger said the Army/Navy game will be Saturday, December 10 at 2:30 and there will be pizza and wings for members who want to see the game and root for their team.

Correspondence: Thank you card from Sean King and Desiree Grozier was read (posted on website). Letter from Broome County Meals on Wheels asking for drivers. Letter from Joe Irons for support in running for Broome County Commander. Motioned by Vic Hand to have the support of Post 1700 to nominate Joe Irons as Broome County Commander. 2nd by Bob Hunt, all in favor, motion carried.

For the Good of the Legion:

Early Bird dinner on December 11th, from 2:00 to 7:00 PM.

County Meeting/Christmas Party will be Monday, December 12, 2011 7:00 PM at Post 1645, Robinson St., Binghamton.

Christmas Gift giving at Veterans Hospital at Bath, bus leaves Post 82 at 10:00 AM.

Chaplain Barb Beebe gave the "Closing Prayer, Acting Commander Bob Wood gave his "Closing Remarks". Meeting adjourned by Acting Commander Wood, at 1940 hrs.

For God and Country.

Robert F. Wood

Robert F. Wood. Acting Commander/Adjutant