



George F. Johnson, American Legion Post 1700
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Commander Robert F. Wood called the regular meeting of George F. Johnson, American Legion Post 1700 to order @ 1900hrs, Tuesday, December 3rd, 2013. Colors being in place, all members rendered a "Hand Salute". Chaplain Bob Hunt 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: Commander Bob Wood: Present, 1st Vice Commander & Service Officer: Ray Nabinger: Present, 2nd Vice Commander Ron Reece: Present, 3rd Vice Commander Debbie Roehm: Present, Chaplain Bob Hunt: Present, Historian Ray Beebe: Present, Treasurer Charlie Verno: Absent, Sgt-at-Arms Jerry Robinson: Absent.

Past Post Commanders present: Ray Nabinger 1982-1984, Jimmy Davis 1990-1992, Phil Dillenbeck 2004-2006, Barb Beebe 2006-2010, Joe Irons 2010-2012.

Past County Commanders present: Ray Nabinger 1984-1985, Barb Beebe 2004-2005, Ray Beebe 2008-2010.

Past District Commander present: Rob Jensen 2003, Barb Beebe 2012.

Reading of the Minutes: Motioned by Joe Irons to accept minutes as revised, 2nd by Bob Hunt, all in favor, motion carried.

Membership/Treasurer's Report: Adjutant David Jensen reported for Treasurer Charlie Verno that Post paid membership for 2014 as of 12/3/13 is 317. We are 83 members short of 400 for 79 %. The Post has a bank balance of \$2223.88; Good of the Legion balance is \$553.00.

Motioned by R. Beebe to accept the treasurer's report, 2nd by J. Irons, all in favor, motion carried.

Back to God: Sick Call: Chaplain Hunt reported that Joe Smith is at Wilson Hospital. Al Carpenter is also in the hospital. Al Kline, who recently passed away, were remembered.

Committee Reports:

Americanism: NSTR

Baseball: NSTR

Good Will Days: Ray Nabinger reported that Hands Across the Border is completely canceled. Some individuals are still considering going to Clayton on the weekend before Memorial Day. Member interested in going to Clayton should contact Butch.

POW/MIA: NSTR

Boys State: David Jensen reported that School Master's Dinner was attended by himself, Post Cmdr Wood, County Cmdr Irons and Sons Cmdr VanWezenbeek.

Oratorical: NSTR

Homeland Security: NSTR

House/Kitchen: Bob Haynes reported that the Sunday breakfast and spaghetti dinner had 88 and 50 patrons, respectively.

Color Guard: NSTR

Scholarship: NSTR

Junior Shooting: Rob Jensen reported that the season is in full swing and our shooters are 3rd in the league. Pete Mateway reported on the US Army regional match.

Old Business: Joe Irons brought up the Board charging the Post \$25 if the proceeds of the spaghetti dinner go the Post. Currently the proceeds of the spaghetti dinners go to the house. Several Members expressed that they did not agree with the Board's policy of charging the Post for events. Ray Nabinger said that the Board is here to serve the Post, not the other way around.

Ray Nabinger reported that darts will begin January 10th at 6:30 PM. The charge will be \$5 per team.

Cmdr Wood read the third calling of nominations for the Square Deal Association Board of Directors. The members whose term is expiring are Ray Nabinger, Gary King and Joe Irons.

Joe Irons nominated Rob Jensen, nomination accepted. Ray Nabinger stated he was declining his nomination and motioned that the Adjutant cast one ballot for the three nominees, all in favor, motion carried. The new Board Members will be Rob Jensen, Bob Hunt and Jerry Robinson. No election is necessary.

Ron Reece asked about the dues increase. Cmdr Wood clarified that the dues increase would not go into effect until after December 31st.

New Business: Joe Irons motioned that we name our scholarship the "Bruce A. Beebe Memorial Scholarship," 2nd by Ray Nabinger, all in favor.

Rob Jensen informed the Post that the Central NY Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Association is interested in selling their WWII Jeep. Cmdr Wood responded that Post would be interested but that it is probably out of the Post's price range.

Bob Haynes read a certificate for Charlie Verno's Life Membership.

Jimmy Davis reported that the "No Magic in Drugs" presentation will be given at Maine Memorial Elementary on Thursday, December 5th at 10:30 AM.

For the Good of the Legion:

Joe Irons encouraged members to attend the next January County Meeting on January 13th since it will be at our Post.

Early Bird Dinner, Saturday, December 7th at Post 1700.

Gifts for the Yanks, Sunday, December 8th at Post 82.

Children's Christmas Party, Saturday, December 14th from 1-3PM at Post 1700.

Gifts for the Yanks Bus Ride, Sunday, December 15th at Post 82.

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

For God and Country.

Adjutant David Jensen