



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, February 4th. Colors being in place, all members rendered a "Hand Salute". Acting 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: Commander Bob Wood: Present, Adjutant David Jensen: Excused Absent, 1st Vice Commander & Service Officer: Butch Nabinger: Present, 2nd Vice Commander Ron Reece: Excused Absent, 3rd Vice Commander Debbie Roehm: Present, Chaplain Bob Hunt: Excused Absent, Historian Ray Beebe: Present, Treasurer Charlie Verno: Absent, Sgt-at-Arms Jerry Robinson: Present.

Reading of the Minutes: Motioned by Butch Nabinger to accept minutes, 2nd by Joe Irons, 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 02/04/13 is 356. We are 44 members short of 400 for 89 %. As of 01/31/14 the Post has a bank balance of \$2,651.49; Good of the Legion budgeted \$800.00; Family Picnic revenue \$376.00 increases budget to \$1,176.00; amount used \$909.00 leaving a balance of \$267.00.

Motioned by Ray Beebe to accept the treasurer's report, 2nd by Butch Nabinger, all in favor, motion carried.

Back to God: Sick Call: Barb Beebe for Chaplain Hunt reported the passing of former NYS Department Adjutant Richard Pedro, Cmdr Wood said Gary King had open heart surgery and is home recuperating.

Committee Reports:

Americanism: Ray Beebe reported in 1945 – World War II: The [Yalta Conference](#) between the "Big Three" ([Churchill](#), [Roosevelt](#), and [Stalin](#)) opens at the [Livadia Palace](#) in the [Crimea](#).

Baseball: Coaches and Post Committee Chairmen meeting February 8th 10:00 am at Post 89.

POW/MIA: NSTR

Goodwill: Barb Beebe reported that there's possibly to have it at Alexandria Bay, NY this coming May. Barb will be passing the information to us as soon as she receives it.

Boys State: NSTR

Oratorical: Joe Irons reported County Oratorical Contest is scheduled for November 16th, 12:00 to 4:30 PM at Post 82.

House/Kitchen: Butch Nabinger reported the monthly Spaghetti Dinner still making money, there will no more live music because of it being too loud. Butch said possibly continuing the dinners for the rest of the year. The Legion Riders will be sponsoring a dinner of chicken alfredo and hunter's beef tips this coming Friday. Butch pointed out that the outside billboard doesn't reflect the ALR dinner. Someone will be notified to put the event on the billboard. Dart League on Friday night

Scholarship/Color Guard: Still will be two scholarships but will be reduced to \$250.00 instead of \$500.00. Charles Duvall will be

transferring from Post 82 soon and will be taking over for Jim Davis. A meeting for new and existing color guards will be on March 2nd, 2:00 PM at the Post.

Junior Shooting: For the League Postal Matches our kids ended in second place. Some of the kids earned metals for the US Army Match and will be receiving them at the State Championship Match on February 15-16 at Cicero, NY.

Correspondence: Barb Beebe read a request for assistance from Rebecca Dufford. The Post will be sending her a check for \$100.00 when we get a mailing address. Cmdr Wood read correspondences from Broome County Council of Churches, Frank J. Peters (running for Department Commander), 65 Annual American Legion Bowling Tournament, April 12th – May 18th at Lucky Strike Lanes in Malone, NY., Broome County Humane Society, Poker Run for Blue Star Mothers of America at Palmyra, NY on July 12th.

Old Business:

New Business: Motioned by Joe Irons to pay \$50.00 to 6th District for advertizing booklet, 2nd by Butch Nabinger. All in favor, motion carried. Cmdr Wood was not sure if we had a budgeted item for it. If not we'll pay out of "For the Good of the Legion" account.

Debbie Roehm suggested that we remove the position of 3rd Vice Commander due to lack of member participation. Joe Irons said that the position is a backup to the other vice commanders if not present at meetings. Joe said that the position is written into the Post's by-laws. Rob Jensen said that it doesn't have to be filled; it can be an empty position.

Nominations of Post Officers

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominated by</u>	<u>Person Nominated</u>	<u>Accept/Decline</u>
Commander:	Butch Nabinger	Bob Wood	Differed to next meeting
	Joe Irons	Butch Nabinger	Declined
1st Vice Commander:	Joe Irons	Butch Nabinger	Differed to next meeting
2nd Vice Commander:	Debbie Roehm	Ron Reece	Differed to next meeting
3rd Vice Commander:	Butch Nabinger	Debbie Roehm	Declined
	Butch Nabinger	David Jensen	Differed to next meeting
Chaplain:	Ray Beebe	Barb Beebe	Accepted
Treasurer:	Joe Irons	Ray Beebe	Declined
Historian:	Butch Nabinger	Ray or Barb Beebe	Declined
Sgt At Arms:	Jerry Robinson	Jerry Robinson	Accepted

Rob Jensen suggested the positions of officers be extended to two years since the same members are elected to the same positions. By-Laws committee suggested that it could be put on ballot this coming election of whether or not to extend the time to serve in the Post officer positions.

For the Good of the Legion:

Friday Night Dinner, Friday Feb 7th – ALR Chicken Alfredo/Hunter's Beef Tips

Baseball Coaches meeting, Feb 8th -10:00 PM at Post 89

Pitch Tournament, Sunday Feb 9th – 1:00 PM

County Meeting, Monday, Feb 10th at Post 80.begin at 7PM.

Shuffle Board League starts Feb 19th

Membership Information for Legion/Sons/Auxiliary at Oakdale Mall Feb. 22/23

Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, March 3rd from 8-11AM at Post 1700.

Spaghetti Dinner, Monday March 4th – 5-7 PM

Butch Nabinger suggest having Memorial Day Ceremony only at Post 1700 rather than marching to GFJ Monument on Mills St. Joe Irons asked if we could make a flyer to notify the community and maybe ask for their participation.

Acting Chaplain Barb Beebe gave the "Closing Prayer, Commander Wood gave his "Closing Remarks". Meeting adjourned by Commander Wood, at 2002 hrs.