



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 February 7, 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 Guest Presentation: Commander Irons introduced Lt. Col. Bowman of the local Civil Air Patrol Squadron. The presentation gave a history of the Civil Air Patrol, what is their mission is and try to recruit new members.

Roll Call: Adjutant Bob Wood read roll call; Commander Joseph N. Irons: present, 1st Vice Commander Bob Wood: present, 2nd Vice Commander Ron Reece: excused, 3rd Vice Commander Deb Roehm: excused, Chaplain Barb Beebe: present, Historian Ray Beebe: present, Treasurer Charlie Verno: excused and Sgt-at-Arms Gary King: present, Service Officer Vic Hand: present. 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 Commander present: Rob Jensen 2003.

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

Membership/Treasurer's Report: Bob Wood reported for Charlie Verno on the Post paid membership for 2012 as of February 7, 2012 was 391. We are 36 members short of 427 for 91.5%. Post has a bank balance of \$1,593.25; Good of the Legion balance is \$223.90.

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

Back to God: John R. Fitzgerald, Jan. 16, 2012, WWII-Navy.

Sick Call: Walt and Joan Miller at Willow Point Nursing Home. Mike Rowe returned home from Syracuse VA hospital.

Committee Reports:

Americanism: Ray Beebe gave a synopsis of historical events of concerning veterans on this day in American history. Air Force maybe promoting their first four star general, Army already has a female Brigadier General.

Baseball: Ray Beebe said The Post will have to purchase uniforms (between \$50 - \$75 each) if we have a team. Ray is having difficulty in contacting the Maine Endwell baseball coach. Ray said what teams are in the three divisions. For costs there will be \$960.00 for insurance, also umpire fees. Commander Irons tabled the discussion until next month. Ray will have more information, possibly a team.

Historian: Ray Beebe had nothing to report.

Boys State: David Jensen reported that he went to Mid Winter Conference sat in on the Boys State meeting. All information will be online on the NYS Dept. Legion website. Commander Irons introduced David to all the members, stating that he will be handling Boys State.

Good Will Days: Barb Beebe emailed John Kunkle and read a response from him. The Canadians said there will probably not have a parade but will have a memorial service and a dinner. Barb will still try to find out more information.

POW/MIA: Barb Beebe had nothing to report.

Oratorical: Barb Beebe reported will be giving up the Broome County chairperson position.

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

House/Kitchen: Joe Irons will be chairman of the House, Paul Shepard and Debbie Roehm will co-chair for the Kitchen. Will be taking estimates for replacing the roof on the pavilion.

Junior Shooting: Rob Jensen reported his team took 1st place in the Postal Match, also had the highest average for the entire season. The kids have already shot their National targets and were sent off last week. Barb Beebe asked how many shooters we have. Rob said we have 12 in the air rifle and 4 in the BB gun programs. There will be 10 kids going to the State Championship on February 18th in Cicero Legion Post. We will be sponsoring the 1st BB Gun State Championship on March 24th at the Binghamton Rifle Club on Conklin Road. Since it's an official American Legion event, Rob asked for an honor guard to open the event and Post the Colors.

Service Officer: Vic Hand had nothing to report.

Old Business: Commander Irons asked the members who attended the Mid-Winter meetings to give a synopsis of what meetings they went to and what they learned. Reports were given by Joe Irons, Bob Wood, Ray & Barb Beebe, Ray Nabinger and David Jensen.

New Business: Nomination of Post Officers 2012-2013

| | Nominated by | Nominee | Accept/Declined |
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| Commander: | <u>Phil Dillenbeck</u> | <u>Bob Wood</u> | <u>Accepted</u> |
| 1st Vice: | <u>None</u> | | |
| 2 nd Vice: | <u>Ray Beebe</u> | <u>Phil Dillenbeck</u> | <u>Declined</u> |
| 3 rd Vice: | <u>None</u> | | |
| Treasurer: | <u>None</u> | | |
| Chaplain: | <u>Phil Dillenbeck</u> | <u>Barb Beebe</u> | <u>Accepted</u> |
| Historian: | <u>Barb Beebe</u> | <u>Ray Beebe</u> | <u>Accepted</u> |
| Sgt at Arms: | <u>Ray Beebe</u> | <u>Gary King</u> | <u>Accepted</u> |

Correspondence: Letter from William Chandler, President of VVA Chapter 480, requesting a donation to the Vietnam Veteran "Traveling Wall That Heals" fund. This will be on July 19th to July 22nd next to Owego

Free Academy football field. Barb Beebe motioned to donate \$50.00, 2nd by Ray Nabinger. All in favor, motion carried.

UE Tigers Softball is asking the Post to sponsor a full page ad in their program guide. Bob Wood said that we have done this annually and suggests that we donate one third of the cost, Sons and Auxiliary will put in their one third. Ray Beebe motioned to pay the one third of the \$100.00 donation along with the Sons and Auxiliary, 2nd by Ray Nabinger

County Bowling Tournament sponsored by Post 80 on March 24/25. State Bowling Tournament at LeRoy Legion Lanes, and Mancuso Bowling Center in Batavia, April 14/May 6, 2012. Both will be posted on the bulletin board.

Jerry Robinson will be going to Haiti with his church group to help anyone there.

For the Good of the Legion: County Meeting will be Monday, February 13, 2012 7:00 PM at Post 80.

Ray Nabinger said that on May 5th there will be a garage sale in the area. Suggesting rent out spots in the parking lot. Maybe have grilling on the deck.

Acting Chaplain Barb Beebe gave the "Closing Prayer, Commander Irons gave his "Closing Remarks". Meeting adjourned by Commander Irons, at 2050 hrs.

For God and Country.

Robert F. Wood

Robert F. Wood. Adjutant