



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 January 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".

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: excused absent 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, Jim Davis 1990-1992. Past County commanders present: Ray Nabinger 1984-1985, Barb Beebe 2004-2005, and Ray Beebe 2008-2010. Special recognition to Bob Hunt who is celebrating his 90th birthday today.

Reading of the Minutes: Motioned by Ray Beebe 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 January 3, 2012 was 364. We are 63 members short of 427 for 85.2%. Post has a bank balance of \$2,043.71, Good of the Legion balance is \$223.90.

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

Back to God: Rosario A. (Russell) Pullano died December 26, 2011 WWII Navy veteran.

Sick Call: Mike Rowe still in Syracuse VA Hospital ICU.

Committee Reports:

Americanism/Baseball/Historian: Ray Beebe had nothing to report.

Boys State: David Jensen absent out of the country had 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 had nothing to report.

House/Kitchen: Bob Haynes effective January 1, 2012, has resigned from house and kitchen chair, also color guard. Gary King is asking for volunteer to replace Bob.

Junior Shooting: Rob Jensen absent, nothing to report.

Election of Square Deal Officers: Commander Irons thanked Charlie Verno, Butch Nabinger, Debbie Roehm, Phil Dillenbeck and Barb Beebe for helping out in the elections. Three new board members are Ron Reece, Paul Shepard and Charlie Verno for a three year term. Commander Irons also thanked the other members who accepted nominations to run for office. Gary King acting Board President thanked Ray Beebe and Joe Irons for their service to the board of directors.

Old Business: None brought up at this time.

New Business: Gary King brought up the eligibility to vote in the board elections, especially if a member has not renewed their membership by the end of January. He pointed out if you haven't renewed by the end of January, your security card must be deactivate, then if they renew the card will be reactivated. This takes time that shouldn't be wasted on this. He suggested that dues should be raised \$5.00 for members that can't renew on time. Vic Hand pointed out we are having a tough time to get veterans to join, possibly because of financial difficulties. Commander Irons suggested tabling the motion until the next meeting.

Ray Nabinger wanted to have a football party on January 15th and 22nd, have 50/50 raffles. Also February 5th for the Super Bowl, bring a dish to pass. Daytona 500 on February 26th, and have a Chili/Cherry Pie cook off. Maybe have some ideas for St. Patrick's Day on March 17th. Commander Irons gave Ron Reece a check from the proceeds of the Ham/Turkey raffles to help the startup costs of these get together.

Gary King said there will be a meeting with Legion, Auxiliary, Sons and Legion Riders to discuss their fund raisers for 2012 on January 18th at 6:30 pm.

Correspondence: Letter from Broome County Humane Society asking for a donation. Phil Dillenbeck motioned to give \$25.00 to them, 2nd by Ron Reece. All in favor, motion carried.

Owego Veterans Organizations Sponsoring the Visit of the Traveling VVMF Vietnam War Memorial was asking for a donation of our choice. This will be on July 18-22, 2012. Ray Nabinger asked to table it until the next meeting.

For the Good of the Legion: County Meeting will be Monday, January 9, 2011 7:00 PM at Post 1700.

6th District Meeting, January 15, 1:00 PM

NYS District Mid-Winter Conference, January 27-29, 2012.

Motioned by Ray Nabinger for Post 1700 to support Barb Beebe to run for 6th District Commander, all in favor, motion carried.

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

For God and Country.

Robert F. Wood

Robert F. Wood. Adjutant