



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, June 5, 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 David Jensen read roll call; Commander Robert F. Wood: present, 1st Vice Commander Ray Nabinger: present, 2nd Vice Commander Ron Reece: present, 3rd Vice Commander Phil Dillenbeck: present, Chaplain Barb Beebe: present, Historian Ray Beebe: present, Treasurer Charlie Verno: present, Sgt-at-Arms Gary King: present and Service Officer Vic Hand: present.

Past Post Commanders present: Ray Nabinger 1982-1984, Jim Davis 1990-1992, Phil Dillenbeck 2004-2006, and Barb Beebe 2006-2010, Rob Jensen 1997-2002 (Montana). Past County commanders present: Ray Nabinger 1984-1985, Barb Beebe 2004-2005, and Ray Beebe 2008-2010. Past District Commander: Rob Jensen 2003 (Montana)

Membership/Treasurer's Report: Charlie Verno on the Post paid membership for 2012 as of June 5, 2012 was 402. We are 25 members short of 427 for 94%. Post has a bank balance of \$1,234.70; Good of the Legion balance is \$(120.59).

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

Back to God: Sick Call: Moment of Silence for Members who have joined Post Everlasting for 24 October – Francis Moyer – US Army; 26 December – Rosario Pullano – US Navy – WWII; 16 January – John R Fitzgerald – US Navy – WWII; 23 February – Ed Tidick – US Army – WWII - POW; 18 March – Robert W Raney – US Army Air Corps- WWII. There was nothing to report for Sick Call but reminded everyone to pray for all veterans in nursing homes or are recovering at home or in the hospital, especially Al Carpenter who is in a hospital in Albany.

Committee Reports:

Americanism: Ray Beebe reported that Post members laid wreaths and posted new flags at the Post, West Endicott (GFJ Park), and Union Center on Memorial Day. We had good turnout for the Washington Avenue parade. We even had more people participating for the Endicott parade than the Binghamton parade later that day.

Baseball: Ray Beebe got the schedule late because of high school playoffs. Copies of the schedule are available for everyone. Ray asked for support of the ball team by going to a few of their games. If you do go please wear your Legion Cap, the boys would really appreciate it.

Law and Order: Scott Ellsworth is our nominee for Fireman of the Year was also was nominated by the 6th District for the same category. His nomination will now be forwarded to Department. Decision will be at the State Convention in Rochester next month.

Historian: Ray Beebe had nothing to report.

Boys State: David Jensen reported that with Barb Beebe they met with all the Boys State members from Broome County along with the County Chairman, Stan Olbrys at Post 80 last Sunday. We will have four boys going to school at the end of the month.

Good Will Days: Barb Beebe said that it was not a good turnout. Reported that there were no Americans that participated there because of the passport problems. Next year it will be held in Clayton, NY. It's doubtful that it will take place next year.

POW/MIA: Barb Beebe had nothing to report.

Oratorical: Barb Beebe will be dropping off paperwork at the school guidance councilors.

Honor Guard/Scholarships: Jim Davis absent but Debbie Roehm reported that Jim and she went through the applications and chose two for UE and two for ME for the \$500 scholarship.

House/Kitchen: Joe Irons had nothing to report.

Junior Shooting: Rob Jensen shooting season is pretty much over with. BB gun ended couple of weeks ago. Not taking a team out for Nationals because most of the parents couldn't afford the trip. Rob said that he's taking one shooter out there. The Baldwinsville team had an opening so he'll be going with them. In the mean time Rob will be training with him until the tournament which will be at the end of this month. Rob requested the \$250.00 that was budgeted for the Junior Shooters. Charlie Verno asked who to make the check out to. Rob said make to himself. Rob also returned the BB Guns from the Youth Shooting Sports Association. Just need to ship them back to them. NRA grant will be available soon. And get it submitted; possibly change the equipment request for the grant.

Old Business: Joe Irons reported at the County Convention (Post 82) last Sunday we had 8 members registered just one short of our full contingent. Results of the voting were Commander Bob Gardner, 1st Vice Cmdr Joe Irons, 2nd Vice Cmdr Tommy Ryan, 3rd Vice Cmdr Burt Rolbert, Historian/Treasurer Ray Beebe, and Chaplain Barb Beebe.

Uniforms for the ball players will be purchased by the players according to Ray Beebe.

Correspondence: Letter from the asking for donation from committee to elect John Knapp Department Commander. Post decided not to contribute.

Letter from Broome County SAL asking for a donation for flood relief with Catholic Charities. No one wished to make a motion for a donation.

Letter from Endicott Police Benevolent Association, no one wished to make a motion for a donation.

Letter from Mom's House ask for a donation. Ray Beebe motioned to donate \$50.00 to Mom's House, 2nd by Ray Nabinger. All in favor, motion carried.

National Internal Affairs membership concerning the situation with John Sobszak. To paraphrase the letter it's not up to them to get involved with individual membership issues. It's up to the Post and with oversight from District and Department. Cmdr Wood stated that this issue has been rectified. The letter was after the fact.

New Business: From the recommendations of the Executive Committee the Post Budget revenue amounts will remain the same. Hills Days under Other Posts was moved to the Bell Jar Budget for \$375.00. Also reducing the Early Bird Dinner by \$100.00. Adding both amounts to the \$500.00 budget for the Good of the Legion to increase it to be \$975.00. The budget revenue and expenses will be the same as last year. Cmdr Wood said that this does not mean that we'll spend the whole \$975.00 but will have something to work with. It was also pointed out that we were not in the red on any budget items except for the Good of the Legion. Cmdr Wood asked if anyone had a comment, suggestion or change to the budget. No one wished to speak. Motioned by Ray Nabinger to accept the modified Post Budget, 2nd by Bob Hunt. All in favor, motion carried.

Gary King pointed out that the SAL and Auxiliary supports the Post with monies from their fund raising. It would be good if more Legion members would support their efforts by attending their functions. Joe Irons also added that both SAL and Auxiliary donated monies to the Post to help pay for the roof replacement to the pavilion. Cmdr Wood said that we should have our own revenue raising events or 50-/50s. He said if anyone has any ideas for fund raising let a Post Officer or he know about it.

For the Good of the Legion: Family Picnic will be Sunday in August 26th; committee meeting will be on June 26th at 6:00PM.

At the Broome County Convention, John Knapp awarded Post 1700 newsletter 'Poster' 2nd place, Post 1645 was awarded 1st place, unknown who was 3rd place.

Cmdr Wood read a Certificate of Appreciation to Barb Beebe for outstanding service and assistance to which contributed to the advancement of the American Legion programs, activities. From Post 1700 signed by Cmdr Wood and Adjutant Jensen. Barb was awarded a Past Commander Pin.

District Convention will be next Sunday, June 10th at Trumansburg Post, at 1:00 PM.

Department Convention will be in Rochester, July 18-21, 2012. National Convention at Indianapolis in August.

POW/MIA Memorial Ceremony, September 21st, 6:00 PM

Flag Day, June 14th, 7:00 PM, flag burning will be part of the ceremony.

Gary King said that Post License Plates will be ordered with the help of the SAL, Auxiliary, ALR at \$100.00 each. Also he ordered two dozen baseball hats for Post 1700 through Emblem Sales and sells them for \$20.00 each. The profits will help pay for the license plates

Chaplain Barb Beebe gave the "Closing Prayer, Commander Wood gave his "Closing Remarks". Meeting adjourned by Commander Irons, at 2040 hrs.

For God and Country.

David Jensen

Adjutant