



George F. Johnson, American Legion Post 1700

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1st Vice Commander Robert F. Wood for Commander Joseph N. Irons called the regular meeting of George F. Johnson, American Legion Post 1700 to order @ 1900hrs, Tuesday June 7, 2011. 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: Barb Beebe acting Adjutant read roll call; Commander Joseph N. Irons: excused absent, Acting Commander/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: present and Sgt-at-Arms Gary King: present. Past Post Commanders present: Ray Nabinger 1982-1984, Phil Dillenbeck 2004-2006 and Barb Beebe 2006-2001. Past County Commanders present: Ray Nabinger 1984-1985, Barb Beebe 2004-2005, and Ray Beebe 2008-2010.

Membership/Treasurers Report: Charlie Verno reported that the Post paid membership for 2011 as of May 31, 2011 was 430. We are 8 members short of 438 for 98%. Post has a bank balance of \$1,220.30.

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

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

Back to God: Barb Beebe reported no member deaths. But wanted a moment of prayer and silence for Brian D. Reilly Jr.; 24, formerly of Binghamton, killed in the line of duty in Afghanistan on May 15, 2011. Specialist Devin Snyder; 20, of Stuben County, killed by an IED in Afghanistan last weekend. Tyson Quink, grandson of Barbara Kerr (Executive Secretary to Department Adjutant Pedro) had both feet removed as a result of an IED while on duty in Afghanistan with the 10th Mountain Brigade

Committee Reports:

Americanism: Ray Beebe reported on Friday, June 10, 2011 at 13:00 hrs, Barb & Ray Beebe will be at Homer Brink School to conduct a ceremony for Flag Day. On Flag Day, June 14, 2011 at Maine Memorial School, 8:30 AM each grade will perform different patriot skits, along with a ceremony conducted by Barb & Ray Beebe. Also at the Post there will be a flag retirement ceremony at 19:00 hrs. All are welcome to attend. All Post officers are requested to attend because they will have a speaking part in the ceremony.

Baseball: Ray Beebe had nothing to report.

Historian: Ray Beebe had nothing to report.

Boys State: Barb Beebe reported that she met the 20 some participants throughout Broome County for orientation at Post 80. Post 1700 will be sponsoring two boys this year. The Military Officers Association of America will be sponsoring 1 boy; the SAL will also be sponsoring 1 boy.

The Grand Parade at Morrisville will be on Thursday, not Friday as in the past.

Good Will Days: Barb Beebe reported the 2012 will be at Kingston, NY. Meeting for that will be in October and will email her on the itinerary.

POW/MIA: Barb Beebe reported on September 16th, there will be a POW/MIA Remembrance Day Ceremony at 6:00 PM.

Oratorical: Barb Beebe told the Commanders of all the Posts in Broome County at the Department Convention that she will be contacting them individually to have them appoint a committee chairman for oratorical.

Honor Guard/Scholarships: Jim Davis absent, Bob Wood reported that four scholarships of \$500.00 each were awarded, two to UE, two to ME students.

House: Bob Haynes absent, nothing to report.

Kitchen: Bob Haynes absent, nothing to report.

Junior Shooting: Rob Jensen reported that he's still looking for equipment. NRA grant will be needed to be submitted for equipment.

Law & Order: Ray Beebe had nothing to report.

Old Business: Ray Nabinger motioned to have the remaining 8 memberships be paid by the Post in order to get 100% membership. He said that it would look good to the 6th District officers. **Discussion:** Charlie Verno said that would be a false number and I don't see where it benefits the Post. If it was done the money would be coming out of membership, which would deplete the fund. Ron Reece said that 98% membership is pretty good number. After discussion, Ray Nabinger withdrew the motion to purchase the 8 memberships

New Business: The Post budget was to be reviewed by membership and approved. There was a preliminary meeting with Bob Wood, Butch Nabinger, Bob Haynes, Phil Dillenbeck, Barb & Ray Beebe and Gary King to decide to increase, decrease or remove each account. The budget handed out showed that the final budget was in the red. So we must increase revenue or decrease expenditures.

Each account was looked at, questions were asked and discussed. Each account was voted and approved by membership. Some accounts were renamed or explained more in detail what they covered.

It was agreed that when the Treasurer Charlie Verno gives his report on membership, that he will also give the balance of 'For the Good of the Legion'. So everyone will know what's left so if someone asks for a donation we will know how much we have to spend.

Ron Reece motioned to approve the amended Post budget for 2011-2012, 2nd by Ray Nabinger. All in favor, motion carried.

Gary King said that Gary Denmon has access to a mailbox to accept returned flags. All agreed to have him follow up on it.

On July 2nd there will be a ride for 'Fallen Soldiers Relief Fund' and would like to have the Post be one of their stops. It will be starting at the Vestal Inn.

Debbie Roehm said there will be a meeting for the Family Picnic on June 28th at 6:30 PM.

Bob Wood said that on July 1st, Legion membership renewal will be available online on the National website.

Correspondence: No correspondence.

For the Good of the Legion:

Ray Nabinger motioned to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Charlie Verno. Chaplain Barb Beebe gave the "Closing Prayer, Acting Commander Wood gave his "Closing Remarks". Meeting adjourned by Acting Commander Wood at 2025 hrs.

For God and Country.

Robert F. Wood

Robert F. Wood. Adjutant