



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 March 6, 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 Award Presentation: Sgt at Arms Gary King presented Jack Kalb of the Broome County Marine Corps League. Jack presented to Cmdr Irons a Certificate of Appreciation from Tioga County Toys for Tots. The Post filled two barrels of toys, also the Legion Riders will be receiving a similar Certificate of Appreciation for their efforts for Toys for Tots. Toys for Tots received over \$6,000.00 to purchase gift certificates from Wal-Mart to pass out to the children for Christmas.

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: present, Sgt-at-Arms Gary King: present and Service Officer Vic Hand: absent.

Past Post Commanders present: Ray Nabinger 1982-1984, Jim Davis 1990-1992, 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 March 6, 2012 was 400. We are 27 members short of 427 for 94%. Post has a bank balance of \$1,793.48; Good of the Legion balance is \$174.00.

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

Back to God: Edward Gyidik, Feb 23, 2012, WWII-Army and former POW. Thomas J. Bucinell, March 3, 2012 member of Continentals Fife & Drum Corps

Sick Call: Walt and Joan Miller at Willow Point Nursing Home, Bill Gasbarra at Susquehanna Nursing Home also Chet Dearing and Steve Ricciardi.

Committee Reports:

Americanism: Ray Beebe had nothing to report

Baseball: Ray Beebe said the Post will be picking up the Johnson City Post baseball team since they can't sponsor a team. There will be a combination of JC and ME ball players. The coach, Dave Buchak, an 8th grade science teacher at East Middle School in Binghamton said the players will pay for their own uniforms

after we pay for the order first. Meeting will be on March 10th, and then the schedule will be in place by then.

Historian: Ray Beebe had nothing to report.

Boys State: David Jensen reported that he, Barb and Ray Beebe went to UE to interview five candidates for Boys State. Two were definite candidates, one could be an alternate. Next week Dave will be going to ME to interview one candidate. Dave said looks like we have three candidates with one alternate for Boys State. Cmdr Irons said if we have too many kids to go, we can refer them to other Legion Posts.

Good Will Days: Barb Beebe reported a meeting is scheduled for May 20th in Kingston, Ontario. They are still into the planning stages.

POW/MIA: Barb Beebe reported that she was getting permission from the owner of a poem called "Soldier" she discovered at the Vets Center to use either in the Memorial Day or Veterans Day Ceremonies.

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

Honor Guard/Scholarships: Jim Davis will be passing out the applications to the schools on March 15th with help of Debbie Roehm. Western Broome Parade Committee meeting on March 15th at 7:00 pm here at the Post. Jim will also be contacted the person who puts on the annual drug and alcohol prevention program.

House/Kitchen: Joe Irons reported the board will be taking estimates for replacing the roof on the pavilion. Broome County Health Department has a class once a month with a written test for the

Junior Shooting: Rob Jensen reported his team took 2nd place in the State Championship on February 18th in Cicero Legion Post. We had a shooter that placed 6th overall. 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 absent nothing to report.

Old Business:

Nomination of Post Officers 2012-2013

	<u>Nominated by</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Accept/Declined</u>
Commander:	<u>Phil Dillenbeck</u>	<u>Bob Wood</u>	<u>Accepted 2/7/12</u>
1st Vice:	<u>None</u>		<u>2/7/12</u>
	<u>Ray Beebe</u>	<u>Bob Potter</u>	<u>Declined 3/6/12</u>
	<u>Debbie Roehm</u>	<u>Ron Reece</u>	<u>Declined 3/6/12</u>
	<u>Barb Beebe</u>	<u>Jerry Robinson</u>	<u>Declined 3/6/12</u>
	<u>Ray Beebe</u>	<u>Ray Nabinger</u>	<u>Accepted 3/6/12</u>

2 nd Vice:	<u>Ray Beebe</u>	<u>Phil Dillenbeck</u>	<u>Declined</u>	<u>2/7/12</u>
	<u>Debbie Roehm</u>	<u>Ron Reece</u>	<u>Accepted</u>	<u>3/6/12</u>
3 rd Vice:	<u>None</u>			<u>2/7/12</u>
	<u>Barb Beebe</u>	<u>Debbie Roehm</u>	<u>Declined</u>	<u>3/6/12</u>
Treasurer:	<u>None</u>			<u>2/7/12</u>
	<u>Barb Beebe</u>	<u>Charlie Verno</u>	<u>Declined</u>	<u>2/7/12</u>
Chaplain:	<u>Phil Dillenbeck</u>	<u>Barb Beebe</u>	<u>Accepted</u>	<u>2/7/12</u>
Historian:	<u>Barb Beebe</u>	<u>Ray Beebe</u>	<u>Accepted</u>	<u>2/7/12</u>
Sgt at Arms:	<u>Ray Beebe</u>	<u>Gary King</u>	<u>Accepted</u>	<u>2/7/12</u>

Correspondence: Adelaide Butler for Post 80 in April 2012 will be hosting a State Blind Bowlers Tournament and is asking for any help which will cost about \$3500 to \$4000. Money raised will go towards a hospitality room for two nights, door prizes and entertainment for 175 to 190 blind bowlers.

Barb Beebe motioned to donate a case of beer for the hospitality room, 2nd by Ray Nabinger. All in favor, motion carried. Cmdr Iron asked Ron Reece to find out how much it will cost, Ron said it can be paid out of petty cash from the bar. All we need to do is to contact Addie Butler.

UE Baseball asked for a donation for their annual advertisement. No motion made to donate.

NY American Legion Press Association asking for donations, for scholarships, quarterly newsletter and "Best Paper Contest". Barb Beebe said we should make a donation because we are a member who is shown on our newsletter. Ray Nabinger said he would 2nd it if that was a motion from Barb. The amount to donate \$50.00 was agreed on. All in favor, motion carried.

Veteran Art Show at the Vets Center on March 9th at no cost.

Angel Flight One asking for \$300, providing free flight for children/adults and their families for medical procedures. Will post on bulletin board.

JC Athletic Hall of Fame asking for a donation for Class of 2012 inductees for sponsorship of \$25.00. To be held on April 29th. Ray Nabinger motioned to donate \$25.00, 2nd by Jerry Robinson. All in favor, motion carried.

Wounded Warriors Snow Sports Event, March 9-11th whose goal is to raise \$40,000. All donations are appreciated. No motion made to donate. Will also post it on bulletin board.

24th Annual Veterans Appreciation Day being held at Wysock Volunteer Fireman Grounds, Wysock, PA.

Will be posted on bulletin board.

For the Good of the Legion: Barb and Ray Beebe are on the Committee to Elect John Knapp as SAL Department Commander. Barb ask the Post to donate one Friday Nights proceeds to his election committee. When Gary Denmon was running for the same position, the Post did donate a Fish Fry proceeds to him. The money is to help with travel, expenses and help to go the all the conventions

Ron Reece said that this is decision for the Board of Directors; Board President Gary King said that it would be a net figure and will discuss it at the next meeting on March 15th.

Bob Potter made known that the OVV volunteered to do the mowing this summer for appreciation for welcoming their organization to the Post.

County Meeting will be Monday, March 1, 2012 7:00 PM at Vestal Post 89.

Clean Up day will be May 12th; May 5th will be Garage Sale and Kentucky Derby Day.

Chaplain Barb Beebe gave the "Closing Prayer, Commander Irons gave his "Closing Remarks". Meeting adjourned by Commander Irons, at 2000 hrs.

For God and Country.

Robert F. Wood

Robert F. Wood. Adjutant