



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, May 1, 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 Speaker: Sgt At Arms Gary King introduced Wanda Campbell of the Citizen Action of New York to talk on the subject of Social Security, Medicare and health care.

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: absent, 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. Past County commanders present: Ray Nabinger 1984-1985, Barb Beebe 2004-2005, and Ray Beebe 2008-2010.

Correction of the Minutes: Jim Davis pointed out that the Memorial Day parade kickoff was 11:00, should be 10:30 AM on Washington Avenue. Motioned by Jim Davis to approve as corrected, 2nd by Ray Beebe, all in favor, motion carried.

Membership/Treasurer's Report: Bob Wood reported for Charlie Verno on the Post paid membership for 2012 as of May 1, 2012 was 403. We are 24 members short of 427 for 94.3%. Post has a bank balance of \$1,383.68; Good of the Legion balance is \$39.40.

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

Back to God: Sick Call: Walt and Joan Miller at Willow Point Nursing Home, Bill Gasbarra at Susquehanna Nursing Home also Chet Dearing at Ideal Living Center, Steve Ricciardi at Woodland Manor, Robert Guilfoyle at Ideal Nursing Home.

Committee Reports:

Americanism: Ray Beebe said he's making arraignments with the local schools for Memorial Day, Flag Day and Veteran's Day. Teaching flag etiquette and what are the meanings of these holidays. Cmdr Irons gave the itinerary of Memorial Day. Barb Beebe asked if she could contact Zachary Moyer to play taps at our memorial services. Butch Nabinger added that he will possibly have three convertibles for the Washington Avenue Parade. Gary King also added that Legion Riders will be in the parade. Bob Hunt said the JC VFW 2332 will be sponsoring the Johnson City Memorial Day parade.

Baseball: Ray Beebe reported that JC high school baseball team is doing very well with a 7 and 3 record. The Legion Baseball schedule is being created and should be posted on the bulletin board.

Historian: Ray Beebe had nothing to report.

Boys State: David Jensen reported that all the boys are signed up, just need their physicals. Cmdr Irons said there will be a send off at Post 80 on the last Sunday in June.

Good Will Days: Barb Beebe reported that will that she is checking to see if the Post has a contingent to march. The way is looks now we won't be able to send anyone.

POW/MIA: Barb Beebe reported the remains of a Korean War veteran was found. His remains will be buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetary.

Oratorical: Barb Beebe said that she will contact the principals of both UE and ME and give them last years oratorical paperwork.

Honor Guard/Scholarships: Jim Davis reported has scholarship paperwork from ME and is waiting for UE to send in their paperwork. He'll then get with Debbie Roehm to see who will be awarded the scholarships.

House/Kitchen: Joe Irons reported the roof of the pavilion is finished. Ed Fotusky is concidering taking over as kitchen chairman. Gary King said the Legion Riders will be doing a fund raiser and grilling on the deck on May 4th and May 18th.

Junior Shooting: Rob Jensen absent, nothing to report.

Service Officer: Vic Hand absent nothing to report.

Old Business: None

New Business: Installation of officers was conducted by former Broome County Commander Ray Beebe.

Commander	-	Robert F. Wood
1 st Vice Commander		Ray (Butch) Nabinger
2 nd Vice Commander		Ron Reece
3 rd Vice Commander		Phil Dillenbeck
Chaplain		Barb Beebe
Historian		Ray Beebe
Treasurer		Charlie Verno (in absenteeism)
Sgt At Arms		Gary King
Appointed Officers:		
Adjutant		David Jensen
Service Officer		Victor Hand

Correspondence: President of the Owego VVA is asking for volunteers for guard duty for the Wall That Heals on July 19th to July 22nd. Please leave your information at the phone number provided.

For the Good of the Legion: Broome County Legion Convention will be June 3rd at Post 82 at 1:00 PM.

Butch Nabinger asked permission to check into Legion Baseball caps to be sold at the Post.

Executive Committee meeting was held to discuss and create a new Post budget for 2012-2013. Also a former Legion member said he was denied a Life Membership to Post 1700. It was later discovered in previous Post minutes that he was given Life Membership and will be reinstated immediately. Also former Commander John Stank nominated Barb Beebe as a Life Member, Bob Wood 2nd the nomination. Cmdr Irons explained that a Life Member's dues are paid by the Post for life as long as they stay as a member of this Post. Cmdr Irons asked for a vote for Barb Beebe to become a Life Member of Post 1700. All in favor, no one opposed. Gary King wanted to be sure that if there is another nomination for Life Membership that the person does have many qualifications or has done well for the Post. Criteria should be given of what person has done for the Post.

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

For God and Country.

Robert F. Wood

Robert F. Wood. Adjutant, Commander Elect