

AMERICAN LEGION
George F. Johnson Post 1700
305 Maple Street, W. Endicott, NY 13760

Membership Meeting – April 12, 2022

The members were called to attention by Post Commander, Dave Williams, and the members saluted the Flag. Members uncovered as Dave Williams offered an opening prayer. The members remained uncovered and recited “The Pledge of Allegiance”. The members then recovered and recited “The Preamble of the American Legion”. The Commander gave three raps of the mallet and the members sat down. The meeting was opened.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: (V= voting member)

Commander: Dave Williams (V) – present

1st Vice: Ron Reece (V) – present

2nd Vice: (V) (position open)

3rd Vice, Treasurer, Judge Advocate: Charlie Verno (V) - present

Sgt. Of Arms: Bob Haynes (V) – present

Adjutant & Chaplin: Joe Irons – excused

Membership Officer: Gary King – present

Service Officer: Doug Adams – present

Post Historian: Gary Denmon (SAL) – excused

Post Members:

Quorum is made: Yes

Past Post Commanders resent: none

Past Broome County Commanders Present: none

Past 6th District Officers none: none

Past Dept of New York Officers present: none

Guest Speaker: none

POST MEMBERSHIP: (Gary King)

- 205 members for 2022. A form has been sent to NYS to raise the dues for our Post to \$45

FINANCE REPORTS: (Charlie Verno)

- The Bell Jar paid for all the fish dinners. All income contributed to Square Deal.

UPDATES OR CORRECTION TO PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- The April Post meeting was listed for the 5th. The date change was made to the 12th after the minutes were posted. It was noted that no communication was sent to announce the change.

COMMITTEES

BACK TO GOD:

- Charlie Verno reported the passing of Ronald Dipietro (NOZ), a Korea veteran with 31 years continuous membership.

AMERICANISM:

- Dave Williams suggested that when we see flags displayed, that are in poor condition, that we leave our post card with the owners that states that they can take their flag to an American Legion for proper disposal. Cards are available at our Post.

BELL JAR: (Bob Haynes)

- Ten games in March for \$6,222

BOY'S STATE: (Dave Williams)

- Looking for candidates for June 28 and July 1,

SERVICE OFFICER: (Doug Adams) New category – No report

CHILDREN & YOUTH: (Dave Williams)

- Girls from UEHS will be contacted only if we need the extra help.

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS:

- Charlie Verno is working on a review of our Post by-laws for update.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: (Charlie Verno)

- Our current budget was reviewed on 04/01/2022.
- Our 2022/2023 budget will be discussed and established at a future meeting.

HOMELAND SECURITY: (Joe Irons)

- Dave Williams stated that we have to practice vigilance at our Post to ensure the safety of our members. There is a concern that we have unlocked doors for some of our events.

JR. SHOOTING: (Pete Matway)

- Ron Reece's granddaughter continues to participate and is doing well in air rifle competition.

LEGISLATIVE: (Dave Williams)

- Dave Williams noted that the American Legion supports all actions taken for Ukraine.

LAW & ORDER: (Joe Irons)

- No report

ORATORICAL:

- No report

POW/MIA: (Joe Irons)

- The POW/MIA event is scheduled for September 16. Steps to improve the event will be discussed in future meetings.

SCOUTING:

- A scout troop wants to participate in a flag retiring ceremony. There are plans for a ceremony on Tuesday, June 14. BS troop 202 will be making a presentation to us prior to the event.

VETERAN MONUMENTS:

- We need to monitor the monuments at our Post and the GFJ Park to ensure they are clean and properly maintained.

WOMAN VETERANS:

HOUSE:

- Tree limbs have been cut back, will put out our yard waste for pick up on the 15th.
- Down stairs kitchen has been cleaned and sprayed for ants.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

- Cornhole league has been scheduled for another 6 weeks starting Saturday, April 16.

OLD BUSINESS:

- We are still working on replacing the sign out front with a digital sign. Researching companies and cost. Looking for legal assistance.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The timing of financial reports makes a first Tuesday meeting schedule difficult. A motion was made to change the Post monthly meeting to the second Tuesday of every month. The motion was seconded and passed. The by-laws will be updated.
- Third round of nominations for Post Officers completed. Elections in May.
 - Commander – Dave Williams
 - 1st Vice – Ron Reece
 - 2nd Vice – Robert Haynes Sr.
 - 3rd Vice – Charlie Verno
 - Treasurer – Charlie Verno
 - Sgt of Arms – Robert Haynes Sr,
 - Chaplin – Doug Adams
- A continuous membership award for 60 continuous years will be issued to Ward Guilfoyle.
- A nomination was made and approved to recommend Doug Adams for this years Veteran of Distinction.
- A motion made and approved to donate \$35 to Mom's House.
- There will be a Memorial Day flag event at our Post and the GFJ Park

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Received a request for donation from Mom's House
- Received a thank you letter Mansfield University for our \$50 donation.

The next Post meeting will be held at 7:00 on May 10, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary King