



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 @ 7 PM, Tuesday, January 6th, 2015. 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: Commander/Treasurer: Bob Wood: Present, 1st Vice Commander & Service Officer: Ray Nabinger: Present, 2nd Vice Commander Ron Reece: Present, 3rd Vice Commander Charles Duval: Excused, Chaplain Barb Beebe: Present, Historian Joe Irons: Present, Sgt-at-Arms Jerry Robinson: Absent, Adjutant Debbie Roehm: Present.

Past Post Commanders present: Ray Nabinger 1982-1984, Barb Beebe 2006-2010, and Joe Irons 2010-2012

Past County Commanders present: Ray Nabinger 1984-1985, Barb Beebe 2004-2005, Ray Beebe 2008-2010 and Joe Irons 2010-2013

Past District Commander present: Barb Beebe 2012, Rob Jensen 2003

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

Membership/Treasurer's Report: The Adjutant read the Treasurer's report. The Post paid membership as of 6/6/15 for 2015 is 318. We are 82 members short of 400 for 79.5% of our goal. The Post has a bank balance of \$1,587.80; Good of the Legion balance is \$914.85; Spaghetti Dinner balance \$1,227.30; Legion Baseball balance \$1,231.05.

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

Back to God: Chaplain Beebe – 12/23/14 Edward Hagerty, 12/28/14 Donald Karr

Sick Call: Don Solomon, Ed Korba

Committee Reports:

Americanism: NSTR

Baseball: NSTR

POW/MIA: NSTR

Boys State: NSTR.

Oratorical: Joe Irons, local competition has been canceled

Homeland Security: NSTR

House/Kitchen: Spaghetti Dinner -1/5/15, 66 dinners served, expenses \$125, profit \$291, bar \$162. Friday night dinners scheduled for 1/9/15 and 1/23/15. The chair on the stairwell has been fixed.

Color Guard: NSTR

Scholarship: NSTR

Junior Shooting: Rob Jensen – local season coming to an end. Our team is preparing for the American Legion Postal Match to be held Jan 25th, BBs and 22, we have 15 shooters. NYS Championship will be held in Cicero in Feb.

Correspondence: Committee to Elect James V. Yermas for Department of NY Commander 2015-2016, no action; Thank you Certificate from Frank Peters, Department of NY, Department Commander for donation of \$100 to National Emergency Fund

Old Business: Joe Irons – Ordering for more post hats to sell, 12 or more \$16.95 and then will sell for \$25; Joe will also look into T-Shirts;

Joe stated that last month Charlie Verno stated that only elected officers could come to executive meetings, Joe checked the By-Laws and it states that all past post commanders and present elected officers make up the committee however, others i.e. JAG, Adjutant and service officer could attend the meetings but, have no voting rights. Article 5 Section 1.

It was also brought up by Charlie Verno, that a member of the board of directors cannot be removed by the commander. Post 1700 By-Laws state, If for any reason that a Director is not responsible in His or Her action, the Commander has authority to replace the Director, but the Commander must have "Just Cause" and approval of the Membership: Article 12; Section 7 "Board of Directors"; Ray Nabinger stated that the Board of Directors should not have the control that they believe that they do. Board thinks they can run the whole thing; they should be coming to the meetings to get approval from the Post. They should not have control of everything at the Post.

More discussion on the motion from last month motion to charge for food during legion luncheons/dinners. Commander Wood will look into this more.

New Business: Rob Jensen asked if our post has an emergency fund, we do have one that monies have been donated by the member, Board of Directors has that account info. He will check on this at the board meeting.

Newsletter info needs to be to Barb Beebe before Jan 15th.

For the Good of the Legion:

Spaghetti Dinner, Monday Jan 5th, 5-7 PM

Fried Turkey Dinner, Friday Jan 9th

NFL Football Playoff, meatball subs \$2.50/beer specials, Sunday Jan 11th

County Meeting: Post 1700 Monday Jan 12th at 7PM

Chicken Parm Dinner, Friday Jan 23th

DJ Johnny Starrs Playing and Virginia Jones 90th Birthday Celebration, Friday Jan 30th

Pancake Breakfast, Sunday Feb 1st

Spaghetti Dinner, Monday Feb 2nd, 5-7 PM

Pitch Tournament, Sunday Feb 8th

Chaplain Barb Beebe gave the "Closing Prayer, Commander Wood gave his "Closing Remarks". Meeting adjourned by Commander Wood, at 7:54 PM.

For God and Country.

Adjutant Debbie Roehm