



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 October 4, 2011. Colors being in place, all members rendered a "Hand Salute". Chaplain Bob Hunt for 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: Adjutant Bob Wood read roll call; Commander Joseph N. Irons: present, 1st Vice Commander Bob Wood: present, 2nd Vice Commander Ron Reece: excuse absent, 3rd Vice Commander Deb Roehm: present, Chaplain Barb Beebe: excused absent, Historian Ray Beebe: excused absent, Treasurer Charlie Verno: excused absent and Sgt-at-Arms Gary King: present. Past Post Commanders present: Jim Davis 1990-1992, and Rob Jensen 1997-2002. Past District Commanders present: Rob Jensen, 2003.

Correction of Minutes:

Junior Shooting: Rob Jensen pointed out that he "was asked to run the league this year", not "has been asking to run the league this year".

Reading of the Minutes: Motioned by Bob Hunt to accept minutes as amended, 2nd by Rob Jensen, all in favor, motion carried.

Membership/Treasurer's Report: Bob Wood reported for Charlie Verno on the Post paid membership for 2011 as of November 1, 2011 was 296. We are 131 members short of 427 for 69.3%. Post has a bank balance of \$2,018.93, Good of the Legion balance is \$223.90.

Motioned by Bob Potter to accept treasurer's report, 2nd by Jim Davis, all in favor, motion carried.

Back to God: Francis (Jake) Moyer died October 24, 2011 WWII Navy veteran.

Bob Wood noted that Mr. Convertino's family contacted him for a DD214 that should have been on file in the office. Bob looked for it but it was not on file. The family did locate a copy and faxed it to the Post. It's important that you have a DD214 on file with the Post. If you are not sure you have one on file ask Bob Wood to verify that you do. Cmdr Irons also pointed out that Department

Sick Call: Bill Gasbarra was transferred to Susquehanna Nursing Home because Vestal Nursing Home was flooded out.

Committee Reports:

Americanism: Nothing to report.

Baseball: Nothing to report.

Historian: Nothing to report.

Boys State: School Master's Dinner will be at Post 1645 on November 17, 2011. Joe Irons will be acting Chaplain for Barb Beebe, Bob Wood will be acting Commander for Post 1700, John VanWezenbeeck will be Commander for the SAL.

Good Will Days: Nothing to report.

POW/MIA: Nothing to report.

Oratorical: Will be held on December 10th at Post 1254. Also Barb Beebe is in need of volunteers to be chaperones, time keepers and escorts.

Honor Guard/Scholarships: Jim Davis said the bake sale at the next Sunday's breakfast will be for the Honor Guard. He said that he's always looking for members to march for the Honor Guard. Veterans Day Memorial ceremony at 11:00 AM at Veterans Memorial Park. Line up for the parade will be at 6:30, parade starts at 7:00 PM down Washington Ave to the Veterans Memorial Park.

House: Bob Haynes reported the Post sign outside was fixed, still need to have the furnace fixed.

Kitchen: Bob Haynes had nothing to report.

Junior Shooting: Rob Jensen reported the kids have moved back into the Binghamton Rifle Club. The league for the state starts this month. Rob is hoping to have 4 shooters for each team.

Law & Order: Commander Irons talked with the Endicott Police Chief to see if he could nominate for Police Officer of the Year. After looking over the criteria, he was unable to nominate anyone. State Police will be asked next.

Old Business: Gary King said that the Legion Riders of Post 89 will be moving their charter to Post 1700. They will be having regular meetings on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM, starting November 1st.

New Business: Nominations for the Board of Directors, Joe Irons, Ray Beebe and Ron Reece 3 year terms are expiring. Person nominated must accept in the meeting. December will be the last chance for nominations. Voting will be done in January. Gary King nominated Joe Irons and Ron Reece, Joe Irons accepted but Ron must be here to accept. Debbie Roehm nominated Vic Hand who accepted. It was asked three times if there were any other nominations. No one else spoke; nominations were closed until next month.

Correspondence: Marian Koffel, Mary Gilmore, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Raub & Family, Bob Gritsavage sent cards of thanks from the Emergency Relief Fund. Mary McQuade sent a thank you card for recognition and presentation of the Legion Silver Valor medal on POW/MIA Remembrance Day for her late husband Al McQuade.

For the Good of the Legion: Cmdr Irons presented certificates with corresponding American Legion Officer Medals. Recipients were Commander Joe Irons, 1st Vice Cmdr Bob Wood; Sgt-at Arms Gary King; Service Officer Vic Hand.

County Meeting will be Monday, November 10, 2011 7:00 PM at Post 1305, Stella Ireland Rd.

Ham and Turkey Raffle on Friday, November 4th. Bring your money!

Post 1700 is the host Post this year for Veterans Day. Will have an open house with food available, Johnny Stars will be DJ at 7:00 PM.

November 10th at 5:30 PM will have the NYS Awards dinner for Frank George, Ed Daugherty, and Jack Gorman.

Acting Chaplain Bob Hunt gave the "Closing Prayer, Commander Irons gave his "Closing Remarks". Meeting adjourned by Commander Irons, at 1933 hrs.

For God and Country.

Robert F. Wood

Robert F. Wood. Adjutant