



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 @ 1900hrs, Tuesday, November 12th. Colors being in place, all members rendered a "Hand Salute". Chaplain Bob Hunt 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 Bob Wood: Present, 1st Vice Commander & Service Officer: Butch Nabinger: Present, 2nd Vice Commander Ron Reece: Present, 3rd Vice Commander Debbie Roehm: Present, Chaplain Bob Hunt: Present, Historian Ray Beebe: Present, Treasurer Charlie Verno: Absent, Sgt-at-Arms Jerry Robinson: Present.

Past Post Commanders present: Ray Nabinger 1982-1984, Jimmy Davis 1990-1992, Phil Dillenbeck 2004-2006, Barb Beebe 2006-2010, Joe Irons 2010-2012.

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

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

Reading of the Minutes: Ray Nabinger stated that he did not resign as 1st Vice Commander during the October meeting but only resigned from "special activities and fundraising." Ray stated he will continue to serve as 1st Vice Commander and Service Officer. Motioned by Joe Irons to accept minutes as revised, 2nd by Bob Hunt, all in favor, motion carried.

Membership/Treasurer's Report: Adjutant David Jensen reported for Treasurer Charlie Verno that Post paid membership for 2014 as of 11/5/13 is 290. We are 110 members short of 400 for 73 %. The Post has a bank balance of \$2721.65; Good of the Legion balance is \$707.00.

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

Back to God: Sick Call: Chaplain Hunt reported that there are no members who have passed away in the last month.

Committee Reports:

Americanism: Ray Beebe reported on the success of the Endicott Veterans Day Parade.

Baseball: NSTR

Good Will Days: Barb Beebe reported that Good Will Days will no longer be held. Due to the new border entry requirements, it was too difficult for many participants to cross the border.

POW/MIA: Barb Beebe reported on the POW/MIA Day ceremony.

Boys State: The School Master's Dinner will be November 21st. Joe Irons reported that he has reached out to other Veterans organizations to see if they are interested in sponsoring a delegate.

Oratorical: Oratorical has been canceled for 2013. Joe Irons and Barb Beebe discussed ways to get parents and students interested in oratorical. Joe Irons discussed doing Americanism classes in local high schools.

House/Kitchen: The Legion Riders will have their chicken dinner on November 15th. The next spaghetti dinner will be December 2nd with live music. There was discussion among Members as to where the spaghetti dinner money is going.

Color Guard: Jimmy Davis reported he will be having a meeting early next year with Honor Guard Members. He expressed that he no longer desires to lead the Honor Guard. Barb Beebe discussed the need to have an Honor Guard to attend funerals.

Scholarship: NSTR

Junior Shooting: Rob Jensen reported that state wide league has begun competition. The Shooters will be sponsoring the US Army qualifying match again this year.

Correspondence: Adjutant David Jensen read correspondence from Broome County Executive Debbie Preston and Broome County Legislative Chairman Jerry Marinich regarding the naming rights of the Broome County Veterans Memorial Arena.

Old Business: Ron Reece asked why members need to pay dues by December 7th in order to receive the \$30 rate for 2014, as stated in the Post newsletter. Cmdr Wood was unsure why it was state that dues would change to \$35 after Dec. 7th instead of after

December 31st. Rob Jensen mentioned that the December 7th deadline might be due to the time it takes for dues to travel to County and Department. Ray Nabinger motioned that the Post allow Members to pay the \$30 rate any time before January 1st assuming that Department does not need the dues before then, 2nd by Bob Hunt, all in favor, motion carried. Barb Beebe stated that she will call Department to find out.

Cmdr Wood read the second calling of nominations for the Square Deal Association Board of Directors. The members whose term is expiring are Ray Nabinger, Gary King and Joe Irons.

Joe Irons asked Rob Jensen and Debbie Roehm if they were interested in serving on the board. Both expressed that they were not interested or able to at this time.

Seeing there were no more nominations, Cmdr Wood closed the second calling of nominations. Jerry Robinson, Bob Hunt and Ray Nabinger were nominated during the October meeting.

New Business: Joe Irons discussed the County holiday pot luck dinner and other upcoming events. Barb Beebe discussed Gifts for the Yanks and encouraged Members to participate.

Jimmy Davis reported that he has been in contact with the anti-drug program magician. Jimmy will inform the magician that funds have been allocated.

Ray Nabinger reported that there will be a meeting before December's Post meeting for members interested in playing darts regularly.

Rob Jensen discussed the need for the Post to redact (black out) the Social Security Number, date of birth and place of birth from DD214s, per National policy.

For the Good of the Legion:

Barb Beebe spoke about the passing of her son, SSgt Bruce Beebe. She recently spoke before the New York State Assembly on Veteran suicides. Barb talked about the effect of her son's death on their family and the need for suicide awareness and prevention.

School Master's Dinner, Thursday, November 21st at Post 1254.

Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, December 1st from 8-11AM at Post 1700.

County Holiday Party and Meeting, Monday, December 2nd at Post 1645. Dinner begins 6PM and the meeting will begin at 7PM.

Early Bird Dinner, Saturday, December 7th at Post 1700.

Gifts for the Yanks, Sunday, December 8th at Post 82.

Children's Christmas Party, Saturday, December 14th from 1-3PM at Post 1700.

Gifts for the Yanks Bus Ride, Sunday, December 15th at Post 82.

Chaplain Bob Hunt gave the "Closing Prayer, Commander Wood gave his "Closing Remarks". Meeting adjourned by Commander Wood, at 2008 hrs.

For God and Country.

Adjutant David Jensen