

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

Membership Meeting – September 13, 2022

The members were called to attention by Post Commander, Dave Williams, and the members saluted the Flag. Members uncovered as Doug Adams 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 & Sgt at Arms: (V) Robert Haynes – present

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

Adjutant & Membership Officer: Gary King – present

Chaplin & Service Officer: Doug Adams – present

Post Historian: Gary Denmon (SAL) – excused

Post Members:

Quorum is made: Yes

Past Post Commanders present:

Past Broome County Commanders present:

District Officers present

Past Dept of New York Officers present:

Guest Speaker:

POST MEMBERSHIP: (Gary King)

- 124 members for 2023.

FINANCE REPORTS: (Charlie Verno)

- Balance submitted = \$46,507. Motion made by Robert Hayes, seconded by Doug Adams to accept the finance report as presented.

UPDATES OR CORRECTION TO PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- The June Post meeting minutes were accepted without with minor spelling corrections. Motion by Robert Haynes, seconded by Doug Adams to accept the meeting minutes.

COMMITTEES

BACK TO GOD:

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AMERICANISM:

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BELL JAR: (Bob Haynes)

- 11 games in June for a gross income of \$5,703, 17 games in July for 9,087, 15 games in August for 9,189.

BOY'S STATE: (Dave Williams)

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SERVICE OFFICER: (Doug Adams)

- It was noted that there is on-line training for this position.
- It was noted that two of our members have been admitted to Mercy House; Vic Hand and Milo Brunick. That makes four members in recent history. (Added Note: Milo passed away on Sept. 18.)

CHILDREN & YOUTH:

- It was noted that \$1700 has been donated to Operation Tiger Pride.

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS:

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FINANCE COMMITTEE: (Charlie Verno)

- Noted that the Sunshine Budget expense is to be used as needed to assist members,

HOMELAND SECURITY: (Joe Irons)

- Dave Williams stated that we continue to practice vigilance at our Post to ensure the safety of our members.

JR. SHOOTING: (Pete Matway)

- A request was made to invite the Reece grandchildren to the next meeting.

LEGISLATIVE: (Dave Williams)

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LAW & ORDER: (Robert Haynes)

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ORATORICAL:

- Dave Williams is working with Post 1645. Enrollment must be by November 25, The event is scheduled for December 03.

POW/MIA: (Jackie Reece)

- The POW/MIA event is scheduled for September 16.

SCOUTING:

- Jacking Reece has arranged for a Girl Scout Troop to participate in the POW/MIA event.

VETERAN MONUMENTS:

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WOMAN VETERANS:

HOUSE:

- Bob Hayes noted that a roof was build in the shed area for the tracked,

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

- Cornhole league planned for the fall.
- The 75th anniversary / family picnic was a success.

OLD BUSINESS:

- We are still working on replacing the sign out front with a digital sign. Researching companies and cost. A variance has been approved by the village.
- We are still waiting to receive estimates to replace the windows in the hall.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Gary Denmon approached the post meeting to state that the SAL wants to do a fund raiser of 50 squares for \$5 each. There were no objections.
- October 22n is scheduled for Department visitation. There will be a luncheon at our Post.
- There will be a parade planning meeting on Wednesday, 9/21.
- A motion was made by Bob Haynes, seconded by Doug Adams to donate \$300 to Mercy House. Motion approved.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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The next meeting is scheduled for October 11.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary King