

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

Membership Meeting – October 11, 2022

The members were called to attention by Post Commander, Dave Williams, and the members saluted the Flag. Members uncovered as Joe Irons 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

1<sup>st</sup> Vice: Ron Reece (V) – present

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice & Sgt at Arms: (V) Robert Haynes – present

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice, Treasurer, Judge Advocate: Charlie Verno (V) - excused

Adjutant & Membership Officer: Gary King – present

Chaplin & Service Officer: Doug Adams – excused

Post Historian: Gary Denmon (SAL) – excused

Post Members: Joseph Irons, Howard Dingman

Quorum is made: Yes

Past Post Commanders present: Joseph Irons

Past Broome County Commanders present: Joseph Irons

District Officers present

Past Dept of New York Officers present:

Guest Speaker:

**POST MEMBERSHIP:** (Gary King)

- 129 members for 2023.

**FINANCE REPORTS:** (Charlie Verno)

- Balance submitted = \$49,075. Motion made by Robert Hayes, seconded by Joe Irons to accept the finance report as presented.

**UPDATES OR CORRECTION TO PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

- The September Post meeting minutes were accepted with minor spelling corrections. Motion by Robert Haynes, seconded by Joe Irons to accept the meeting minutes.

**COMMITTEES**

**BACK TO GOD:**

- Vic Hand is at Mercy House
- Milo Brunick passed away at Mercy House in September.
- Joe Irons is scheduled to have heart valve replacement.

**AMERICANISM:**



**BELL JAR:** (Bob Haynes)

- 12 games in September for a gross income of \$7,100.

**BOY'S STATE:** (Dave Williams)

- Dave is working with Post 1645 to identify candidates

**SERVICE OFFICER:** (Doug Adams)

- Dave reported that Doug is doing the on-line training for this position.

**CHILDREN & YOUTH:**



**CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS:**

- Broome County has proposed a two year commitment for County Commander.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** (Charlie Verno)



**HOMELAND SECURITY:** (Joe Irons)

- Joe Irons stated that we need to continue to practice vigilance at our Post to ensure the safety of our members.

**JR. SHOOTING:** (Pete Matway)

- Invitation continues to invite the Reece grandchildren to the next meeting.
- Ron Reece will provide copies of his grandchildren's certificates for display at the Post.

**LEGISLATIVE:** (Dave Williams)



**LAW & ORDER:** (Robert Haynes)



**ORATORICAL:** (Joe Irons)

- Enrollment must be by November 25, The event is scheduled for December 03.

**POW/MIA: (Jackie Reece)**

- Dave Williams reported the POW/MIA event conducted on September 16 was very successful. There was a good turnout.

**SCOUTING:**

- A Girl Scout Troop and Heritage Girls participated in the POW/MIA event.

**VETERAN MONUMENTS:**

- Dave Williams wants Post members to report any monuments they see in need of repair or maintenance.

**WOMAN VETERANS:**

- *Looking for a woman veteran to head up this committee.*

**HOUSE:**

- Bob Haynes noted that The tractor was repaired and flags were retired.

**SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:**

- Cornhole league planned for the fall.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- October 22nd is scheduled for Department visitation. There will be a luncheon at our Post.
- There will be a parade planning meeting at Post 1700 at 5:00 on Wednesday, 10/12. Joe Irons will attend.
- Our Post has donated \$810 to Mercy House.
- We are going to investigate entertainment options at our Post. We are accepting ideas and possible entertainers.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

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*The next meeting is scheduled for November 08.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Gary King