

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

Membership Meeting – November 15, 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

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: Joseph Irons

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)

- 139 members for 2023.

FINANCE REPORTS: (Charlie Verno)

- Balance submitted = \$55,869. Motion made by Robert Hayes, seconded by Joe Irons to accept the finance report as presented.

UPDATES OR CORRECTION TO PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- The October Post meeting minutes were accepted as written. Motion by Dave Williams, seconded by Joe Irons to accept the meeting minutes.

COMMITTEES

BACK TO GOD:

- Vic Hand, deceased on November 12.
- Joe Irons had a successful heart valve replacement.

AMERICANISM: (Joe Irons)

- Joe made note of the Marine Corps 247th Anniversary on November 10.

BELL JAR: (Bob Haynes)

- 16 games in September for a gross income of \$10,019.

BOY'S STATE: (Dave Williams)

- Dave is working with Post 1645 to identify candidates

SERVICE OFFICER: (Doug Adams)

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

CHILDREN & YOUTH:

- Post Auxiliary Christmas Party is scheduled for December 10th.

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS:

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE: (Charlie Verno)

- Looking for back-up for the Finance Committee.

HOMELAND SECURITY: (Joe Irons)

- Joe Irons stated that with winter approaching we need to practice safety on the road and dress for cold weather.

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)

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LAW & ORDER: (Robert Haynes)

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ORATORICAL: (Joe Irons)

- Enrollment must be by November 25, The event is scheduled for December 03. Joe stated he is unable to find candidates at ME. Post 82 does not seem to be working on candidates at UE so he will inquire at that school.

POW/MIA: (Jackie Reece)

- Dave Williams is working with Jackie to plan the event next year.

SCOUTING:

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VETERAN MONUMENTS:

- Dave Williams wants Post members to report any monuments they see in need of repair or maintenance. There is a monument in Binghamton that needs cleaning and repair. We should check with VA to determine if they can help.

WOMAN VETERANS:

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

HOUSE:

- Bob Haynes noted that the snow blower is working and ready for the winter.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

- Cornhole league planned for after the holidays.

OLD BUSINESS:

- We are still working on replacing the sign out front with a digital sign. A company is presenting plans for review. It will require an electrical upgrade to 20 amp. It was noted that the VA financially assisted Post 82 to get a new sign.
- We have accepted a bid from Howard's to replace the windows in the hall. It may take up to 10 weeks to order and receive the material.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Our Post has donated \$910 to Mercy House.
- We are going to investigate entertainment options at our Post. We are accepting ideas and possible entertainers. Bob Haynes and Ron Reece are looking into this.
- The Queen of Hearts was won with a payout of \$1,414.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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The next meeting is scheduled for December 10.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary King