

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

Membership Meeting – December 13, 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 – excused

3<sup>rd</sup> 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, 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)

- 170 members for 2023.

**FINANCE REPORTS:** (Charlie Verno)

- No report

**UPDATES OR CORRECTION TO PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

- The November Post meeting minutes corrected as follows:

From old business: We have accepted a bid from Howard’s to replace the windows in the hall.

Change to: A motion was made by Bob Haynes, seconded by Dave Williams and approved by the members present to accept a bid of approx. \$4200 from Howard’s to replace the windows in the hall.

**COMMITTEES**

**BACK TO GOD:**

- Charlie Verno going through treatment for a medical condition

**AMERICANISM:** (Joe Irons)

- Joe Irons stated he will be issuing certificates for business and individuals flying the American Flag and/or the POW/MIA flag. Provide an address and he will follow through.

**BELL JAR:** (Bob Haynes)

- There were 14 games for a total of \$ [REDACTED].

**BOY'S STATE:** (Joe Irons)

- Classes will be held in Morrisville. Info fliers will be sent to Posts.

**SERVICE OFFICER:** (Doug Adams)

- Doug is doing the on-line training for this position. Training is provided on the internet at NYLEGION. Org

**CHILDREN & YOUTH:**

- Post Auxiliary Christmas Party attracted 10 children. The Auxiliary is to commended for their outstanding dedication. Pictures are available on the Post Facebook page and website.

**CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS:**

- Broome County has proposed a two year commitment for County Commander. They are communicating with NY Department.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** (Charlie Verno)

- Looking for back-up for the Finance Committee.

**HOMELAND SECURITY:** (Joe Irons)

- Joe Irons stated that Homeland Security has increased the alert level from 5 to 3.

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

- Invitation continues to invite the Reece grandchildren to the next meeting.
- Ron Reece provided copies of his grandchildren's certificates for display at the Post. They can be seen on the large bulletin board in the bar area.

**LEGISLATIVE:** (Dave Williams)

- No report

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

- No report

**ORATORICAL:** (Joe Irons)

- Joe Irons reported he did find any candidates for U.E. or M.E. He is going to contact the school councilors via email.

**POW/MIA:** (Joe Irons, Howard Dingman, Jackie Reece)

- Event is always scheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of September.

**SCOUTING:** (Howard Dingman)

- No report

### **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:**

- The new windows have been installed in the hall.

### **SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:**

- Doug Adams reported the Cornhole League is planned for 4 to 6 weeks starting mid-January.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- A motion was made by Dave Williams, seconded by Gary King to accept a bid for \$26,000 for a digital sign to replace the old sign. A loan has been applied for by the Square Deal Association through the Visions Federal Credit Union for the Digital Sign.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A Gaming Commission Inspection was held on November 30. Dave Williams will respond to issues with questions and actions concerning the Bell Jar operations.
- We are continuing to investigate entertainment options at our Post. We are accepting ideas and possible entertainers. Bob Haynes and Ron Reece are looking into this.
- The SAL has filed for a A1 Game of Chance form.
- Joe Irons reported plans for a Health Fair at the Post in June. Plans for First Aid classed starting in April.
- Dave Williams announced a Broome County Membership Workshop immediately following the County Meeting scheduled for 7:00 pm, January 09 at our Post

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Received multiple duplicate donation solicitations.

*The next meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2023.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Gary King