

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

Membership Meeting – April 11, 2023

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.

NOTE: There was no meeting in March due to weather.

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: Robert Kollar—present

Treasurer, Judge Advocate:

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)

- 190 members for 2023.

FINANCE REPORTS: (

- Hold for explanation

UPDATES OR CORRECTION TO PREVIOUS MINUTES:

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COMMITTEES

BACK TO GOD:

- No report

AMERICANISM: (Joe Irons)

- No report

BELL JAR: (Bob Haynes)

- There were 10 games for a total of \$6,246. There is \$46,609 balance in the Bell Jar account..

BOY'S STATE: (Joe Irons)

- There are 5 candidates from Broome County

SERVICE OFFICER: (Doug Adams)

- No report

CHILDREN & YOUTH:

- No report

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS:

- No reported

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

- 4 members selected for finance committee will meet on April 18

HOMELAND SECURITY: (Joe Irons)

- There was a helicopter crash at Fort Campbell
- There was a shooting incident on Arthur Ave. Endicott

JR. SHOOTING: (Pete Matway)

- Ron Reece's granddaughter placed third in kneeling position at an event in Cicero
- Bob Haynes suggested a donation jar at the bar to support Junior shooting

LEGISLATIVE: (Dave Williams)

- Pact Act is being considered for improved veteran benefits

LAW & ORDER: (Robert Haynes)

- No report

ORATORICAL: (Joe Irons)

- No report

SCHOLARSHIP:

- The Auxiliary has 2 candidates and has asked if the legion members will support one of them. Auxiliary Donates \$500. The Post approved support for \$250

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

- Joe reported that there will be a meeting after Memorial Day.

SCOUTING: (Howard Dingman)

- Troop 202 will be placing flags at 3 cemeteries on Newell Rd.

VETERAN MONUMENTS:

- It was noted that the trees at the Endicott Memorial are interfering with the flags

WOMAN VETERANS:

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

HOUSE:

- A TV has been frame has been installed in the Hall, needs to be boxed in.
- Exterior doors need to be painted.
- Potential date foe Post clean up day is May 13
- Health inspection at the Post had two issues. Can opener in the kitchen was not clean and the ice machine had mold.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

- The last spaghetti dinner made \$270.
- It was suggested the Legion have a Fathers Day “bucket” at the bar.

OLD BUSINESS:

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NEW BUSINESS:

- The board has requested an increase for rent from \$1200 to \$1800. Decision is to hold this request until September.
- Estimates for a new roof ranges from \$50,000 to \$120,000. waiting for a third estimate.
- We don't have a date estimate for the digital sign installation.
- Veteran of Distinction recommendation is Rich Long
- Vestal Elks is having a flag day ceremony on June 14.
- There is a Cold War recognition certificate available.
- Post 1194 (Hillcrest) is selling memorial bricks to be placed in a pathway behind their Post.
- Nominations for Post Officers:
 - Commander – David Williams
 - 1st Vice – Ronald Reece
 - 2nd Vice - Robert Haynes
 - 3rd Vice – Robert Kollar
 - Sgt at Arms – Robert HaynesFurther nominations will be accepted at the May meeting prior to elections.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Multiple solicitations

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 09, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary King, Adjutant