

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

Membership Meeting – September 12, 2023

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 – excused

3rd Vice: Robert Kollar - absent

Treasurer, Judge Advocate:

Adjutant & Membership Officer: Gary King – present

Chaplin & Service Officer: Doug Adams – absent

Post Historian: Gary Denmon (SAL) – excused

Post Members: Joseph Irons, Howard Dingman, Stacy Reece

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)

- 201 members for 2023. (8 are deceased), 119 renewed for 2024

FINANCE REPORTS: (

- Hold for clarification

UPDATES OR CORRECTION TO PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- Accepted. (Motion – Howard Dingman, 2nd – Joe Irons

COMMITTEES

BACK TO GOD:

- Virginia Jones, auxiliary member, died. Bob Haynes ill.

AMERICANISM: (Joe Irons)

- No report

BELL JAR: (Bob Haynes)

- No report

BOY'S STATE: (Joe Irons)

- No report

SERVICE OFFICER: (Doug Adams)

- No report

CHILDREN & YOUTH: (Howard Dingman)

- No report

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS:

- No report

FINANCE COMMITTEE: (Maggie Gagliardi, Bob Haynes, Gary Denmon, Dave Williams)

- No report

HOMELAND SECURITY: (Joe Irons)

- Pedophiles using pictures of children from Facebook.

JR. SHOOTING: (Pete Matway)

- No report

LEGISLATIVE: (Dave Williams)

- Pact Act for improved veteran benefits. Includes exposure to toxic chemicals

LAW & ORDER: (Robert Haynes)

- No report

ORATORICAL: (Joe Irons)

- No candidates at this time

SCHOLARSHIP:

- Bruce Beebe scholarship was awarded to UE high school student.

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

- Event scheduled for Friday, September 15.

SCOUTING: (Howard Dingman)

- No report

VETERAN MONUMENTS:

- Dave Williams and Jerry Page at checking monuments in Binghamton for wear and damage.

WOMAN VETERANS: (Stacy Reece)

- No report

HOUSE: (Bob Haynes)

- No report

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

- Family picnic had a good turnout. \$829 profit on Bell Jar, approx &800 on raffle baskets.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Three estimates for a new roof range from \$40,000 to \$44,000. Dave Williams is attempting to get a grant.

NEW BUSINESS:

- As approved in the June meeting, a payment of \$350 will be paid to the Senior Center for advertising. Motion- Dave Williams, 2nd- Joe Irons.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Thank you card from UE superintendent for donation of school supplies.
- Thank you letter from Mercy House for donation

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

There will be no scheduled meeting during July and August.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary King, Adjutant