

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

Membership Meeting – October 10, 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 – present

3rd Vice: Robert Kollar - present

Treasurer, Judge Advocate:

Adjutant & Membership Officer: Gary King – present

Chaplin & Service Officer: Joseph Irons - present

Post Historian: Gary Denmon (SAL) – excused

Post Members: 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), 125 renewed for 2024

FINANCE REPORTS: (

- Bob Haynes questioned the distribution of the fund raising money, suggesting that the expense money was taken from the bell jar and that should be returned to the bell jar. It was later learned the entire amount taken in for the fund raised is divided three ways to the Post, Auxiliary and SAL. Bob withdrew his suggestion.
- A motion was made by Bob Hayes, seconded by Joe Irons to accept the Post and Square Deal Finance Reports. Carried.

UPDATES OR CORRECTION TO PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- Accepted. (Motion – Bob Haynes, 2nd – Joe Irons

COMMITTEES

BACK TO GOD:

- No report

AMERICANISM: (Joe Irons)

- No report

BELL JAR: (Bob Haynes)

- August 2023; 12 games, \$6,751
- September 2023; 12 games, \$7,153

BOY'S STATE: (Joe Irons)

- Joe Irons is working with U.E. and M.E. schools for candidates. Papers must be submitted by April

SERVICE OFFICER: (Joseph Irons)

- Joe Irons accepted the position of Service Officer.

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)

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JR. SHOOTING: (Pete Matway)

- No report

LEGISLATIVE: (Dave Williams)

- No report

LAW & ORDER: (Robert Haynes)

- No report

ORATORICAL: (Joe Irons)

- No report

SCHOLARSHIP:

- No report

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

- No report

SCOUTING: (Howard Dingman)

- No report

VETERAN MONUMENTS:

- Dave Williams and Jerry Page are documenting the monuments to determine location, responsibility and damage.

WOMAN VETERANS: (Stacy Reece)

- No report

HOUSE: (Bob Haynes)

- Bob received suggestions to replace floor mats in the kitchen and to evaluate the downstairs bathrooms for handicap use.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

- Bob Haynes suggested we consider a singing couple for entertainment at our Post. Cost will be \$250 for 3 hours. He is going to contact the party do arrange a date.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- Joe Irons accepted the positions of Chaplain and Service Officer for the Post.
- There will be a Financial Audit for Post 1700 in the near future.
- A motion was made to pay \$300 per month for financial services, retro active to April, 2023. It sll be paid October – December at \$900 per month shared equally by the Post and Square Deal, To be continued in January at \$300 per month. Motion-Bob Haynes, 2nd-Joe Irons.
- Bert Bason has been removed as a check signer; David Williams has been added as a check signer.
- The Post 1700 Legion Riders suspended their activity and donated \$1909 to the Post.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary King, Adjutant