

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

Membership Meeting – November 14, 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: Joseph Irons—present

Post Historian: Gary Denmon (SAL) – excused

Post Members: Stacy Reece, Steve Woodard

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), 145 renewed for 2024

FINANCE REPORTS: (

- No report

UPDATES OR CORRECTION TO PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- Accepted. (Motion – Joe Irons, 2nd – Steve Woodard

COMMITTEES

BACK TO GOD:

- Bob Daglio’S wife deceased.

AMERICANISM: (Joe Irons)

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BELL JAR: (Bob Haynes)

- No report

BOY'S STATE: (Joe Irons)

- Joe Irons is working with M.E. school for candidates. Papers must be submitted by April.
- Current cost for Boys State is \$450, expected to increase to \$750. Posts without candidates has stated willingness to share the expense.

SERVICE OFFICER: (Joseph Irons)

- 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)

- A person in Horseheads after making treats, search of home revealed weapons of mass destruction.

JR. SHOOTING: (Pete Matway)

- No report

LEGISLATIVE: (Dave Williams)

- No report

LAW & ORDER: (Robert Haynes)

- No report

ORATORICAL: (Joe Irons)

- Working with M.E. School for 9th grade candidate. Essay must be submitted by 11/24. Contest at Post 1645, 12/09 for County, 01/06/24 for District.

SCHOLARSHIP:

- There are 2 Bruce Beebe scholarships for \$250 each. Auxiliary supports one, requests the Legion support the other.

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

- Committee will be meeting in the spring.

SCOUTING: (Howard Dingman)

- No report

VETERAN MONUMENTS:

- There are 4 new monuments on Conklin Ave. VA director has been asked to ensure monuments are properly maintained.
- Commander asked Stace Reese to represent the Post at the dedication ceremony.

WOMAN VETERANS: (Stacy Reece)

- No report

HOUSE: (Bob Haynes)

- No report.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

- There will be discussion at Commanders Call on 11/30.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Three estimates for a new roof range from \$40,000 to \$44,000. Dave Williams has submitted for a grant from Tioga Downs.
- We are working for a grant for the parking lot resurfacing estimated at \$20,000 plus.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Our Bell Jar expense list has to be updated in December and ensure the finance officer expense is added.
- There will be a free Thanksgiving provided by Clear Choice at Post 1645 on Thursday, 11/16.
- Our Post will be closed on Thanksgiving Day.
- The County Meeting will be held at our Post on January 08, 2024.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary King, Adjutant