

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

**Membership Meeting – December 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

1<sup>st</sup> Vice: Ron Reece (V) – present

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice & Sgt at Arms: (V) Robert Haynes – present

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice: Robert Kollar—excused

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), 165 renewed for 2024

**FINANCE REPORTS:** (

- Finance report and accepted. (Motion by Bob Haynes, 2nd, Joe Irons)

**UPDATES OR CORRECTION TO PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

- Accepted. (Motion – Bob Haynes, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Joe Irons)

**COMMITTEES**

**BACK TO GOD:**

- Ed Dougherty deceased, 12-11-23. 100 years old, WWII veteran.

**AMERICANISM:** (Joe Irons)

- No report

**BELL JAR:** (Bob Haynes)

- Oct. 10 games, \$6,786; Nov. 9 games, \$4,727. Balance \$26,247

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

- Joe Irons is working with Post 3290 (Maine) and 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)

- Joe reported that illegal immigrates are driving in Long Island without license and insurance and causing accidents.
- Incident at Highland Park, man with knife threatening some people.

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

- No report

**LEGISLATIVE:** (Dave Williams)

- Stacy Reece will represent the Post at an American Legion meeting in Albany on Jan 19-21

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

- Bob reports kids are taking cigarette butts out of the container in front of our building and smoking them. Suggestion is to add water to the butt can.

**ORATORICAL:** (Joe Irons)

- Working with M.E. School for 9<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade candidate. Essay must be submitted by 11/24. Contest at Post 1645, 12/09 for County, 01/06/24 for District.
- Stacy Reece might have some candidates from Union Endicott HS

**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 Stacy Reece to represent the Post at the dedication ceremony.

### **WOMAN VETERANS:** (Stacy Reece)

- No report

### **HOUSE:** (Bob Haynes)

- Problems with lighting for the monument, flag light and deck light sensor.

### **SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:**

- There will be discussion about having entertainment after dinners starting at Lent.

### **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. Zuke's Excavating will provide an estimate after Christmas.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Our Bell Jar expense list has to be updated in December and ensure the finance officer expense is added. Gary King will compare current finance activity with expense list and update.
- Bob Hayes to research Fiber Optics for TV an internet.
- Money received and equally distributed to Legion, SAL and Auxiliary.
  - Last 6 Post dinners, \$2,117.07 divided \$704.69
  - Last 6 Spaghetti dinners, \$1,541.37, divided \$513.79
  - Ham & Turkey Raffle, \$908.55, divided \$302.85
- Children's Christmas Party expense \$811.97; all raised by donation from Legion, SAL and Auxiliary plus cuss jar / coin jug collection.
- The County Meeting will be held at our Post on January 08, 2024.
- Decision was made to stop advertising at the Senior Center.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

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*The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 09, 2024 at 7:00 PM.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Gary King, Adjutant