

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

Membership Meeting – February 13 ,2024

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 (V) - 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

Quorum is made: Yes

Past Post Commanders present: Joe Irons

Past Broome County Commanders present: Joe Irons

District Officers present:

Past Dept of New York Officers present:

Guest Speaker:

POST MEMBERSHIP: (Gary King)

- 187 renewed for 2024 (2 deceased)

FINANCE REPORTS: (

- Finance report accepted

UPDATES OR CORRECTION TO PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- Accepted. (Motion – Joe Irons, 2nd – Ron Reece)

COMMITTEES

BACK TO GOD:

- Tom Esposito hospitalized with a stroke, making some progress on recovery.

AMERICANISM: (Joe Irons)

- No report

BELL JAR: (Bob Haynes)

- No report

BOY'S STATE: (Joe Irons)

- Joe Irons reports 3 Broome County youths selected to attend. June/July timeframe.

SERVICE OFFICER: (Joseph Irons)

- Some activities planned to raise funds for Tom Esposito.

CHILDREN & YOUTH: (Howard Dingman)

- No report

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS:

- Nominations for Post Officers begins in March. Make us aware if you want to be a candidate. Elections in May.

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

- Commander has to report on Post Year status to Department.

HOMELAND SECURITY: (Joe Irons)

- Joe reported that NYC is at level 4. Immigrant problems in NYC and Long Island.

JR. SHOOTING: (Pete Matway)

- No report

LEGISLATIVE: (Dave Williams)

- Stacy Reece reported on some decisions made at the American Legion meeting in Albany on Jan 19-21. The Government is going to reinstate military personal who were discharged because of refusing covid vaccine.

LAW & ORDER: (Robert Haynes)

- Looking for candidates for Police, Fire fighter, EMT, Correction Officer of the year. Commander plans to submit Sean Ahern, Endicott Policeman.

ORATORICAL: (Joe Irons)

- Activity starts in the summer.

SCHOLARSHIP:

- No report

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

- Committee will be meeting on May 7, 6:30 pm.

SCOUTING: (Howard Dingman)

- No report

VETERAN MONUMENTS:

- Funding for the VA has to be requested through the County

WOMAN VETERANS: (Stacy Reece)

- American Legion is supporting equal health care for women veterans.

HOUSE: (Bob Haynes)

- The sign and doors need painting.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

- Dinners and events are posted on bi-monthly newsletter calendars. Lent meals start 2/16.
- Shuffle Board event is still active
- Chicken BBQ scheduled for April 27.
- Submariner memorial service planned for April 6.

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.
- The Thresher submarine was lost 60 years ago on April 10, 1963. Crew included a local resident, Greg Fusco. Plans are being made to have a memorial service at our Post on April 06.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Post will approve financial aid for Tom Esposito as needed.
- There will be a memorial Service at our Post on March 21, for Sean Ahern, Endicott Police, recently deceased.
- Nominations have started for Post Officers.
 - Commander – Dave Williams
 - 1st Vice – Ron Reece
 - 2nd Vice – Bob Haynes
 - 3rd Vice – Bob Kollar, Joe Irons
 - Judge Advocate – Joe Irons
 - Treasurer – Bert Bason
 - Sgt of Arms – Bob Haynes
 - Chaplin – Joe Irons
 - Historian – Gary Denmon
- Second round of nominations in April, Third round and elections in May.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

Respectfully submitted,
Gary King, Adjutant