

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

Membership Meeting – April 09, 2024

The members were called to attention by Post Commander, Dave Williams, and the members saluted the Flag. Members uncovered for 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 (V) - present

Treasurer:

Adjutant & Membership Officer: Gary King – present

Chaplin & Service Officer, Judge Advocate: 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)

- 197 renewed for 2024 (2 deceased). 11 short of goal.

FINANCE REPORTS: (

- No report

UPDATES OR CORRECTION TO PREVIOUS MINUTES)

Minutes accepted as is. (Motion – Bob Haynes, 2nd – Joe Irons)

COMMITTEES

BACK TO GOD:

- Harlan (Harpo) Ayers admitted to Mercy House.

AMERICANISM: (Joe Irons)

- Joe reported that he has a certificate to present to United International Corp for flying the American Flsg.

BELL JAR: (Bob Haynes)

- February, 11 gamed - \$6470; March, 8 games - \$5980

BOY'S STATE: (Joe Irons)

- Joe Irons reports 5 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 (Bob Haynes will try to contact Howard).

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS:

- Final Nominations and elections for Post Officers In May. Make us aware if you want to be a candidate.

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. Bob Haynes stated there are some communication issues.

LEGISLATIVE: (Dave Williams)

- Dave Williams reported the VA is not handling disability cases well.

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:

- Cleaning the monuments was discussed at the April County Meeting. Permission has to be given by government office. 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.
- There is a leak in the 3 tub sink at the bar. Bob will attempt to patch it.
- House cleanup date set for May 11. Food and refreshments will be available.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

- Dinners and events are posted on bi-monthly newsletter calendars.
- Shuffle Board event to start May 1st. Looking for 8 teams.
- Chicken BBQ scheduled for April 27.
- The submariner memorial service on April 6 was well done. Several members of the extended Fusco family were present for the presentation.

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.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Post approved payment of one month rent for Tom Esposito. Communication with Tom's father.
- The ice machine failed at the bar. \$4500 required to replace. Motion by Bob Haynes, Second by Joe Irons to purchase a new ice machine.
- Armistice Day is May 18.
- There will be an Endicott Memorial Day Parade at 10:00, May 27.
- Nominations have started for Post Officers. No new nominations in April
 - 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
- Third round and elections in May.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary King, Adjutant