

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

**Membership Meeting – May 14, 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

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 (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)

- 192 renewed for 2024 (2 deceased). 16 short of goal.

**FINANCE REPORTS:** (

- Finance reports accepted as presented. Motion – Bob Haynes, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Joe Irons

**UPDATES OR CORRECTION TO PREVIOUS MINUTES)**

Minutes accepted as is. (Motion – Bob Haynes, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Bob Kollar)

**COMMITTEES**

**BACK TO GOD:**

- Evelyn Schumerhorn (auxiliary) deceased.
- Focus on taking care of people in need.

**AMERICANISM:** (Joe Irons)

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**BELL JAR:** (Bob Haynes)

- April, 14 games - \$10,603.

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

- Joe Irons reports 5 Broome County youths selected to attend. June/July time frame.

**SERVICE OFFICER:** (Joseph Irons)

- Some activities planned to raise funds for Tom Esposito.

**CHILDREN & YOUTH:** (Howard Dingman)

- No report.

**CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS:**

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

- Commander has to report on Post Year status to Department. Meeting planned for June.

**HOMELAND SECURITY:** (Joe Irons)

- Joe reminded us that if you see something that is strange, report it.

**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)

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**ORATORICAL:** (Joe Irons)

- Activity starts in the summer.

**SCHOLARSHIP:**

- No report

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

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

**SCOUTING:** (Howard Dingman)

- Scouts will be placing flags at two cemeteries on Taft Ave.

**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)

- Stacy Reece is being asked to attend Department meeting July 15-19

**HOUSE:** (Bob Haynes)

- The sign and doors need painting.
- Filters in air conditioners replaced
- There is a leak in the 3 tub sink at the bar. Bob soliciting bids to replace it.
- Grease Busters will be cleaning the hood.
- Bob will be cutting down the trees on the bank.
- Bob will be fixing the road side curb.

**SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:**

- Dinners and events are posted on bi-monthly newsletter calendars.
- Shuffle Board event to start will continue with another session. Looking for 8 teams.
- Chicken BBQ sold 125 meals.
- Fund raising meals brought in \$6000 and was split 3 ways.
- Trying to sell the single beer tap units since we don't use them

**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 provided an estimate of \$150,000 which includes drainage. Bob is seeking more bids.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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- There will be an Endicott Memorial Day Parade at 10:00, May 27. Memorial service at the Post 8:00 am, to replace our flag, followed by a service at the GFJ Island.
- Motion made to provide 2 cases of water for an annual fishing derby.
- Auxiliary offered to donate \$1500 for the new sink required at the bar.
- SAL suggested they will pay for a mural on an outside wall of the Post based on approval. Ideas for a mural to be reviewed.
- Fried Bologna dinner (\$7.00) planned for June 28.
- A motion was made by Bob Haynes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bob Kollar, to provide Stacy Reece with \$300 to cover her participation at the Department Meeting.
- The candidate for treasurer, Bert Bason did not respond to the nomination. Bob Haynes was nominated for treasurer. Joe Irons withdrew his nomination for 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice. This left no challenge for any office. The Adjutant submitted one vote for each office. Following are the officers for 2024-2025.
  - Commander – Dave Williams
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice – Ron Reece
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice – Bob Haynes
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice – Bob Kollar
  - Judge Advocate – Joe Irons
  - Treasurer – Bob Haynes
  - Sgt of Arms – Bob Haynes
  - Chaplin – Joe Irons
  - Historian – Gary Denmon

**CORRESPONDENCE:**



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

Respectfully submitted,  
Gary King, Adjutant