

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

**Membership Meeting – June 11, 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, Treasurer & Sgt at Arms: (V) Robert Haynes – present

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice: Robert Kollar (V) - present

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 and budget to be held for further review. Motion – Bob Haynes, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Bob Kollar

**UPDATES OR CORRECTION TO PREVIOUS MINUTES)**

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

**COMMITTEES**

**BACK TO GOD:**

- Shorty Farr – deceased, Celebration of life, June 29, 2 – 5 pm
- Donna Patrick – ICU
- Louis Kadlack - ICU

**AMERICANISM:** (Joe Irons)

- Flag week June 9 thru 15. Flag retirement ceremony 6/14

**BELL JAR:** (Bob Haynes)

- May, 18 games - \$10,405.

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

- No report

**SERVICE OFFICER:** (Joseph Irons)

- Joe to get a card for Shorty, signed by all the bar tenders

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

- No report.

**CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS:**

- No report

**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)

- No report

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

- No report.

**LEGISLATIVE:** (Dave Williams)

- No report

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

- No report

**ORATORICAL:** (Joe Irons)

- Activity starts in the summer.

**SCHOLARSHIP:**

- No report

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

- Committee will be meeting on July 8, 6:30 pm.

**SCOUTING:** (Howard Dingman)

- Noreport

**VETERAN MONUMENTS:**

- Dave says a Veteran Monuments Association is being formed to monitor the monuments and arrange caring. A member is going to reach out to a US Congressman.

**WOMAN VETERANS:** (Stacy Reece)

- No report

**HOUSE:** (Bob Haynes)

- The doors need painting.
- There is a leak in the 3 tub sink at the bar. Still waiting for replacement
- Bob will be cutting down the trees on the bank.

**SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:**

- Dinners and events are posted on bi-monthly newsletter calendars.
- Shuffle Board has started a new 8 week session.
- Plans to start Corn Hole in July
- 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 \$147,000 which includes drainage. Bob is seeking more bids.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- SAL suggested they will pay for a mural on an outside wall of the Post based on approval. Four pictures were submitted and one was selected.
- Fried Bologna dinner (\$7.00) has been postponed to a later date TBD
- Joe Irons conducted a swearing in ceremony for the following officers.
  - 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:**

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*The will be no Post meetings in July and August. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 09 2024 at 7:00 PM.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Gary King, Adjutant

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