

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

Membership Meeting – May 10, 2022

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: (V) (position open)

3rd Vice, Treasurer, Judge Advocate: Charlie Verno (V) - present

Sgt. Of Arms: Robert Haynes Sr. (V) – present

Adjutant & Chaplin: Joe Irons – excused

Membership Officer: Gary King – present

Service Officer: Doug Adams – present

Post Historian: Gary Denmon (SAL) – excused

Post Members: Butch Nabinger, Howard Dingman

Quorum is made: Yes

Past Post Commanders resent: Butch Nabinger

Past Broome County Commanders Present: Butch Nabinger

Past 6th District Officers none: Butch Nabinger

Past Dept of New York Officers present: Butch Nabinger

Guest Speaker: Colleen DeBenedittis

Guest: Request to honor the death of her fathers brother by inviting his two sons to the Post to provide musical entertainment. The date will be determined with plans to coordinate with one of our Grillin’ on the Deck. It was suggested that we could have a 50/50 to compensate for their time and travel from Florida and consider our financial means based on the success of the 50/50. Motion made and accepted by Charlie Verno, seconded by Howard Dingman

POST MEMBERSHIP: (Gary King)

- 207 members for 2022.

FINANCE REPORTS: (Charlie Verno)

- Balance submitted = \$45,926
- The Bell Jar paid for all the fish dinners. All income contributed to Square Deal.

UPDATES OR CORRECTION TO PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- The April Post meeting minutes were accepted without change, Motion by Bob Hayes, seconded by Doug Adams.

COMMITTEES

BACK TO GOD:

- Charlie Verno reported the passing of Carlton Ladue, a Korea veteran with 22 years continuous membership.

AMERICANISM:

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BELL JAR: (Bob Haynes)

- 12 games in April for a gross income of \$8,157

BOY'S STATE: (Dave Williams)

- We have a potential candidate

SERVICE OFFICER: (Doug Adams) No report

CHILDREN & YOUTH: (Dave Williams)

- Girls from UEHS will be available in the fall if we need the extra help.
- There will be no Baseball team this year.

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS:

- Charlie Verno stated after reviewing the by-laws, the only change needed was moving the meeting day from the first Tuesday to the second Tuesday of the month.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: (Charlie Verno)

- Our 2022/2023 budget presented and accepted. Motion made by Charlie Verno, Seconded by Bob Hayes.

HOMELAND SECURITY: (Joe Irons)

- Dave Williams stated that we continue to practice vigilance at our Post to ensure the safety of our members.

JR. SHOOTING: (Pete Matway)

- Ron Reece's granddaughter earned a silver and bronze metal in air rifle competition at Syracuse. Ron's grandson is starting to compete.

LEGISLATIVE: (Dave Williams)

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LAW & ORDER: (Joe Irons)

- Bob Haynes reported that the voting booths to used for the primaries will be arriving this month.

ORATORICAL:

- No report

POW/MIA: (Jackie Reece)

- The POW/MIA event is scheduled for September 16. Steps to improve the event will be discussed at future meetings.

SCOUTING:

- (Repeat) A scout troop wants to participate in a flag retiring ceremony. There are plans for a ceremony on Tuesday, June 14. BS troop 202 will be making a presentation to us prior to the event.

VETERAN MONUMENTS:

- (Repeat) We need to monitor the monuments at our Post and the GFJ Park to ensure they are clean and properly maintained.

WOMAN VETERANS:

HOUSE:

- New rugs have been placed in the vestibule.
- The section of building which includes the Hall is continuing to sink.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

- Cornhole league has two more weeks on Saturday. Might be played outside, weather permitting

OLD BUSINESS:

- We are still working on replacing the sign out front with a digital sign. Researching companies and cost. Looking for legal assistance.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Nominations for Post Officers completed.
 - Commander – Dave Williams
 - 1st Vice – Ron Reece
 - 2nd Vice – Robert Haynes Sr.
 - 3rd Vice – Charlie Verno
 - Treasurer – Charlie Verno
 - Sgt of Arms – Robert Haynes Sr,
 - Chaplin – Doug Adams

Since only one candidate was nominated for each office, the secretary was requested to make one vote for each candidate. Election complete. Butch Nabinger was requested to swear in the officers.

- Gary King accepted the Commanders appointment as Adjutant.
- Motion was made Dave Williams, seconded by Bob Hayes to donate \$100 for an ad the 104th Empire American Legion of NY event to be held July 13.
- There will be a Memorial Day flag event at our Post and the GFJ Park

CORRESPONDENCE:

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The next Post meeting will be held at 7:00 on June 14, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary King