



George F. Johnson, American Legion Post 1700
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Commander Robert F. Wood called the regular meeting of George F. Johnson, American Legion Post 1700 to order @ 1900hrs, Tuesday, December 4th. Colors being in place, all members rendered a "Hand Salute". Chaplain Barb Beebe gave the "Opening Prayer". All members recited "The Pledge of Allegiance", followed by the members whom recited "The Preamble of the American Legion".

Roll Call: Adjutant David Jensen read roll call; Commander Bob Wood: Present, 1st Vice Commander Butch Nabinger: Present, 2nd Vice Commander Ron Reece: Present, 3rd Vice Commander Phil Dillenbeck: Present, Chaplain Barb Beebe: Excused Absent, Historian Ray Beebe: Excused Absent, Treasurer Charlie Verno: Present, Sgt-at-Arms Gary King: Absent and Service Officer Vic Hand: Absent.

Past Post Commanders present: Ray Nabinger 1982-1984, Phil Dillenbeck 2004-2006, Joe Irons 2010-2012 and Rob Jensen 1997-2002.

Past County commanders present: Ray Nabinger 1984-1985.

Past District Commander present: Rob Jensen 2003.

Vice District Commander present: Ray Nabinger.

Reading of the Minutes: Motioned by Bob Hunt to accept minutes, 2nd by Ray Nabinger, all in favor, motion carried.

Membership/Treasurer's Report: Charlie Verno reported the Post paid membership for 2013 as of 333, 2012 was 401. We are 67 members short of 427 for 83 %. The Post has a bank balance of \$1728.07; Good of the Legion balance is \$932.25.

Motioned by Ray Nabinger to accepting treasurer's report, 2nd by Bob Hunt, all in favor, motion carried.

Back to God: Sick Call: Moment of Silence for Members who joined Post Everlasting for Robert Livermore. Joe Irons asked that members keep the Beebe family in their prayers as their brother in-law passed away.

Committee Reports:

Americanism: Ray Beebe was excused absent.

Baseball: Ray Beebe was excused absent.

Historian: Ray Beebe was excused absent.

Boys State: David Jensen reported that the School Master's Dinner was attended by 3 out of 4 of the families despite being rescheduled twice.

Good Will Days: Barb Beebe was excused absent.

POW/MIA: Barbe Beebe was excused absent.

Oratorical: Joe Irons reported that this year's oratorical contest is canceled. Joe discussed how he would like to recruit students in the future.

Homeland Security: Joe Irons had nothing to report.

House/Kitchen: Ron Reece reported that the kitchen needs more help. Charlie Verno noted that the newsletter needs to be proof read before being sent out.

Scholarship: Nothing to Report.

Junior Shooting: Rob Jensen reported that the league season began on November 9th. The US Army national championship match region qualifier will be held on December 8th and 9th at the Binghamton Rifle Club.

Rob Jensen stated that the NRA received last year's grant instead of this year's grant. Consequently, the Junior Shooters will not receive what they requested in this year's proposed grant.

Service Officer: Vic Hand was absent.

Old Business: Nothing to Report.

New Business: Cmdr Wood reported that the board of directors created next year's budget. Some budget items have been reduced or eliminated due to declining revenue. Funds will not be available for Mid-Winter or the Summer Convention. Rob Jensen suggested that we use Doug's Fish Fry as a fundraiser.

Gary King stated that a fourth board member needs to be nominated fill Ed Futusky's vacated seat. The fourth member will serve for the remainder of that term, two years.

Joe Irons nominated Rob Jensen for board member. Rob Jensen declined the nomination due to living far from the Post. Cmdr Wood nominated David Jensen for board member. David Jensen accepted nomination for the vacated seat (2 years).

Ray Nabinger motioned for the hearing of nominations to be closed and the candidates be elected. Cmdr Wood called for any further nominations. Hearing no other nominations, Cmdr Wood called the hearing of nominations closed. The nominated candidates are Bob Wood, Bob Haynes, Phil Dillenbeck and David Jensen (vacated - 2 years). Since there were four seats up for election, an election is not necessary.

Charlie Verno motioned that the Post charge member \$10 for a failed magnetic card and \$5 for a failed card. Bob Wood seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence: David Jensen read Joe Iron's letter requesting endorsement for County Commander. Rob Jensen motioned to endorse Joe Irons for County Commander, Bob Hunt seconded, all in favor, motion carried. David Jensen read correspondence regarding Veteran benefits, a bowling tournament and Sandy relief.

For the Good of the Legion:

Joe Irons discussed the Legion Re-invite on February 16th.

Cmdr Wood reported that our profit from the ham & turkey raffle is \$269.41.

Cmdr Wood motioned to nominate Frank George for life membership, Bob Hunt seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

County Meeting will be Monday, December 10, 2012 6:00 PM (Christmas Party) at Post 1645.

Acting Chaplain Joe Irons gave the "Closing Prayer, Commander Wood gave his "Closing Remarks". Meeting adjourned by Commander Wood, at 2004 hrs.

For God and Country.

David M. Jensen

David M. Jensen, Adjutant