



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, September 4, 2012. 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: Present, Historian Ray Beebe: Present, Treasurer Charlie Verno: Present, Sgt-at-Arms Gary King: Present and Service Officer Vic Hand: Absent.

Past Post Commanders present: Ray Nabinger 1982-1984, Jim Davis 1990-1992, Phil Dillenbeck 2004-2006, Barb Beebe 2006-2010, Joe Irons 2010-2012 and Rob Jensen 1997-2002.

Past County commanders present: Ray Nabinger 1984-1985, Barb Beebe 2004-2005, and Ray Beebe 2008-2010.

Past District Commander present: Rob Jensen 2003.

District Commander present: Barb Beebe

Vice District Commander: Ray Nabinger

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

There was discussion during presentation of the minutes on John Sobzjak's Life Membership. Members expressed various opinions about whether Mr. Sobzjak was deserving of life membership and whether it was ever granted. A motion was made to appeal the granting of life membership to Mr. Sobzjak during the presentation of minutes but called out of order. It was agreed that the motion must be made in For the Good of the Legion.

Membership/Treasurer's Report: Charlie Verno reported the Post paid membership for 2012 as of 215, 2012 was 401. We are 186 members short of 427 for 54 %. The Post has a bank balance of \$1468.54; Good of the Legion balance is \$932.25.

Motioned by Joe Irons to accept 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 10 June – Walter Miller, USA WWII; 13 June – James E Kane, USMC Korean War; 19 June – Michael J. Quartararo, USN WWII; 1 July – Leland H. Knowles, USA WWII; 19 July – Donald J. Bradley, USN.

Committee Reports:

Americanism: Ray Beebe read a history of significant days during the summer and fall including POW/MIA Remembrance Day.

Baseball: Ray Beebe reported that this is one of the worst years for local American Legion baseball. Only three teams

out 21 played in the tournament due to a lack players. There will be a Department meeting on baseball at Post 1700 on September 19 with County Commanders and County Baseball Chairmen asked to attend.

Historian: Ray Beebe had nothing to report.

Boys State: David Jensen had nothing to report.

Good Will Days: Barb Beebe had nothing to report.

POW/MIA: Barb Beebe reported that the POW/MIA Remembrance Ceremony will be held at Post 1700 on September 21st. The Commander wrote a letter to the family of recently deceased POW inviting them to attend.

Oratorical: Barb Beebe reported that she and Joe Irons will take the oratorical packages to the local schools when the Post receives them.

Honor Guard/Scholarships: Jim Davis was not present.

Scholarship: Charlie Verno reported that four scholarship checks were sent out.

House/Kitchen: Gary King reported that the boiler had to be replaced costing over \$10,000. Between the replaced boiler and the pavilion roof, the Post is facing financial difficulties. Fewer members are spending money at the Post than in the past.

There will be Friday Night Dinners starting the first week in October. Gary King noted that turnout for Grillin' on the Deck was low this summer and not all Members who were at the Post ate dinner. Members are encouraged to attend Post meals as it is a source of income for the Post.

The Commander noted that Maggie is resigning as Chairman for the breakfasts and ham and turkey dinner. The Auxiliary is looking for a replacement.

Homeland Security: Joe Irons reported on local emergency response training opportunities. Members who are interested in taking a training class should contact him.

Junior Shooting: Rob Jensen reported the Junior Shooter attended competition in Rogers, AK in June. September 16th will be the initial safety class. Post 1700 will host the State BB Gun Championship in March. Rob said they are looking for new members and are considering doing an open house.

Service Officer: Vic Hand was not present.

Old Business: Gary King reported that we ordered 100 license plates and we have sold all the Post ball caps. Members who would like a hat should tell the bartender. When enough Members want a hat, the Post will order more.

New Business: Nothing to Report.

Correspondence: Letter from Bath Holiday Gift Shop. The Post's donation is budgeted.

For the Good of the Legion:

Ray Nabinger commended Ron Reese and others for working the kitchen and grill over the summer. Ray said the post needs to get more volunteers at the Post.

Joe Irons reported the National Commander's Dinner will be at Post 1645 on November 28th. The Boys' State dinner will be on November 1st. Mid-Winter Convention will be January 25-27, 2012 in Albany. The Convention next year will be in Niagara Falls. The 6th District Convention will be at Post 1700 next year.

Gary King reported that the Legion Riders have 24 members with 5 more prospective members. Many of the Riders have joined the Post. The Riders have been very active in the Post including Grillin' on the Deck and the American Pride Ride which raised \$4,000 for families of Fallen Soldiers.

The motion was made by Charlie Verno to appeal the granting of life membership to John "Jack" Sobzjak, seconded by Phil Dillenbeck. Discussion continued on the process by which life membership is granted and whether Mr. Sobzjak had been legitimately granted life membership. The motion carried.

County Meeting will be Monday, September 10, 2012 7:00 PM at Post 82.

Chaplain Barb Beebe gave the "Closing Prayer, Commander Wood gave his "Closing Remarks". Meeting adjourned by Commander Wood, at 2008 hrs.

For God and Country.

David M. Jensen

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