



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 @ 7 PM, Tuesday, October 7th, 2014. 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: Commander/Treasurer: Bob Wood: Present, 1st Vice Commander & Service Officer: Ray Nabinger: Present, 2nd Vice Commander Ron Reece: Present, 3rd Vice Commander Charles Duval: Excused, Chaplain Barb Beebe: Present, Historian Joe Irons: Present, Sgt-at-Arms Jerry Robinson: Present, Adjutant Debbie Roehm: Present.

Past Post Commanders present: Ray Nabinger 1982-1984, Barb Beebe 2006-2010, and Joe Irons 2010-2012

Past County Commanders present: Ray Nabinger 1984-1985, Barb Beebe 2004-2005, Ray Beebe 2008-2010 and Joe Irons 2012-2013

Past District Commander present: Rob Jensen 2003, Barb Beebe 2012

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

Membership/Treasurer's Report: The Adjutant read the Treasurer's report. The Post paid membership for 2015 is 220. We are 180 members short of 400 for 55% of our goal. The Post has a bank balance of \$1,310.02; Good of the Legion balance is \$317.14, County Convention cost \$386.76; Spaghetti Dinner balance \$1232.00; Legion Baseball balance \$1,229.18.

Motioned by Vic Hand to accept the Treasurer's report, 2nd by Joe Irons, all in favor, motion carried.

Back to God: Chaplain Beebe none to report, a prayer and moment of silence for Airman killed in Okinawa and Auxiliary member Pauline Carmen

Sick Call: Don Solomon, Ed Korba and Dave Williams

Committee Reports:

Americanism: Ray Beebe reported about significant historical events: 1949 Republic of East Germany formed; 1963 President Kennedy signed ratification for nuclear test ban treaty with Briton and Soviet Union; 1992 trade reps from US, Canada and Mexico signed NAFTA at ceremony in San Antonio TX

Baseball: NSTR

POW/MIA: Ceremony was held on Sept 19th at 6:00 PM there was a good turn out this year however, no media was present. There will be a meeting on Sunday Oct 26th at 1:30 to plan for next year. Commander Bob Wood mentioned that there was an oversight at the ceremony that did not recognized Frank George and that he wrote a letter of apology letter to the Press which was printed.

Boys State: Completed, School Master Dinner will be in Nov. 9th at Post 80 at 5:30 PM.

Oratorical: Joe Irons, Sat 11/15 at Post 82; this will include both Broome and Tioga counties, if working please be there by 12:30 PM. Volunteers are still needed.

Homeland Security: Joe Irons – NSTR for local

House/Kitchen: Friday night dinners will start up and will be every other Friday – Please contact Shorty Farr if you would like to cook/help with dinners.

Color Guard: NSTR

Scholarship: NSTR

Junior Shooting: Rob Jensen and Pete Matwey –Shooting has started league completion will start in a few weeks. We will sponsor regional championship match again, have approval to conduct Jr Army Air Rifle championship. Our group will also be going to a trail blazer organization activity, we have been asked to work with some kids on BB gun shooting. Next year the NYS Championship will be held in Cicero. Looking for more shooters, membership is down, can we get some type of advertisement in the local newspaper.

Correspondence: Letter from Lawrence Alger writing dissertation involving veterans in higher education, requesting to place a flyer, not clear what he is looking for, Debbie Roehm will send a not asking for more info. Gerald Page Gifts to yanks program, bus trip/gifts looking for donation, this is in our budget however, Joe Irons made a motion to an addition \$50, seconded by Vic Hand, motion carried.

Old Business: NSTR

New Business: Nomination for Board members, there are 5 openings this year.

Joe Irons nominated Ray Nabinger accepted
Vic Hand nominated Joe Irons accepted
Ray Nabinger nominated Ron Reece accepted
Rob Jensen nominated Pete Matwey declined
Ray Beebe nominated Vic Hand accepted

For the Good of the Legion:

Pancake Breakfast, Sunday Nov 2nd, 8:00-11:00 AM Post 1700
Spaghetti Dinner, Monday Nov 3rd, 5-7PM at Post 1700.
Pitch Tournament, Sunday Nov 2nd, 1:00 PM
NYS Dept Cmdr Visitation Luncheon, Nov 5th 12:00 PM Post 89
NYS Dept Cmdr Frank Peters Visitation Dinner, Nov 5th 4:30 PM Post 80
Past County Commanders Dinner, Nov 9th 5 PM Post 1700
School Masters Dinner, Nov 9th 5:30 PM Post 80
Annual Ham & Turkey Raffle, Nov 14th 6 PM Post 1700

Chaplain Barb Beebe gave the "Closing Prayer, Commander Wood gave his "Closing Remarks". Meeting adjourned by Commander Wood, at 7:55 PM.

For God and Country.

Adjutant Debbie Roehm