



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 3rd. Colors being in place, all members rendered a "Hand Salute". Acting Chaplain Joe Irons 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 Bob Wood: Present, 1st Vice Commander & Service Officer: Butch Nabinger: Present, 2nd Vice Commander Ron Reece: Present, 3rd Vice Commander Debbie Roehm: Present, Chaplain Bob Hunt: Absent, Historian Ray Beebe: Absent, Treasurer Charlie Verno: Absent, Sgt-at-Arms Jerry Robinson: Present.

Past Post Commanders present: Ray Nabinger 1982-1984, Phil Dillenbeck 2004-2006, Joe Irons 2010-2012.
Past County commanders present: Ray Nabinger 1984-1985.

Reading of the Minutes: Joe Irons requested that "flag burning" be replaced by "flag retirement." Motioned by Ray Nabinger to accept revised minutes, 2nd by Jerry Robinson, all in favor, motion carried.

Membership/Treasurer's Report: Adjutant David Jensen reported for Treasurer Charlie Verno that Post paid membership for 2014 as of 8/31/13 is 195. We are 205 members short of 400 for 49 %. The Post has a bank balance of \$3422.63; Good of the Legion balance is \$615.00.

Motioned by Ray Nabinger to accept the treasurer's report, 2nd by Jerry Robinson, all in favor, motion carried.

Back to God: Sick Call: Cmdr Wood reported that Ray Beebe was in the hospital but is now at home resting.

Committee Reports:

Americanism: NSTR

Baseball: Steve Barrett spoke to the Post concerning starting up a baseball team next spring. Mr. Barrett explained that he has enough committed players to avoid forfeiting games, as happened in the past. Mr. Barrett estimated that it would cost about \$4200 to field a team (umpire fees, uniforms, etc.). Ray Nabinger motioned that we support Mr. Barrett in forming a team for 2014, 2nd by Debbie Roehm, all in favor, motion passed. Ray suggested that we have the players work a Post dinner to fundraise for the team.

Mr. Barrett asked what part of the cost the players should expect to cover. After discussion, Cmdr Wood told Mr. Barrett he should tell the players they will have to cover the cost of uniforms (\$125). If fundraisers are successful, the Post may be able to cover part of the cost of the uniforms.

Historian: NSTR

Good Will Days: NSTR

POW/MIA: Joe Irons discussed the upcoming POW/MIA ceremony. Several elected officials and local organizations that fly the POW/MIA flag will be recognized.

Boys State: David Jensen reported that he will invite the Post's 2013 delegate to speak at our next Post meeting.

Oratorical: Joe Irons reported that he is trying to reach out directly to parents this year. Joe explained the oratorical contest for our new members.

Homeland Security: NSTR

House/Kitchen: NSTR

Scholarship: Debbie Roehm reported that she will be writing a press release to publicize the scholarship winners.

Junior Shooting: Pete Matwey discussed what the Jr. Shooters have been doing. The Jr. Shooters begin practice this month.

Correspondence: David Jensen read correspondence concerning the Post 770 golf tournament and gift wrapping for the Bath VA home.

Old Business: Cmdr. Wood motioned to approve the Post budget, 2nd by Phil Dillenbeck, all in favor, motion passed. The Post

budget had been passed by the executive committee in May.

Joe Irons reported that the Post bylaw changes have not been sent to Department due to Frank Konopka's illness.

New Business: Debbie Roehm reported on finances relating to the family picnic. There is \$367 that was donated for the picnic but not spent. There was discussion on what should be done with the money and concern that donors may be upset if the donations are spent on something other than the picnic. Joe Irons motioned that money left over from the picnic be put in "For the Good of the Legion", 2nd by Ray Nabinger, all in favor, motion passed.

Debbie Roehm brought up the low attendance at the family picnic. The low attendance may have been due to another event being scheduled that weekend and/or Members having busy summer schedules. There was discussion about changing the date to spring, possibly Flag Day weekend.

Ray Nabinger reported on the success of the spaghetti dinners. Ray discussed ideas for future dinner fundraisers. The Auxillary has agreed to give us five turkeys. The need for more volunteers was discussed. Many of the volunteers are being overworked and burning out.

Cmdr Wood informed the Post that the Submarine Veterans will be moving a monument from New Paltz to Post 1700 adjacent the POW/MIA monument. Debbie Roehm made a motion to support placement of the monument, 2nd by Ray Nabinger, all in favor, motion passed.

Cmdr Wood introduced new members. Ray Nabinger motioned to accept new members, 2nd by Debbie Roehm, all in favor, motion passed.

For the Good of the Legion: NSTR

County Meeting will be Monday, September 9, 2013 at Post 82, Endicott.

POW/MIA Ceremony will be Friday, September 20th, 6:00PM at Post 1700.

Organizational Meeting will be Wednesday, September 11th at 6:30PM at Post 1700.

Acting Chaplian Joe Irons gave the "Closing Prayer, Commander Wood gave his "Closing Remarks". Meeting adjourned by Commander Wood, at 2020 hrs.

For God and Country.

David Jensen