



Robert H. Baker American Legion Post 95 Meeting Minutes of January 17, 2006

21 members in attendance: “Mac” Williams, Paul Riechman, Donna Warren, Mike Edwards, Alan Shannon, Bobby Beeks, Ray Nichols, Robert Emery, Paul Ellison, John Gibbs, Marvin Mendenhall, Fred Cox, Ira Hunter, Larry Allen, Melvin Johnston, Don Happy, Ted Nelson, Ray Merrill, Ray Adkins, Eugene Welch, Foster Sires.

Commander Paul Ellison opened the meeting in due form at 19:02 HRS

Chaplin Donna Warren gave the opening prayer.

Commander Ellison led the post in reciting the preamble

Commander Ellison introduced Shirley and Tracy of SYNERGY SERVICES of Parkville MO.

Shirley talked about what Synergy does and about them needing mentors for at risk kids.

Adjutant Robert Emery read the minutes from the November meeting; the minutes were approved as read.

Finance Officer Ray Nichols talked about filling out tax-exempt form 990 to help keep the post tax-exempt status.

Finance Officer Ray Nichols gave the Post finance report. A copy of the finance report is available with these minutes. The finance report was approved as read.

Commander Ellison asked the Adjutant for the highlights from the November minutes.

Committee Reports:

Girls State:

Girls State Chairperson Donna Warren said that Girls State has set a quota of two girls from Liberty High School.

Boys State:

Boys State Chairperson Robert Emery said that Liberty Sertoma has sent money to sponsor three boys.

Flag Etiquette:

Color Guard Commander Mike Edwards reported that there would be a Flag Etiquette class Friday in Lee’s Summit at 10:15 and any one interested should meet at 9:00 in the HY-VEE parking lot.

Color Guard:

Color Guard Commander Mike Edwards said that the Color Guard would like to schedule a practice session.

Marvin Mendenhall talked on the debt of gratitude to Mike Edwards and Don Happy for their driving to the various funerals.

Marvin Mendenhall made a motion to give \$50 each to Mike Edwards and Don Happy for gas. Foster Sires seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Membership:

Vice Commander Ted Nelson reported that our current paid up membership was 221. Ted also said that he was going to send out letters to those out of state members that have not yet renewed their membership for 2006.

VA Hospital Visit:

Vice Commander Ted Nelson said that he would like to visit the VA Hospital on Sunday afternoon



since the Post missed the Pearl Harbor Day visit due to weather. Alan Shannon mentioned that there might not be many patients in the hospital due to weekend leave. Ted Nelson said anyone wanting to go on the VA Hospital visit should meet at the RE-MAX parking lot at 12:30 Sunday.

District Oratorical Contest:

Commander Ellison talked about the district oratorical contest and that the county contest winner placed second in the district.

Spaghetti Dinner:

Commander Ellison asked if everyone wanted to do this fundraiser again. Everyone agreed we should do it again this year and set the date for March 25th. Bobby Beeks and Ray Nichols will be in charge of getting door prizes again.

Newsletter:

Larry Allan is looking for articles and ideas for the newsletter.

Sick Call:

Johnny Vronz: Has had knee replacement surgery

John Hudgens: Had prostate surgery and is doing well

Leslie Sires: Is in a coma

District Report:

District Adjutant Robert Emery reported on the district meeting that was held in Richmond and that the District Oratorical Contest was also held at the district meeting.

Correspondence:

Commander Ellison read a thank you note from the Liberty Fire Department for the Post support of their fire safety program.

Commander Ellison read an announcement for the Missouri Association of Veterans Organizations Legislative Days to be held in Jefferson City on January 23rd and 24th.

New Business:

Commander Ellison talked about the changes he would like to make to the current Post 95 BY-LAWS. Some of the changes are when the post installs officers to be after the Department Convention and the creation of a Post Service Officer.

Post-Family Cookout:

Commander Ellison asked if everyone was interested in doing the cookout on the normal May meeting day. All were in favor of holding the cookout again.

Commander Ellison reminded that Saturday breakfast would be at the VFW this week and that the VFW Wednesday dinner this week would be soup and sandwiches.

Commander Ellison reported that the VFW had found some old Legion Auxiliary records and two 1974 Legion baseball trophies in their clean up of the back of the hall.

Don Happy reported that he was getting an Emblem Sales order together and anyone wanting to order something gets with him after the meeting.

Commander Ellison closed the meeting at 20:10HRS

Submitted _____
Robert C. Emery – Adjutant

Approved _____
Paul Ellison - Commander