



## **Robert H. Baker American Legion Post 95 Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2006**

29 members and 1 guest 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, Don Happy, Ted Nelson, Eugene Welch, Jim Rieck, Ed Backstrom, Marvin Scott, John Kopp, Harold Kopp, Foster Sires, Cary Huffman, Ray Merrell, Frank Nichols, Melvin Johnston, Larry Haney, and Calvin Nelson. Ray Barrett - guest  
Commander Paul Ellison opened the meeting in due form at 19:02 HRS

Alan Shannon led the post in reciting the preamble.

Chaplin Donna Warren gave the opening prayer.

Commander Paul Ellison led the pledge of allegiance

Commander Ellison introduced Harold Kopp – new member and Ray Barrett guest/potential member.

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

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.

Marvin Mendenhall led the post in thanking Ray Nichols for his outstanding job as Post finance officer.

Committee Reports:

Girls State:

Girls State Chairperson Donna Warren reported that Liberty would be sending five girls to Girls State this year. Two from the PEO, two from Post 95 and 1 from Liberty Lions.

Boys State:

Boys State Chairperson Robert Emery reported that he had received a check from the Liberty Lions Club and has money for two boys from Liberty Sertoma Club. Robert thanked Paul Ellison, Foster Sires, and Ray Nichols for interviewing the Boys State Candidates. There are ten candidates for this year Boys State. Ray Nichols reported that VFW Post 4043 would match Post 95 sponsorship for Boys State. Marvin Mendenhall made a motion the Post 95 sponsor three boy’s state candidates.

Foster Sires seconded the motion the motion passed.

Color Guard:

Color Guard Commander Mike Edwards reported that he would need volunteers for Neal Harding’s Memorial Service. Commander Ellison reported the the Post had performed at five funerals since the last meeting. Mike Edwards reported that the honor team would be adding a HONOR TEAM patch to the left sleeve of the summer uniform. Don Happy will be ordering 24 more patches please see Don Happy for the patches.

Membership:

Vice Commander Ted Nelson reported that we have one new member join since the last meeting.



#### Sick Call:

Johnny Vronz: Back in North KC hospital due to infection for about 2 -3 weeks

Gary Cantwell: Had a stroke and is in the hospital.

#### Spaghetti Dinner:

Bobby Beeks has more than enough door prizes

Ray Nichols Has takes inventory and should have enough supplies for the dinner.

Jim Rieck has everything he needs for cooking. He also reported that a 16 quart stockpot was missing. He reported that he has enough help for Friday prep and Saturday help will start at 10:00 HRS. Hall setup will start at 11:00 HRS. Commander Ellison passed around a sign up sheet for spaghetti dinner help. Cary Huffman reported that the kitchen was just inspected and the only thing was deficient was the lack of hand sink for washing hands so use the hand sink in the bar area. Ray Nichols will get the start up money.

#### Spring on the Square:

Alan Shannon reported that Mace Shoe Shop would like for the Post to setup their information booth in front of his shop.

Commander Ellison talked about the Flag Disposal Ceremony to be held at 08:45 HRS and needed volunteers to man the information booth. Ray Nichols asked Cary Huffman if the VFW would like to share the booth with the Post. Cary Huffman said that the VFW would like to help with the booth.

#### Nomination Committee: No Report

Commander Ellison reminded everyone that the election will beheld in June with instillation of officers to beheld after the Department Convention in July.

Commander Ellison reported that all but two of the newsletter ads have been paid for.

Alan Shannon talked about finding baby moon hub cap for the spare tire on the flag trailer. Since he could not find one he found a lady that would make a cover for the spare tire for about \$15-\$20.

Alan Shannon made a motion to have a cover made for the spare tire on the flag trailer at a cost of \$15-\$20. John Gibbs seconded the motion the motion passed.

#### Post Spring Family Cookout

Marvin Mendenhall, Ray Nichols, and Paul Reichmann will committee the dinner. The dinner will be on the regular meeting night 16MAY2006. Paul Reichmann will get the meat – Brauts and Hamburgers.

#### Memorial Day:

Commander Ellison talked about the Avenue of Flag which will be put out May 27 – 28 - 29 and the Nursing Home Ceremony to be held on May 29. Commander Ellison talked about adding TAPS to the Avenue of Flags and Nursing Home Ceremony. All were in favor of adding TAPS.

Commander Ellison asked for volunteers for those activities. Fred Cox said that he would be making repairs to the flag trailer that day. Ray Nichols made a motion to fund the flag trailer repairs that Fred Cox will be doing. Alan Shannon seconded the motion the motion passed.

#### Thursday Night BINGO at Cedars:

Commander Ellison reminded that they would need help with BINGO night and Gene Welch was providing deserts.

#### Memorial Service for Neal Harding:

Cary Huffman talked about the joint VFW/American Legion Service to be held Monday at 18:00HRS at Cedars.



Citizenship Awards:

Commander Ellison: Asked if the Post which awards to buy for the Citizenship Awards this year. Paul said that last year the Post purchased the silver awards. John Gibbs made a motion that the Post buys eight silver medals for this year awards. Alan Shannon seconded the motion the motion Passed.

Commander Ellison reminded everyone about the next district meeting to be held in Smithville on April 9<sup>th</sup> with Dinner at 12:00HRS followed by the district meeting at 13:00HRS. Commander Ellison said that we would meet at REMAX at 11:15HRS and carpool from there.

Correspondence:

Commander Ellison read the latest Post correspondence.

Commander Ellison talked about the revisions to the Post By-laws being approved and had been signed by the necessary Post members. Copies are available to any member that wants a copy.

New Business:

Alan Shannon talked about having the Post Saturday Breakfast at Golden Corral. Alan said that it would start at 07:30 and we would have to be out by 09:00HRS. Everyone thought we should give it a try. The Post will meet at the Golden Corral this Saturday.

Commander Ellison closed the meeting at 20:15HRS

Submitted \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert C. Emery – Adjutant

Approved \_\_\_\_\_  
Paul Ellison - Commander