



Robert H. Baker American Legion Post 95 Meeting Minutes of February 19, 2008

31 members in attendance: Donna Warren, Alan Shannon, Ray Nichols, Robert Emery, John Gibbs, Ira Hunter, Larry Allen, Ted Nelson, Ray Merrill, Jim Rieck, Lester Brown, Mac Williams, Melvin Johnson., Paul Ellison, Jerry Head, Don Happy, Paul Payne, LeRoy Coe, Larry Haney, Fred Cox, Ed Backstrom, Sam Leonard, Calvin Nelson, Norbert Melies, Gary Reno, John Kopp, Bud McGinnis, Marvin Scott, Clyde Woodson and Joseph Superant.

Vice Commander Ted Nelson opened the meeting in due form at 18:57 HRS. Paul Ellison lead the Post in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chaplin Donna Warren gave the opening invocation.

Vice Commander Ted Nelson led the Post in the reading of the PREAMBLE

Vice Commander Ted Nelson turned the meeting over to Past Post Commander Paul Ellison who installed Ray Nichols as Post 95 commander.

Post 95 Commander Ray Nichols took control of the Post

Post Commander Ray Nichols introduced Joseph Superant who then introduced himself.

Post 95 Commander Ray Nichols re opened the meeting

Adjutant Robert Emery read the minutes from the January meeting, the minutes were approved as read.

Finance Officer Don Happy read the finance report for February. A copy of the report is included with these minutes. The finance report was approved as read. Finance Officer Don Happy reported on acquiring a safety deposit box for the Post and that the Post Commander and Finance Officer both had keys to the box.

Finance Officer Don Happy also reported that he had placed a list of the serial numbers for the rifles, the title to the Post trailer, and the CD's.

Finance Officer Don Happy reported that he had deposited \$660 from newsletter sponsors and that we may need two or three new sponsors.

John Kopp asked Finance Officer Don Happy how much money was in the Post Building Fund. Finance Officer Don Happy could not find that amount right now but would get an answer.

The finance report was approved as read.

Members in Sickness or Distress:

Post 95 Commander Ray Nichols passed around a Thank You card from Ruth Nelson

Ray Nichols reported that Bobby Beeks wife was doing better.

Honor Guard:

Don Happy reported that there was a funeral Thursday at Leavenworth.

Don Happy reported that the team had performed at eight (8) funerals in January and had done four (4) funerals so far in February.

Oratorical Contest:

John Kopp reported on the Zone Oratorical Contest held in Saint Joseph and that the Oak Park contestant had placed third.

Girls State:

Girls State Chairperson Donna Warren made a motion that Post 95 sponsor two (2) girls to this years Girls State. John Kopp seconded the motion.

Ray Nichols asked how many girls where sent last year. Donna Warren reported that six (6) girls had been sent. Donna Warren amended the motion to the Post sponsoring three (3) girls to Girls State.



Paul Ellison seconded the amended motion and the motion passed.

Boys State:

Boys State Chairman Robert Emery reported that he had received money from the Liberty Sertoma Club to sponsor two (2) Boys State Candidates.

Membership:

Vice Commander Ted Nelson reported that there were two hundred forty two (242) paid up members so far. Robert Emery reported our goal for 2008 was two hundred fifty eight (258) members.

Old Business:

Spaghetti Dinner:

Post 95 Commander Ray Nichols asked how much we should price dinners at. Paul Payne made a motion to set dinner price at seven (7) dollars for adults. LeRoy Coe seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Post 95 Commander Ray Nichols said that he and Bobby Beeks would get the door prizes but may need help if Bobby gets busy.

Post 95 Commander Ray Nichols asked about raffle prizes in the store room and what other items we needed for raffle prizes.

Fred Cox made a motion to purchase a fifty (50) dollar gas card as a prize. Ira Hunter seconded the motion and the motion passed.

John Kopp said that we still did not have a big prize. Post 95 Commander Ray Nichols asked what if we just got a one hundred fifty (150) dollar gift card from Wal-Mart to raffle off. LeRoy Coe made a motion to purchase a one hundred fifty (\$150) dollar Wal-Mart gift card for a raffle prize. Alan Shannon seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Finance Officer Don Happy said that he would purchase the gift cards.

Robert Emery said that he would print up tickets and posters.

New Business:

Chamber of Commerce Membership renewal:

Post 95 Commander Ray Nichols reported that he had received a membership renewal request from the Liberty Chamber of Commerce and that it would cost two hundred seventeen (\$217) dollars.

John Kopp made a motion to renew the chamber membership. Donna Warren seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Post 95 Commander Ray Nichols said that it was time to buy the citizenship medals for this year.

Paul Ellison made a motion to purchase eight (8) silver medals. Ira Hunter seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Paul Ellison read a request from the VFW asking for help paying for the new steam table. Norbert Melies said that the new steam table cost about fourteen hundred (\$1400) dollars. Ira Hunter made a motion that the Post gives four hundred (\$400) dollars toward the new steam table. Norbert Milese seconded the motion. Larry Haney said that the new steam table was only for the VFW, VFW Auxiliary, and American Legion use. The bar would not be able to use it.

Post 95 Commander Ray Nichols talked about the outstanding job Norbert had done cleaning the hall up.

Alan Shannon asked if the four hundred (\$400) dollars was enough towards the steam table. Ray Nichols said that it matched what the VFW Auxiliary had donated. The motion passed.



Post 95 Commander Ray Nichols read a letter from our Lady of Mercy Country Home asking for donations.

Alan Shannon made a motion to donate one hundred (\$100) dollars to the home. LeRoy Coe seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Ray Nichols mentioned the following events:

February 29th Wild Game Dinned by Methodist Men.

March 1st VFW Pancake Breakfast 7 to 11 and Boy Scouts Pancakes at the Methodist Church

Fred Cox talked about McMurry Church Breakfast on March 15th from 7 till 11

Don Happy talked about having patches and gloves in stock and if anyone need a cover please see him about getting one ordered.

John Kopp talked about forming a Sons of American Legion Squadron. John Kopp made a motion for permission to investigate forming a Sons of American Legion Squadron. LeRoy Coe seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Post 95 Commander Ray Nichols presented John Kopp with a Certificate of Meritorious Service from Department of Missouri.

Paul Ellison showed a newspaper clipping announcing a past Boys State Citizen receiving an appointment to the Naval Academy.

Ted Nelson talked about not getting the trip to the VA hospital done and said we could take books and magazines to the VA Hospital. Joseph Superant said that he would help take donations to the VA. Larry Haney said that it was the educational Center that takes care of distributing donated items.

Post 95 Commander Ray Nichols presented Patriotic Service Awards to the following veterans:

Calvin Nelson - Korean War

Lester Brown – WWII

Jerry Head – Vietnam

John Kopp – Vietnam

Donna Warren – Vietnam

Paul Riechman – Vietnam

Lester Brown talked about his time in Anzio in January 1943

Post 95 Commander Ray Nichols closed the meeting in due form at 19:59 HRS

Submitted _____
Robert C. Emery – Adjutant

Approved _____
Ray Nichols - Commander