



Robert H. Baker American Legion Post 95 Meeting Minutes of April 15, 2008

26 members in attendance: Donna Warren, Ray Nichols, Robert Emery, John Gibbs, Ira Hunter, Larry Allen, Ted Nelson, Ray Merrill, Jim Rieck, Lester Brown, Mac Williams, Paul Ellison, Don Happy, Paul Payne, Fred Cox, Sam Leonard, John Kopp, Ray Adkins, Foster Sires, Mike Edwards, Ed Backstrom, Charles Kraft, Clyde Woodson, Gene Welch, Jerry Head, Ron Pardeck, Robert Parkerson

Commander Ray Nichols asked everyone to observe a moment of silence in honor of Allan Shannon who passed away Monday.

Commander Ray Nichols talked about visitation and services for Allan Shannon to be held Friday in Excelsior Springs.

Chaplin Donna Warren gave the opening prayer.

Commander Ray Nichols lead the post in the Pledge of Allegiance and reading of the PREAMBLE
Adjutant Robert Emery read the minutes from the March meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Commander Ray Nichols asked Paul Ellison to introduce his guest.

Paul Ellison introduced Robert C. Parkerson a transfer to Post 95. Robert C. Parkerson talked a little about himself.

Finance Officer Don Happy read the finance report. A copy of the report is included with the minutes.

Finance Officer Don Happy gave the details of renewing the Bank Liberty CD for one (1) year.

Finance Officer Don Happy talked about the Bank Midwest CD coming due for renewal on April 26, 2008. Commander Ray Nichols talked about keeping the CD with Bank Midwest just for a shorter term. The finance report was approved as read.

Legionnaires or Family Members in Sickness or Distress: None Reported

Commander Ray Nichols asked every one to help get the word out about Allan Shannon passing away and about his funeral arrangements.

3rd District Meeting

John Kopp talked about the 3rd District Meeting held in Excelsior Spring last Sunday.

Oratorical Contest: John Kopp talked about a contestant from Gladstone making it to the quarter finals. John Kopp said that there were a few people running for various offices campaigning at the meeting. John Kopp talked about there being a lot of emphasis on membership.

Nation Commanders Visit: John Kopp talked about the National Commanders visit to Excelsior Springs and that he mostly talked about membership.

Honor Guard:

Honor Team Commander Mike Edwards talked about performing at a funeral today. Don Happy reported that the team had performed at three (3) funerals so far this month.

Honor Team Commander Mike Edwards talked about the arrangements for Allan Shannons funeral detail. Honor Team Commander Mike Edwards said that he needed a color guard of five (5) people, rifle team of seven (7) people, and one commander, two (2) people to fold and present flag. Jerry



reported on the conditions at the cemetery where Alan Shannon would be interred. John Kopp talked about Alan Shannon being a friend to all.

Commander Ray Nichols talked about everyone carpooling to the funeral and should meet at the Post at 09:00 HRS and leave from there at about 09:30HRS.

Girls State:

Girls State Chairperson Donna Warren talked about the High School Councilor and her were working on getting a story put in the paper about the eight (8) Girls State candidates. They had a photo op of the girls and Donna.

Boys State

Boys State Chairperson Robert Emery reported that one of the Boys had backed out at the last minute. Robert reported that a substitute had been found and was just waiting for him to turn in his application to the councilor. Paul Ellison said the he had a meeting with Gary Reno and would pick up the application from the High School and deliver it to Gary Reno.

Spaghetti Dinner:

Don Happy said that everyone had done a really good job on the dinner and asked if anyone had any more expenses to turn in.

Don Happy reported on the finances of the dinner

\$1000 in proceeds,\$198.03 in costs, leaving a surplus of \$801.97. Don Happy said that per our agreement with the VFW ten percent (10%) of the surplus would go to the VFW for use of the hall. leaving a final total proceeds of \$721.77.

Don Happy reported on the raffle \$415 proceeds \$200 cost leaving a surplus of \$215 for the raffle.

Don Happy reported a total surplus from dinner and raffle of \$936.77.

Don Happy thanked everyone and good job to all.

Larry Allen thanked everyone that helped cook: Ira Hunter, Jim Riech, John Kopp, Paul Payne, Fred Cox, Ray Nichols, Dan Jurgensen.

Ray Nichols and Dan Jurgensen helped clean pots and pans. Don Happy picked supplies up from SAMS CLUB.

Larry Allen talked about visiting Allan Shannon in the hospital and that Allan had asked about the green beans.

Commander Ray Nichols thanked Donna and Norma for decorating the tables.

Membership:

Vice Commander Ted Nelson reported that the Post was now at one hundred percent (100%) or our goal for 2008 of 258 members.

Old Business:

SAL:

John Kopp talked about having a sign up sheet at the next meeting for those that want to join the SAL. John Kopp said then they will figure on a meeting night and dues.

New Business:

Paul Ellison talked about the VFW needing some help with utilities.

Paul Ellison made a motion to pay the VFW fifty (\$50) dollars a month to be paid semiannually in June and December, Foster Sires seconded the motion.

There was much discussion on the matter. John Kopp said that the VFW needed to treat the Legion more as equals. Commander Ray Nichols said that the walls in the hall would be realigned and that



we all need to get along. Fred Cox said that if we rented a hall some where it would cost at least \$125.

Don Happy asked about the monies the VFW collects from performing Funeral Honors.

Ira Hunter talked about the monies going into their Ritual Fund and money goes to help support the team and some times gets transferred to help veterans having hard luck passing through town.

Don Happy said that he feels like the VFW looks down at the American Legion.

The motion was finally passed.

Good of the Order:

Commander Ray Nichols said that J.D. Moore would be at the VFW meeting on June 5th to talk about West Point.

Commander Ray Nichols reported that Clyde Woodson wanted to clean the rifles. Commander Ray Nichols said that he would get him keys t the locker.

May BBQ - Commander Ray Nichols asked if we wanted to hold it again. Everyone was in favor of having it again. John Kopp, Mike Edwards, and Paul Payne said that they would cook the hamburgers and hotdogs and everyone would bring a covered dish. Commander Ray Nichols said that we should fix food for sixty to seventy people.

Commander Ray Nichols talked about the appeal for help from the USO at Fort Leonard Wood at the 3rd District meeting. John Kopp made a motion to send the USO at Fort Leonard Wood one hundred (\$100) dollars. Bud Kraft seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Commander Ray Nichols read a thank you note from the National Military Heritage Museum in St. Joseph for the donation the Post had sent them.

Commander Ray Nichols read an invitation to the Chamber of Commerce membership luncheon.

Commander Ray Nichols read a note about the Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament.

Commander Ray Nichols read a request for donation from a Lees Summit student for a Foreign Exchange trip to Germany. No interest was shown.

Commander Ray Nichols reported that the VFW was going to replace the carpet in the bar and replace the tile in the kitchen and was asking for help on Sunday to move furniture.

Don Happy asked if we had received anything about Spring on the Square. Since we always set up an information table and perform a flag disposal ceremony. Don Happy said that he will check to see if we can setup in the same place as last year.

Commander Ray Nichols said that the Auxiliary would be holding a garage sale at the Post May 10th starting at about 10:00HRS.

Commander Ray Nichols encouraged everyone to get out and vote but reminded everyone that the Legion was bi-partisan and if you want to support your candidate do so just leave your legion cap at home.

Commander Ray Nichols closed the meeting in due form at 20:00 HRS

Submitted _____
Robert C. Emery – Adjutant

Approved _____
Ray Nichols - Commander