



## **Robert H. Baker American Legion Post 95 Meeting Minutes of October 21, 2008**

23 Members in attendance Lester Brown, Donna Warren, Robert Emery, Foster Sires, Ray Nichols, Ray Adkins, John Kopp, Donald Happy, Ted Nelson, John Gibbs, Jim Rieck, Judi Sambroski, Jacob Sambroski, Sam Leonard, Larry Allen, Marvin Scott, Leroy Coe, Gene Welch, Bob Beeks, Mike Edwards, Ed Backstrom, Darrel G, and Bud McGinnis.

Commander Ray Nichols opened the meeting in due form at 19:05 HRS.

Chaplin Donna Warren gave the opening prayer.

Commander Ray Nichols led the Post in the Pledge of Allegiance and reading of the Preamble.

Commander Ray Nichols welcomed all to the meeting

Adjutant Robert Emery read the minutes from the September Boys/Girls State Reports Meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Commander Ray Nichols passed out sign up sheet for putting the flags out at Liberty Memorial on Veterans Day. Commander Ray Nichols said that we would leave at 06:30 HRS to put the flags up and then leave at 15:30 HRS to pick the flags up.

Commander Ray Nichols passed around a sign up sheet for working the Chili Supper.

Finance Officer Don Happy gave the Post finance report for the last two (2) months. The reports were approved as given.

Finance Officer Don Happy reported on the Building Fund the Post had voted on creating with ten percent (10%) of Post revenues being allotted to the fund. Finance Officer Don Happy reported that the fund currently had eight hundred seventy six dollars and forty seven cents (\$876.47) in it.

Finance Officer Don Happy recommended that when the Building Fund reached one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) the monies should be put into a CD to help keep the monies separate from the general fund.

Commander Ray Nichols talked about it being time to pay the VFW three hundred dollars (\$300.00) – the balance of the amount voted on earlier to help with building operating cost. Finance Officer Don Happy said that he would cut a check for the amount to the VFW.

Commander Ray Nichols talked about researching if the Post was covered on the insurance the VFW had covering the building. Commander Ray Nichols reported that the Post was now named on the insurance policy the VFW has for the building.

Sickness and Distress:

Ray Nichols talked about Norbert Melees wife recovering

Ray Nichols said the Larry Haney's son doing OK and has good and bad days.

Ray Nichols talked about Jerry Head's daughter having twins and losing one of the babies.

Ted Nelson said that his wife Ruth's sister was getting out of rehab after a recent sickness.

Chili Dinner:

Larry Allen asked who was helping cook.

Larry Allen asked Don Happy to pick supplies up from SAM'S CLUB and that he would provide Don with a list of supplies to pick up.

Commander Ray Nichols said that he had dinner tickets and raffle tickets if any one needed any.

Commander Ray Nichols asked Donna Warren and her friend to decorate the hall for the dinner.



Commander Ray Nichols thanked Ed Backstrom for his donating a door prize for the Chili Dinner. Don Happy asked that there be a place is setup so the fundraiser calendars could be sold during the dinner.

Commander Ray Nichols said that John Gibbs and Foster Sires would collect the money at the door and Ira Hunter would watch both of them.

Honor Team: No Report

Oratorical Contest: Ray Nichols reported the county contest would be held December 1<sup>st</sup> at Liberty high School

John Kopp reported the District contest would be held January 4<sup>th</sup> at Excelsior Springs with a snow date of January 18<sup>th</sup> also at Excelsior Springs.

Girls State: No Report

Boys State: No Report

Membership: Second Vice Commander Ted Nelson reported the current paid up membership was two hundred ten (210) members so far.

Commander Ray Nichols thanked Ted for his work on membership.

Commander Ray Nichols talked about Donna Warren donating one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) to the Post. Donna Warren had received the money as a thank you for performing at a recent funeral.

Veterans Day: Commander Ray Nichols talked about putting up the flags at Liberty Memorial.

Commander Ray Nichols also said that the High School was planning something but they did not know what yet.

John Kopp talked about how come national Education Week was when it was and that it was started with the help of the American Legion.

District Meeting: John Kopp reported on the last District Meeting. Post Everlasting was held. Only nine (9) of the thirty two (32) post were present. District Finance Officer Bob Allee had stepped down because he was moving to Texas. Gary Reno was appointed to take over for Bob Allee until the regular District elections were held. Chuck Collier was starting up an American Legion Baseball team in Excelsior Springs and was hoping that other Post would sponsor a team to cut down on some of the travel for games. Post 95 received an award for one hundred percent (100%) membership being achieved before the end of the last year.

Correspondence: Commander Ray Nichols read the mail the Post had received since the last meeting.

USO Show at Corbin Theater on November 14<sup>th</sup>

Commander Ray Nichols read an article about the VA expanding coverage for various diseases the VA would be covering. Commander Ray Nichols said that if anyone needed help with the VA please contact Larry Haney.

Commander Ray Nichols said that there would be a representative at the December meeting to talk about the Kansas City Vets Center and the help they can provide.

Commander Ray Nichols talked about a reception being held at City Hall for all WWII vets next Monday and anyone wanting to attend needed to contact City Hall.

US ARMY Field Band and Chorus would be at Pleasant Valley Church October 30<sup>th</sup>.

BINGO: Commander Ray Nichols asked who would like to bring snacks this Thursday. Larry Allen said that he would bring the snacks. Commander Ray Nichols said that due to the Holidays the November BINGO would be held a week early due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.



Commander Ray Nichols read a proclamation from Lt. Governor of Missouri Peter D. Kinder thanking the Post for their service to veterans.

Flag Etiquette: Mike Edwards said that he had no responses for the schools.

John Gibbs said that he had cards from Kearney Schools thanking the Post for the Flag Etiquette Classes.

Commander Ray Nichols read a letter from the Liberty Chamber of Commerce for buying an ad on the city maps the chamber was printing up. Leroy Coe took the information.

Commander Ray Nichols read a couple of the cards from Southview Elementary School in Kearney. Donna Warren introduced new members Jacob and Judi Sambroski and asked them to talk about themselves.

John Kopp talked about the Honor Team always looking for new members. John Kopp also talked about the Post helping pick up some of the cost of Honor Team uniforms.

Commander Ray Nichols closed the meeting in due form at 19:48 HRS

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

Approved \_\_\_\_\_  
Ray Nichols - Commander