



Robert H. Baker American Legion Post 95 Meeting Minutes of February 17, 2009

31 Members and 3 guest in attendance Lester Brown, Donna Warren, Robert Emery, Ray Nichols, Paul Ellison, John Kopp, John-Paul Kopp, Donald Happy, Ted Nelson, John Gibbs, Jim Rieck, Sam Leonard, Larry Allen, Leroy Coe, Bob Beeks, Mack Williams, Ron Pardeck, Ira Hunter, Gene Welch, Melvin Johnson, Jacob Samborski, Judi Samborski, Jerry Pate, Marvin Scott, Ed Backstrom, Tom Viviano, Tom Kerry, Jerry Head, and Bud McGinnis. Guest John Brown – VA Vet Center, Lester Willie and Tom Kerr.

Commander Ray Nichols opened the meeting in due form at 19:00 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 introduced John Brown of the VA Vet Center and turned the meeting over to him. John Brown talked about the VA Vet Centers and its services that are available to all veterans.

Commander Ray Nichols reopened the regular meeting at 19:14 HRS

Jerry Pate introduced Lester Willie and Tom Kerr who talked about the Veteran Aid and Assistance Law and its tax free benefits.

Commander Ray Nichols presented Darryl Correlly with his twenty (20) year certificate and patch.

Darryl Correlly talked about American Legion Baseball and the book CURVEY.

Adjutant Robert Emery read the minutes from the January Meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Finance Officer Don Happy gave the Post finance report. A copy of the finance report is included with these minutes.

Finance Officer Don Happy reported that a Certificate of Deposit for the building fund was taken out at Farmers Bank of Kansas City in the amount of twelve hundred dollars (\$1200) at a rate of three (3) percent for one (1) year.

Finance Officer Don Happy talked about the Certificate of Deposit at Bank Midwest being allowed to roll over for nine (9) months at a rate of two and a quarter (2.25%) percent for nine (9) months.

Finance Officer Don Happy reported on fundraiser calendar sales and that ninety five (95) calendars had been sold and thirty five (35) calendars had been given to newsletter sponsors. This made for a total of one hundred thirty three (133) calendars sold/presented and one hundred seventeen (117) calendars left to sell. Finance Officer Don Happy reported that fifteen (15) more calendars needed to be sold to reach the break even point.

The report was approved as given.

Sickness and Distress:

Don Happy reported that Mike Edwards was back from a family funeral.

Commander Ray Nichols passed around a birthday card for Paul Payne for everyone to sign.

John Kopp talked about the Zone Oratorical contest that was won by a girl from Pembroke School and she will now go on to the state contest.

John Kopp talked about Staley High and that Post 95 Auxiliary will be handling their Girls State candidates' and the Boys State candidates' will be handled by the Gladstone Post.



John Kopp talked about the Department Spring Conference and Oratorical Contest next weekend in Jefferson City.

Honor Team: Don Happy reported that the team had performed at four (4) funerals and that calls were slow in coming in.

Boys State: No Report

Larry Allen made a motion that Post 95 sponsor up to four (4) Girls State Candidates. John-Paul Kopp seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Wal-Mart Grant: ray Nichols reported that he had checked with Wal-Mart and that the manager would be picking grant recipient this week and that the recipient would be notified.

Membership: 2nd Vice Commander Ted Nelson reported that paid up membership was currently at two hundred forty one (241) and the 2009 goal was two hundred sixty six (266).

Spaghetti Dinner:

Larry Allen asked about dinner prices should they be kept at \$3.50 for children 13 and under and \$7.00 for adults. All agreed that the prices should remain the same. Larry Allen asked if the dinner hours should remain the same 16:30 HRS to 19:00 HRS all agreed the hours should remain the same.

Larry Allen talked about getting raffle prizes so he could put all the information in the newsletter. John and John-Paul Kopp said that they would help cook the hamburger for the sauce. Ira Hunter, Larry Allen and Jim Riech said that they would cut up onions and garlic. Judi Samborski said that she would help cook the spaghetti. Commander Ray Nichols passed around a sign up sheet for help for the Spaghetti Dinner.

Bob Beeks, Leroy Coe, and Ray Nichols said that they would get door prizes. John Kopp, John-Paul Kopp. And Paul Ellison said that they would get the raffle prizes.

John Kopp made a motion that a limit of three hundred (\$300) dollars for purchase of raffle prizes be set. Bob Beeks seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Jerry Pate talked about VFW Post 4043 serving breakfast on the first and third Saturday in March and Corned Beef and Cabbage for Saint Patrick's Day would be served on March 17th from noon on through dinner.

Paul Ellison talked about the new sneeze guard. Paul Ellison made a motion to use the four hundred (\$400) dollars Fred Cox's family donated to the Post towards the purchase of the sneeze guard and drafting a letter to the family about using the money for the purchase of the sneeze guard. Larry Allen seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Paul Ellison made a motion that the Post purchases a memorial brick in honor of Fred Cox for the memorial at the Post. John-Paul Kopp seconded the motion and the motion passed.

BINGO: Commander Ray Nichols reminded everyone about BINGO at Cedars on February 26th at 18:30 HRS. Paul Ellison said that he would bring the snacks.

Paul Ellison talked about the Annual King City American Legion Post Pancake and Sausage Breakfast being held this Saturday. Anyone wanting to carpool to King City should meet in the upper parking lot at HY-VEE at 07:00 HRS.

Jerry Pate announced Sheri that worked in the club room had recently passed away.



Commander Ray Nichols thanked all for attending tonight's meeting
Commander Ray Nichols closed the meeting in due form at 20:08 HRS

Submitted _____
Robert C. Emery – Adjutant

Approved _____
Ray Nichols - Commander