



## **Robert H. Baker American Legion Post 95 Meeting Minutes of January 19, 2010**

26 members and 1 guest in attendance Donna Warren, Robert Emery, Melvin Johnston, Jim Rieck, Larry Allen, Paul Ellison, John Gibbs, Ray Nichols, Lester Brown, Gary Reno, Don Happy, Ron Pardeck, Jerry Head, Marvin Scott, Mike Edwards, John Kopp, John-Paul Kopp, Paul Payne, Houston Wilson, Bob Beeks, Darrel Gourley, Calvin Nelson, Gene Welch, Mack Williams, Bruce Nevis, and Sam Leonard . Guest Connor Hickox

Post 95 Commander Jerry Head opened the meeting at 19:00 HRS

Chaplin Donna Warren gave the opening prayer

Post 95 Commander Jerry Head led the post in the pledge of allegiance and reading of the preamble.

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

3<sup>rd</sup> District Oratorical Contest Chairman John Kopp introduced Clay County Oratorical Contest winner Connor Hickox. Conner Hickok gave his prepared speech and his selected subject speech.

3<sup>rd</sup> District Oratorical Contest Chairman John Kopp presented Connor Hickox a Certificate of Distinction and an Oratorical Medal from the 3<sup>rd</sup> District Department of Missouri. 3<sup>rd</sup> District Oratorical Contest Chairman John Kopp also presented Connor Hickox a scholarship to Lindenwold University.

Post 95 Commander Jerry Head Thanked Conner Hickok for attending tonight's meeting.

Finance Report: Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy gave the finance report for the months of November, December, and January. Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy talked about working with the bank to correct an error on the order of checks and deposit slips.

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported that he and Ray Nichols had picked up a check from Wal-Mart grant in the amount of twelve hundred and fifty (\$1250.00) dollars.

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported on the Bank Liberty CD which matures on March 29<sup>th</sup> 2010 is now at three thousand nine hundred fifty six dollars and twenty two cents (\$3956.22). Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported on the Building Fund CD at Farmers Bank that was started in the amount of twelve hundred dollars (\$1200) at three (3%) percent interest and was due to mature on January 27, 2010. Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported that if the CD were allowed to roll over the interest rate would be one and one half percent. Ray Nichols made a motion to let Don Happy, Paul Ellison, and Jerry Head take care of the CD. John Kopp seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Sickness and Distress:

Ray Nichols reported that Foster Sires was home and depressed (cabin fever)

Ron Pardeck talked about his grandson whose brain tumor was found to be growing.

Ray Nichols talked about Donna Warren not being allowed to drive for a month due to her medication.

Membership: Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery reported Post 95 paid up membership was at 240 members so far for 2010.

Honor Team: No Report



Oratorical Contest: No Report

Ray Nichols asked everyone to give Ron Pardeck a round of applause for his good work on the Oratorical Contest.

Ray Nichols made a motion to give Post 95 Auxiliary Unit two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) to help with Missouri Girls State sponsorship. John Kopp seconded the motion and the motion passed.

New Business:

Spaghetti Dinner: Larry Allen talked about needing to set the date for this year Spaghetti Dinner.

Ray Nichols made a motion to hold the Spaghetti Dinner on March twenty seventh (27). Paul Ellison seconded the motion and the motion passed.

During the ensuing discussion it was decided that Ron Pardeck and LeRoy Coe would get the raffle prizes and Ray Nichols and Bob Beeks would obtain the door prizes. It was also decided to set the dinner prices at seven (\$7) dollars for adults and three (\$3) dollars for children. The serving time for the dinner was kept at 4:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Ray Nichols asked Larry Allen about when the newsletter would be ready to send out. Larry Allen reported that he was waiting on the Spaghetti Dinner information and would be trying to get the newsletter to the printer this weekend.

Liberty Fourth of July Parade:

Post 95 Commander Jerry Head talked about attending a meeting with the city on setting up a Fourth of July Parade and fireworks at Hallmark. Post 95 Commander Jerry Head reported the city asked the American Legion and VFW to participate and would like for the American Legion and VFW take care of setting it up in the future.

BINGO at Cedars:

Post 95 Commander Jerry Head reported that this months BINGO would be on January 28<sup>th</sup> and asked if we needed to get someone to get the snacks. Don Happy reported no not since the Post had voted to spend part of the BINGO money on obtaining snacks for BINGO.

Ray Nichols talked about needing to get the stick flags to be passed out to the kids at the Liberty Fireworks.

Post 95 Commander Jerry Head talked about the City of Liberty wanting the American Legion to fill out the grant application with Wal-Mart for the money for the Liberty Fourth of July Parade.

Bob Beeks made a motion to give Don Happy and Mike Edwards each one hundred dollars (\$100) for driving the Honor Team. John Gibbs seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Don Happy talked about the Post 95 Honor Team being requested to perform at deceased Post 95 member Harry Thompson's funeral and that the burial was in Kansas. Don Happy reported that the Honor Team had eighteen (18) members present and made quite an impression. The family made a one hundred dollar (\$100) to the Post for the Honor Team and that the family had requested that in lieu of flowers that donation be made to Post 95.

Gary Reno talked about how some funerals are not all about spit and polish and described a mix up with a veterans funeral and the discovery he was about to be buried with the wrong wife.

Correspondence:

Post 95 Commander Jerry Head read several cards to the Post

A card from Harry Thompson's niece thanking the Post

A card from Bob Box thanking the Post for the card for his wife's funeral

A card from the Liberty Community Christmas Tree thanking the Post for its donation.



Post 95 Commander Jerry Head read a request from Public Safety Solutions LLC wanting to give the Post a presentation on fire safety.

3<sup>rd</sup> District Commander John Kopp talked about some upcoming events:

MAVO Days February 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Jefferson City and the upcoming Veterans job Fairs in the area.

Chaplin Donna Warren gave the closing prayer

Commander Jerry Head closed the meeting in due form at 20:09 HRS.

American Auxiliary Unit 95 held its 50/50 drawing and Gene Welch won thirty two (\$32) dollars.

American Auxiliary Unit 95 thanked Post 95 for their support.

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

Approved \_\_\_\_\_  
Jerry Head - Commander