



Robert H. Baker American Legion Post 95 Meeting Minutes of November 16, 2010

21 members and 1 guest in attendance Jerry Head, Robert Emery, Jim Riech, Don Happy, Larry Allen, Paul Ellison, Mack Williams, Ron McBee, John Gibbs, Rev. Donna Warren, Lester Brown, Ray Nichols, Mike Edwards, Judi Sambroski, Sam Leonard, Ron Pardeck, Charles Acock, Ray Merrill, Ed Collins, Bob Beeks, Ray Adkins, and guest Bill Fairchild.

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

Post 95 Chaplain Donna Warren gave the opening prayer.

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

Post 95 Commander Jerry Head asked for reading of the minutes from the last meeting.

Judi Sambroski made a motion to forgo the reading of the minutes from the last meeting. Sam Leonard seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Post 95 Commander Jerry Head asked John Gibbs to introduced prospective Post 95 member Bill Fairchild and asked him to talk a little about himself. Bill Fairchild talked about his service and himself.

Old Gunny

Judi Sambroski introduced her son Shawn Morgan who was leaving for the Air Force.

Larry Allen introduced Ed Collins and asked Ed to talk about himself. Ed Collins talked about his service and him self.

Finance Report: Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy gave the Finance Report for November. A copy of the finance report is included with the minutes. Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy talked about the Certificate of Deposit with Bank Midwest that had matured on October 27th. Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported that the Bank Midwest CD was allowed to rollover for another twelve (12) months at an interest rate of 1.30% and would mature on October 27th 2011.

John Kopp asked for a finance report on the Chili Supper.

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported that proceeds from the Chili Supper was One thousand and thirty three (\$1033.00) dollars with expenses of two hundred seventy dollars and seventy nine cents (\$270.79) leaving a surplus of seven hundred sixty two dollars and twenty one cents (\$762.21).

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported that he paid the ten percent (10%) fee to the VFW which came to seventy-six dollars and twenty two cents (\$76.22).

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported that the raffle proceeds came to five hundred seventy five dollars (\$575.00) and that raffle prizes cost came to three hundred dollars (\$300.00) resulting in a surplus of two hundred seventy five dollars (\$275.00) for the raffle.

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported that the total surplus for the Chili Supper and Raffle drawing came to nine hundred sixty dollars and ninety-nine cents (\$960.99).

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy thanked every one for their help in making the Chili Supper such a success.

Larry Allen thanked everyone that helped with the Chili Supper and that all of the help was great.

Sickness and Distress: No Report



Membership: Since Senior vice Commander Leroy Coe was sick Post Commander Jerry Head asked Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery to report on paid up membership. Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery reported that current paid up membership was at two hundred twenty three (233) and the Post goal for 2011 is two hundred seventy three (273) putting the post at eighty one point sixty eight percent (81.68%) of goal. Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery said that Don Happy had given him about ten (10) more renewals and one (1) new membership application so the paid up membership would be a little higher.

Honor Guard: Post 95 Honor Team Commander Mike Edwards reported that it had been a busy couple of weeks for the Honor Team and that team really looked good. Post 95 Honor Team Commander Mike Edwards thanked all those that helped.

Flag Etiquette: Flag Etiquette Chairman Mike Edwards reported that thanks to Ray Nichols two more schools were scheduling Flag Etiquette Classes but that the dates had not yet been set.

Oratorical Contest: Post 95 Oratorical Chairman Ron Pardeck reported that the Clay County contest would be held on December 6th nineteen hundred hours at the old High School. Post 95 Oratorical Chairman Ron Pardeck stated that there currently were no contestants signed up for the contest yet but he would start calling the High Schools in the area asking for contestants. Post 95 Oratorical Chairman Ron Pardeck passed around a sign up sheet for the event asking those who could help out to sign up.

BINGO at Cedars: Don Happy reported that the November BINGO would be held on Monday the 22nd and that December BINGO would be held on the regular day which would be December 23rd.

Ray Nichols asked every one to sign the two (2) birthday cards one for Foster Sires and the other for Ira Hunter and asked every one to send them both a birthday card as well as the Post cards.

Ray Nichols reminded everyone attending any Post function at any school to not consume any alcohol before going to the school and that this was unacceptable.

Post 95 Commander Jerry Head read a request fro the Liberty Fire Department asking for a donation for Fire-Up a fire safety program the Fire Department does annually in the schools. Ray Nichols talked about the program and stated that the Post had donated to the program in the past. Ray Nichols made a motion to donate ninety eight (\$98.00) dollars which would sponsor thirty (30) children. Sam Leonard seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Post 95 Commander Jerry Head gave a brief run down on all the activities the Post had participated in during Veterans Week and thanked every for helping make every thing a success.

Post 95 Commander Jerry Head asked 3rd District Commander John Kopp if he any thing to talk about. 3rd District Commander John Kopp did.

3rd District Commander John Kopp presented Post 95 Commander Jerry Head an Americanism Citation for 2009 – 2010 and a seventh (7th) place Americanism plaque in ZONE II. 3rd District Commander John Kopp presented Post 95 Commander Jerry Head a citation from National for Children and Youth.

3rd District Commander John Kopp reported that Post 95 was currently in seventh place in membership in the 3rd District.

3rd District Commander John Kopp asked everyone how long did it take for you to join the American Legion and why did it take so long. 3rd District Commander John Kopp said that the typical answer was “no one asked me”. 3rd District Commander John Kopp asked every one to get out there and start asking veterans to join.



3rd District Commander John Kopp talked about other possible Post projects like help sponsoring a Boy Scout Troop. 3rd District Commander John Kopp also talked about finding ways to help support active duty service members and other veterans.

3rd District Commander John Kopp talked about working to get publicity for the Post and the American Legion by getting articles in the local newspapers and radio stations.

Old gunny – talked about his work on the Cemetery Committee and that he would be working on a project to start raising the headstones and marking the graves of veterans in the cemetery and would be getting with the Marine Reserve Unit and getting a Community Service Day set up and that the Post could help with the project as well.

3rd District Commander John Kopp again stated we need to publish what the American Legion does. Larry Allen talked about all the help Auxiliary Unit 95 did at the Chili Supper. Larry Allen made a motion that Post 95 donates two hundred dollars (\$200.00) to Auxiliary Unit 95 for helping with the Chili Supper. Ray Nichols seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Old gunny talked about his niece being an interrupter for the deaf and that if the Post need an interrupter for the deaf for an event that she would be glad to donate her time and talent.

Post 95 Family Christmas Dinner: Post 95 Commander Jerry Head asked if everyone wanted to hold the Family Christmas Dinner again this year. Every one was in agreement that we should hold the dinner.

Ray Nichols made a motion that the Post provides the meat, bread, and drinks for the dinner. Judi Sambroski seconded the motion.

Post 95 Commander Jerry Head said that some one from White Chapel wanted to talk to the Post about free graves for veterans and asked when and if we should let them talk about the program. Everyone said the January meeting would be a good time for their talk.

Post 95 Commander Jerry Head finally asked for a vote on the motion on the floor and the motion passed.

Don Happy said that he would take care of ordering the food for the Post 95 Family Christmas Dinner.

John Kopp talked about the Sons of the American Legion Unit at Post 61 and asked anyone interested in joining to contact either John-Paul Kopp or himself and they would get you and application.

Post 95 Chaplain Donna Warren gave the closing prayer

Post 95 Commander Jerry Head thanked everyone for attending to nights meeting.

Post 95 Commander Jerry Head closed the meeting in due form at 19:45 HRS.

Auxiliary Unit 95 held its 50/50 drawing and Ray Adkins was the winner. The winner's money came to seventeen dollars (\$17.00)

Submitted _____
Robert C. Emery – Adjutant

Approved _____
Jerry Head - Commander