



Robert H. Baker American Legion Post 95 Meeting Minutes of February 15, 2011

26 members in attendance Jerry Head, Marion Scott, John Gibbs, Mack Williams, Paul Ellison, John Kopp, Larry Allen, Bob Beeks, LeRoy Coe, Don Happy, Jerry Pate, Ray Merrill, Mike Edwards, Ira Hunter, Ron Pardeck, Ray Nichols, Donna Warren, Sam Leonard, Ken McCarroll, Robert Emery, Bill Gossett, Ed Backstrom, Ron Laughman, Calvin Nelson, and Melvin Johnson.

Post 95 Commander Jerry Head opened the meeting at 19:02 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.

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

Finance Report: Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy gave the Finance Report for January. A copy of the finance reports is included with the minutes.

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported that the Post Building Fund CD had matured at one thousand seven hundred twenty eight dollars and thirty cents (\$1728.30) and a new Post Building Fund CD was created with the addition of six hundred eighty dollars and sixty three cents (\$680.63) that had been in the general fund from the profits from Post fundraising dinners. The new Post Building Fund CD is two thousand four hundred eight dollars and ninety three cents (\$2408.93) for one (1) year at one point three percent (1.3%) and will mature on February seventh two thousand twelve.

The finance report was approved as given.

Sickness and Distress:

Le Roy Coe said that his wife was going to under go a colonoscopy.

Ray Nichols reported the Foster Sires was still declining.

Ray Nichols reported that Rex Robbins had passed away.

Sam Leonard reported the Ray Adkins had had surgery on his neck.

Membership:

Senior-Vice Commander Leroy Coe introduced new transfer member Ron Laughman to the Post and asked him to talk a little about himself. Ron Laughman talked about his service and his family.

Senior-Vice Commander Leroy Coe reported that current paid up membership was at two hundred fifty nine (259).

Honor Guard: Honor Guard Commander Mike Edwards reported that the team had performed five funerals so far this year.

Flag Etiquette: No Report

Oratorical Contest: Post 95 Commander Jerry Head read a "Thank You" card from third District Oratorical Contest Chairman Ed Schmidt thanking Post for participating in this years District Oratorical Contest

Boys State: No Report



BINGO at Cedars: Don Happy reported that BINGO would be held next Thursday February twenty fourth (24).

John Kopp talked about Our Lady of Mercy home needing a new flag.

John Kopp made a motion Post 95 donate a flag to Our Lady of Mercy home. Ray Nichols seconded the motion. Le Roe Coe said that he had a flag that he would donate to Our Lady of Mercy home. The motion was withdrawn from the floor.

Post 95 Commander Jerry Head read a request for donation from the Freedom of the Road Rider for their annual Bike Show.

Jerry Pate made a motion the Post donate fifty (\$50) dollars to the Freedom of the Road Riders Annual Bike Show. Ray Nichols seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Old Business:

Post 95 Commander Jerry Head talked about the National Vice Commanders visit to the Post. Post 95 Commander Jerry Head reported that there many compliments about the Post and the Honor Team. Post 95 Commander Jerry Head reported the Post had received a Certificate of Appreciation for membership.

Spaghetti Dinner:

Larry Allen passed around a sign up sheet for help for the Spaghetti Dinner on March 26th. Larry Allen talked about the help needed to put on the spaghetti dinner.

John Kopp made a motion to keep the dinner pricing the same as last year seven (\$7) dollars for adults and three (\$3) dollars for children. Le Roy Coe seconded the motion and the motion passed. Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy said that Le Roy Coe and two (2) others would get the raffle prizes for the dinner.

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported that the Post had voted to spend up to three hundred (\$300) dollars for raffle prizes. Paul Ellison made a motion to spend up to three hundred (\$300) dollars for raffle prizes. Ray Nichols seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Bob Beeks and Ray Nichols said that they would get the door prizes for the dinner.

Mike Edwards asked if the Post wanted him to make a clock. Everyone said that it would be great if he made a clock and it should be used as a raffle prize.

Ray Nichols talked about the donation the Post had made to Honor Flight last year and that the Post should donate to Honor Flight again this year. Ray Nichols made a motion the Post donate five hundred (\$500) dollars to Honor Flight. Larry Allen seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Third District Commander John Kopp talked about Department of Missouri Spring Conference to be held this weekend in Jefferson City. Third District Commander John Kopp said that the meetings would be held on Friday and continue on Saturday morning and that the Department Oratorical Contest would be held on Saturday afternoon.

Third District Commander John Kopp talked about the VAR (Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation). Third District Commander John Kopp talked about the various recruiting awards available for recruiting new members.

Third District Commander John Kopp talked about the recent National Vice-Commanders visit to Post 95. Third District Commander John Kopp thanked the Post for the outstanding job it did hosting the National Vice-Commanders visit.

Gary Reno asked how many contestants the District Oratorical Contest had. John Kopp said that there had been two contestants for the contest but one got sick and could not attend. Gary Reno said



that some one was not doing their job if there were only two contestants from all of the High Schools in the Third District.

Ray Nichols talked about calling all the High Schools looking for contestants and getting no response from the schools.

Paul Ellison asked if any one had an update on how Glen Edwards was doing. Ira hunter said that Glen Edwards was in a Nursing Home and had sold his house.

Larry Allen reported that King City American Legion Post would be holding its Annual Pancake Breakfast this Saturday and that it was good to help support other Posts.

Gary Reno talked about his running for City Council in Kearney and talking to other politicians about all of the history in the surrounding area and that there were no Veterans Day Parades in any of the surrounding communities. Gary Reno talked about trying to organize a Veterans Day Parade and doing it right and getting as many groups involved as possible. Paul Ellison talked about how busy the Post was on Veterans Day and would be limited in how it could support a parade.

Post 95 Commander Jerry Head talked about the Liberty fourth of July parade and how the American Legion, VFW, and Chamber of Commerce were working together to put the parade on.

Post 95 Chaplain Donna Warren gave the closing prayer

Post 95 Commander Jerry Head thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting.

Post 95 Commander Jerry Head closed the meeting in due form at 19:49 HRS.

Submitted _____
Robert C. Emery – Adjutant

Approved _____
Jerry Head - Commander