



## **Robert H. Baker American Legion Post 95 Meeting Minutes of April 17, 2012**

Twenty four (24) members and two (20) guest in attendance:

Jerry Pate, Robert Emery, Charles Kraft, Donna Warren, Jim Rieck, Donald Happy, Jerry Head, Jake Samborski, Judi Samborski, LeRoy Coe, Ira Hunter, Ray Merrell, Paul Ellison, Mike Edwards, Ray Nichols, Melvin Johnston, Ray Adkins, John Gibbs, Larry Allen, Ralph Tyson, Ray Cieswell, Wally Glasco, Ron Pardeck, and Sam Leonard,

Guest: Gentry Thomason, Norma Nicholson Auxiliary Unit 95 President.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski proceeded to opened the meeting at 19:00HRS

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski led Post in salute to colors.

Post 95 Chaplain Paul Ellison gave the opening prayer.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski led the post in the pledge of allegiance and reading of the pre-  
amble.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery to read the minutes from the last Post 95 meeting. Le Roy Coe made a motion to forgo the reading of the minutes and proceed with business. Sam Leonard seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Guest and New Members:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked if there were any guest or new members present.

Paul Ellison introduced Gentry Thomason and let him introduce himself to the Post.

Finance Report: Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy gave the Finance Report for April 2012. Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported that the Bank Liberty CD had matured on March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012 and that he had allowed the CD to rollover. Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported that the Bank Liberty CD will now mature on March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported on the Spaghetti Dinner.

Dinner Revenue: \$839.50 Cost: \$245.45 Surplus: \$648.05 Additional Surplus \$70.00

Raffle Revenue: \$576.00 Cost: \$300.00 Surplus: \$276.00 VFW 10%:

Total Spaghetti Dinner Surplus: \$940.00

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy thanked all those who had helped out at the Spaghetti Dinner.

The finance report was approved as read. A copy of the finance report is included with these minutes.

Ray Nichols asked if the Post had paid the VFW the three hundred (\$300.00) dollars for the first part of the year yet. Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy said that he did not know but he will check on it and if it has not been paid he will do so. Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy said that we normally pay this in June.

Membership: LeRoy Coe reported current paid up membership was 269 with goal of 281 for 2012.

Honor Team: Post 95 honor Team Commander Mike Edwards reported the Honor Team had two funerals last week.

Flag Etiquette: No Report

LeRoy Coe talked about a request for Memorial Day Program at Liberty Terrace on Memorial Day at 10:00 HRS.

Oratorical Contest: No Report



Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported he had received the request for funds from Heather Adams who won this year's county Oratorical Contest and had started college at BYU. Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy said that he will send the check for two hundred (\$200.00) to the college in her name.

BINGO at Cedars: Don happy said that BINGO would be next Thursday.

Sickness and Distress:

Ray Nichols talked about veteran Andrew Ward getting out of the hospital. Ray Nichols made a motion to give Andrew Ward one hundred (\$100.00) dollars. Le Roy Coe seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked if anyone knew how Ed Eberle and Mac Williams were doing. No one was sure how they were doing. LeRoy Coe said that he would take Donna Warren and go check on Mac.

Paul Ellison said that Ed Eberle was at breakfast last Saturday so he must be doing OK.

Old Business:

Spaghetti Dinner: Larry Allen thanked everyone that helped make the Spaghetti Dinner a success.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about a program by the Clay County Circuit Court to be held at the Post on May 10<sup>th</sup> at 18:00 HRS. The program would be led by a judge and answer legal questions.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski reported that Post 61 would be hosting an accelerated Extension Institute course on April 28<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 to 15:00 HRS and anyone interested to please contact 3<sup>rd</sup> District Commander Calvin Bumgarner.

Correspondence:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski read a thank you from Jessica Porter for the Post sponsoring her to Missouri Cadet Patrol.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski read a thank you note from Mrs. Raymond Thompson thanking the Post for its donations of food and money to help them through the tough times she and her husband were going through.

Larry Allen talked about the Thompsons and their troubles. Paul Ellison asked if the Post should hold another food drive for the Thompsons. Ray Nichols suggested that Larry find out what the Thompsons needed. Larry Allen said that he would check with them and report back.

New Business:

Avenue of Flags:

Don Happy reported that last Memorial Day eight (8) flags had been purchased but not yet been put together. Don Happy reported that ten (10) foot piece of conduit was three dollars and forty five cents (\$3.45).

Don Happy talked about needing to hold a work day to check the flags and make up the eight (8) new flags. Don Happy said that he will get the tags for the flags made up.

Don Happy also reported that 3'x5' flags from Sam Graves office were eleven dollars and forty cents (\$11.40) each. Larry Allen made a motion that Don Happy purchase nine (9) flags from Sam Graves office. Ray Nichols seconded the motion and the motion passed.

LeRoy Coe talked about a request from Benton House requesting a flag presentation on April 28<sup>th</sup>. LeRoy said that they also requested a Honor Guard for a fundraiser for Honor Flight.



Jerry Pate talked about a traveling veteran who had asked for gas money. Don Happy talked about the request for funds and trying to get the authorization for the funds. Ray Nichols talked about helping veterans who were passing through the area needing help. Ray Nichols made a motion to setup a veteran's assistance fund of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars cash to be kept by the Post 95 Finance Officer in the Post money pouch. Larry Allen seconded the motion. Larry Allen also talked about being careful and checks out those requesting help and make sure they were legitimate. Sam Leonard suggested that instead of giving the individual money someone from the Post for example take them and buy them gas for their vehicle instead of just giving them the money. The motion passed.

Sam Leonard asked how the funds would be authorized. Don Happy said the Post Commander would authorize distribution of the fund.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski wished Donna Warren a Happy Birthday and presented her a birthday card signed by the members of the Post. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski said that Norma had punch and cake after the meeting to celebrate Donna's birthday.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski presented Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery a denim jack with submarine dolphins on it for all of the work Robert had done for the Post and the American Legion. Larry Allen made a motion the Post reimburse ray Nichols for the purchase of the jacket. Ira Hunter seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Larry Allen talked about a memorial scholarship at Maple Woods College had been created to honor Matt Mason, a service member who had been killed in Afghanistan. Larry Allen made a motion the Post donate one hundred (\$100.00) dollars to the scholarship fund in Matt Mason's name.

Ray Nichols seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about setting up a nominating committee for the upcoming Post elections.

Larry Allen, Ray Nichols, and Jerry Head agreed to be on the Nominating Committee.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about the increase in the Per-Capita Tax voted on at the last 3<sup>rd</sup> District Meeting. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski reported that the Per-Capita Tax was increased fifty (\$.50) cents making the Per-Capita Tax one (\$1.00) per paid up member. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski said that the increase would be effective with the 2013 membership year.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about the Department Convention to be held in Jefferson City July 12 – 15.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about Golf Tournament Hole Sponsorship at a cost of fifty (\$50.00) for a hole and the funds being donated to the NEF. Everyone did not want to have the Post sponsor a hole.

Mike Edwards talked about needing help with a flag disposal ceremony he would be holding at his home on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Mike Edwards also invited everyone to his home on April 28<sup>th</sup> for a cookout starting at 16:00 HRS.



Post 95 Chaplain Paul Ellison gave the closing prayer.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski led Post in salute to colors.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski closed the meeting in due form at 19:58 HRS

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

Approved \_\_\_\_\_  
Judi Samborski - Commander