



## **Robert H. Baker American Legion Post 95 Meeting Minutes of January 15, 2013**

With thirty (30) members in attendance:

William Steinkamp, Larry Allen, Jake Samborski, Judi Samborski, Ron Pardeck, Robert Emery, Donald Happy, Melvin Johnston, Ray Merrell, Lester Brown, John Gibbs, Bob Beeks, Vern Mattocks, Jim Rieck, Ted Nelson, Jim Baker, Richard Brose, Robert Beatty, Ira Hunter, Jerry Pate, Ray Creswell, Wally Glasco, Jerry Head, Paul Ellison, Gentry Thompson, Mike Edwards, Ray Nichols, Sam Leonard, Ralph Clemon.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski proceeded to opened the meeting at 18:58 HRS

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 preamble.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked for a reading of the minutes from the last meeting.

Jerry Pate made a motion to forgo reading the minutes for the last meeting and proceed with business. Ira Hunter 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 in attendance.

Don Happy introduced new member Karen Heaton to Post 95

Finance Report:

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy gave the Finance Report for November and December 2012.

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy talked about the Post Building Fund CD with Bank Midwest. Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported the current balance in the Post Building Fund CD as three thousand one hundred seventy dollars and ninety two cents (\$3170.92) and that the CD was currently paying .3% and will mature on February 8<sup>th</sup>.

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported that there was currently a sum of six hundred twenty eight dollars and twenty eight cents (\$628.28) that needed to be added to the Post Building Fund CD when it matures in February. Larry Allen made a motion to have Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy and another person cash in the Post Building Fund CD and add the new funds to and get a new CD. Ira Hunter seconded the motion. Ray Nichols said that Judi Samborski, Jerry Pate and Don Happy should go and take care of the Post Building Fund CD. After some discussion the motion passed. Ray Nichols made a motion that a committee made up of Don Happy, Judi Samborski, and Jerry Pate should take care of the Post Building Fund CD. Jerry Head seconded the motion. Ron Pardeck asked if the CD had to be only one (1) year maturity. Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy replied that due to the low interest rates and the need to add the accumulated years worth of contributions to the Post Building Fund to the CD, it was easier to limit the CD to one (1) year. Some one asked what the Post Building Fund CD was for.



Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy explained the history of the Post Building Fund and that it was for funding for a new Post 95 home.

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy also explained that ten (10%) of Post revenues were directed toward the Post Building Fund account. The motion passed.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski said that if there were no corrections or questions then the finance report would be approved as read. A copy of the finance report is included with these minutes.

#### Membership:

Post 95 Vice Commander Jerry Pate reported that the current Post 95 paid up membership was currently at two hundred forty three (243) and at eighty one point two seven (81.27%) percent of 2013 membership goal of two hundred ninety nine (299).

Post 95 Adjutant reported that the next round of membership renewal notices would be in the mail at the end of January or first of February so there may be another surge of membership renewals starting to come in.

#### Honor Team:

Post 95 Honor Team Commander Mike Edwards talked about getting a training session for the Post Honor Team and invite the National Guard to help with the training session. Jerry Head suggested that someone contact the National Guard and see when they could come before setting a date for the training session.

Flag Etiquette: No Report

#### Oratorical Contest:

Post 95 Oratorical Contest Chairman Ron Pardeck reported on the County Oratorical Contest and that the winner from the contest would be advancing to the Zone 2

Oratorical Contest being held January 27<sup>th</sup> at Post 21 in Independence at 14:00 HRS.

Missouri Boys State: Post 95 Missouri Boys State Chairman Robert Emery reported that he had sent out letters to possible sponsors and that the cost per student was four hundred (\$400) dollars.

Missouri Cadet Patrol: Robert Emery reported that he was expecting an application for Missouri Cadet Patrol soon.

#### Missouri Girls State:

BINGO at Cedars: Don Happy said that BINGO would be January 24<sup>th</sup> at 18:30 HRS and all were welcome to help out.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked Post 95 Vice-Commander Jerry Pate about the SAL Squadron. Post 95 Vice-Commander Jerry Pate reported that after some further investigation the issue was dead in the water.

#### Sickness and Distress:

Ray Nichols reported that LeRoy Coe's wife was having back problems and some one hat to stay with her all the time.



Larry Allen reported on Ray Thompson had received a letter from the VA listing him at one hundred percent (100%) disability level and was getting things scheduled through the VA but had not yet started receiving any money from the VA.. Larry reported the Thompson's were most grateful for every thing people have donated to them and thanked the American Legion for all of its help and support.

Old Business:

Correspondence:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski read a request "Thank You" card from the Liberty Community Christmas Tree Fund for the one hundred (\$100) dollar donation the Post had made last year.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski read a request for donations from the Cameron Missouri Veterans Home Association for the purchase of a new bus.

Ray Nichols made a motion to donate one hundred (\$100) dollars to the Cameron Missouri Veterans Home Association towards purchasing a new bus. Jerry Head seconded the motion and the motion passed.

New Business:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about the American Legion National Vice-Commanders visit to Missouri.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about receiving a suspicious email and all should disregard it.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about the American Legion Department of Missouri Spring Conference to be held February 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> in Jefferson City.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski read talked about requesting a grant fro Wal-Mart and that applications may be available February 1<sup>st</sup>. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski reported that she would try applying for a grant as soon as the applications are available.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski read a request for donations from the American Legion National Child Welfare Fund requesting a donation of one (\$1) dollar per member and the Post would receive a one hundred (100%) percent streamer for the Post colors. There was no interest shown at this time.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski read a certificate of Appreciation from Missouri Boys State for the Post 95 sponsorship of Parker Summers.

Spaghetti Dinner:

Larry Allen talked about needing to get a date set for the annual Spaghetti Dinner. Don Happy reported that he had checked for open dates in March and April and that all but one Saturday was taken so far. Don Happy talked about the VFW wanting the Post to sign a contract for use of the kitchen. Don Happy reported the Post has never had to sign a contract before. Larry Allen talked about the Memorial Building Association Constitution and By-Laws provisions for availability and use of the hall and kitchen. Don Happy talked about agreeing to pay fifty (\$50) dollars to rent the kitchen along with the ten (10%) of profits as well as paying a fee of one hundred twenty five (\$125) dollars for use of the hall. There was much discussion about the new charges and fees for use of the hall and kitchen. Don Happy said that he would have to read over the contract before signing it and if it was not a good contract he would not sign it.



Larry talked about setting the date for the Spaghetti Dinner provisionally for March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Jake Samborski made a motion to set the date for the Spaghetti Dinner for March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Jerry Pate seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Newsletter:

Larry Allen talked about USPS new mailing requirements for the Post 95 Newsletter. Larry Allen said that he and Don Happy had determined it would be easier to just fold the newsletter differently and put it in an envelope.

Don Happy talked about pricing envelopes and would need fifteen hundred (1500) envelopes for a years worth of newsletter mailing. Don Happy talked about checking with Tension Envelope where he used to work and ran into the owner and the owner donated envelopes to the Post.

Larry Allen talked about the cost of printing the newsletter was going up one cent per page this year. Larry Allen said that he was waiting for the annual sale before purchasing a year worth of printing again.

Larry Allen talked about needing to set the price for the Spaghetti Dinner. John Gibbs made a motion to keep the price the same as the last dinner. Bob Beeks seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Jerry Pate made a motion to have LeRoy Coe purchase the raffle prizes. Larry Allen seconded the motion and the motion passed. Larry Allen asked if he could tell LeRoy Coe. All agreed that he could.

Ray Nichols suggested the Post send a "Thank You" card to the owner of Tension Envelope thanking him for his donation to the Post. Don Happy said that he was already doing that.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked if Bob Beeks could get door prizes again. Bob Beeks said that he would try.

Don Happy talked about ordering jackets for the Post as well as other items for the jackets as well as baseball caps.

Don Happy asked if any one had contact information for Darryl Gourley. Ray Nichols said that he would contact Darryl Gourley

Sam Leonard asked if there was anything else the Post needed to discuss. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski said that more research need to be done first before discussing anything.

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 19:52 HRS

Submitted \_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert C. Emery – Adjutant Judi Samborski - Commander