



Robert H. Baker American Legion Post 95 Meeting Minutes of May 21, 2013

With thirty four (34) members and three (3) guest in attendance:

Larry Allen, Jake Samborski, Judi Samborski, Ron Pardeck, Robert Emery, Donald Happy, Melvin Johnston, Lester Brown, John Gibbs, Vern Mattocks, Jim Rieck, Ira Hunter, Jerry Pate, Jerry Head, Paul Ellison, Ray Nichols, Sam Leonard, Robert Beatty, Mike Edwards, Wally Glasco, Ron McBee, Ray Adkins, Charles Kraft, Ray Merrill, LeRoy Coe, Bob Beeks, Gene Welch, Charles Acock, Frank Roth, Darrel Grouse, Ralph Tyson, Tom Troutman, William Steinkamp, Jack Restivo.

Guest: Aggie Rieger, Mrs. Rieger, Calvin Bumgarner Commander 3rd District.

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 the reading of the minutes from the April Meeting. Jerry Pate made a motion to forgo the reading of the minutes and proceed with Post business. Sam Leonard seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Guest and New Members:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked Post 95 Oratorical Chairman to introduce Aggie Rieger the American Legion National Oratorical Contest winner. Aggie talked about her experience and thanked everyone for their support.

Aggie Rieger presented her winner's plaque to Post 95.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski suspended Post business for a brief reception for Aggie Rieger.

New Members: None were found to be present.

Finance Report:

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy gave the Finance Report for April.

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy talked about the CD with Bank Liberty which was allowed to roll over upon its maturity.

Membership: Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery reported current Post 95 paid up membership was 279 with a goal of 299. Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery reported that the Post had signed up 15 new members and transferred 17 members to the Post so far this membership year.

Honor Team:

Post 95 Honor Team Commander Mike Edwards reported that the Post Honor Team had performed honors at one funeral and preformed a Flag Disposal Ceremony.

Flag Etiquette:

Post 95 Flag Etiquette Chairman Mike Edwards reported that the Flag Disposal Ceremony for the Boy Scouts in Orrick had been canceled and would be rescheduled in the fall.



Oratorical Contest: No Report

Girls State: No Report

Boys State: No Report

BINGO at Cedars: Don Happy said that BINGO would be this Thursday May 23rd at 18:30 HRS and all were welcome to help out.

Sickness and Distress:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski reported Post 95 Mack Williams had passed away and his funeral would be held in Peoria Illinois.

Ray Nichols reported that Ted Nelson was going to have surgery on his leg soon and asked everyone to sign a "Get Well" card for him.

Ray Nichols asked everyone to sign a sympathy card for a service member who died in Iraq.

Ray Nichols talked about Ricky Robison who repaired the air conditioning for the widow of the service member and did not charge her for the service call. Ray Nichols made a motion to pay Ricky Robison two hundred (\$200) dollars for the service call. Jerry Pate seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Old Business:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski read an Americanism Citation from American Legion National for Post 95.

Liberty 4th July Parade: Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked Jerry Head to report on the parade. Jerry Head asked everyone who was going to be in the parade to meet in the parking lot at the Post at 08:30 HRS. Jerry Head reported that Aggie Rieger would be riding in the parade in front of the Post 95 trailer. Jerry head reported that the city of Liberty asked for the Avenue of Flags along the parade route and along the way to where ever the fireworks were going to be held.

Memorial Day: Don Happy talked about getting a working party together tomorrow to put ten (10) flag sets together that had been sold for the Avenue of Flags. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski reported that the Boy Scouts would be helping put out and take up the flags again this year. Jerry Head reported that he was trying to contact the nursing home to schedule the Memorial Day ceremonies but no one was answering their phones. Jerry Head said that once he got the Nursing Home visits scheduled he would let everyone know.

Larry Allen talked about how in the past the Post had donated money towards the Foster Sires Memorial Scholarship Fund. Larry Allen made a motion to donate two hundred (\$200) dollars to the Foster Sires Memorial Scholarship Fund. Ray Nichols seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked Ray Nichols to talk about status of the Clay County Veterans Memorial Building Association and the lease with the VFW.

Ray Nichols reported that the VFW had terminated its lease with the Clay County Veterans Memorial Building Association. Ray Nichols reported that the VFW was trying to be out of the building by June 30th and would stop paying the bills at the end of June.



Ray Nichols reported that the Clay County Veterans Memorial Building Association would be holding a meeting on June 4th at 19:00 HRS to decide how to dispose of the property. Larry Allen asked who the VFW lawyer was and that Post 95 needed to get a lawyer to go over the documents. Ray Nichols talked about the fact with no income stream there was no way to keep the building open. Ray Nichols reported that the VFW would pay the June bills and the Clay County Veterans Memorial Building Association had enough money to keep the building open for a month or so. Ray Nichols talked about once the property was sold then the court would decide how to split the proceeds from the sale of the property.

Don Happy talked about looking for places the Post could hold its meetings.

Calvin Bumgarner offered meeting space at Post 61 until Post 95 could find a new meeting place.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about her feelings on how things went trying to get things worked out between the VFW and the building.

Jerry Head talked about using Our Lady of Mercy as a meeting place for Post 95. Jerry Head reported that Our Lady of Mercy was happy to let the Post meet there and that they would charge one hundred (\$100) dollars a month for hall rent. Jerry Head reported that they would provide storage for Post equipment but the Post would have to purchase a safe for proper storage of the Honor Team rifles and ammo. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about looking at stoves to donate to Our Lady of Mercy for fundraising dinners. Larry Allen talked about needing enough space for all of our cooking pots so may be the Post needed to purchase two ranges. Jerry Pate talked about maybe getting a storage room for storage of Post 95 things. A Post member said that he had room in his basement the Post could use for storage of Post items. Post 95 Adjutant talked about it not being good policy to store Post items in an individual's home. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked for a non-binding vote of how the Post felt about meeting at Our Lady of Mercy. All thought it was a good idea. Ray Nichols suggested that the Post get a written agreement with Our Lady of Mercy. Bob Beeks talked about finding a benefactor that may have a property they would provide for the Post.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about holding the election of Post officers.

All said that list of officers was acceptable for the next membership year.

A Post member reported that he was a Patriot Guard member and that he would give the phone number for the State Commander and that if asked the Patriot Guard would show up for the funeral of the service member who passed away recently.

Ray Nichols made a motion to give Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski authorization to sign the agreement for the building. Don Happy Seconded the motion and the motion passed.

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 20:27 HRS



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