



## **Robert H. Baker American Legion Post 95 Meeting Minutes of June 18, 2013**

John Kopp welcomed Post 95 to its new home at Our Lady of Mercy Country Home and that everyone there was excited to have Post 95 meet here.

With twenty seven (27) members and three (3) guests in attendance:

Larry Allen, Jake Samborski, Judi Samborski, Ron Pardeck, Robert Emery, Donald Happy, Melvin Johnston, Lester Brown, John Gibbs, Vern Mattocks, Ira Hunter, Jerry Pate, Jerry Head, Paul Ellison, Ray Nichols, Sam Leonard, Robert Beatty, Mike Edwards, Wally Glasco, Ray Adkins, Ray Merrill, LeRoy Coe, Charles Acock, William Steinkamp, Ray Crestwell, and Gentry Thomason.

Guest: Scout Corey Briggs, Fred Foster, and Kim Foster parents of Scout Corey Briggs

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski proceeded to opened the meeting at 19:00 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 May Meeting. Jerry Pate made a motion to forgo the reading of the minutes and proceed with Post business. LeRoy Coe seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Guest and New Members:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski introduced Corey Briggs a life scout from Troop 216. Corey Briggs talked about his Eagle Scout project which consisted of seven (7) flagpoles, six (6) service flags and a POW/MIA flag to be placed in the Fairview Cemetery in Liberty Missouri. Scout Corey Briggs also talked about incorporating the memorial currently located at the Clay County Veterans Memorial Building. Scout Corey Briggs said that someone else was going to move the monument to the cemetery and thought it would be good to incorporate it into his Eagle Scout project. Scout Corey Briggs explained that he was in the early planning stage and was looking for ideas and support from Post 95. Scout Corey Briggs answered many questions about the project and scouting. Scout Corey Briggs said that he would like a contact with Post 95 to help coordinate donations and possible volunteers. Jerry Pate made a motion to have LeRoy Coe be the contact person for this Eagle Scout Project. Sam Leonard seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked if there were any other guest or new members present. None were found to be present.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked for committee reports.

Finance Report:

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

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported the following:

Beginning Balance \$4439.31, Deposits \$930.53, Withdrawals \$243.24, and ending balance of \$5126.59.



A copy of the finance report is included with these minutes.

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy talked about the expense of purchasing a gun safe for safe and secure storage of the Honor Team rifles and ammo.

Larry Allen asked why the Post had paid sales tax on the purchase of the gun safe. Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy explained that the Post did not have a state Tax ID for a Tax Exempt letter.

Membership: Post 95 Vice Commander LeRoy Coe reported that current paid up membership for Post 95 was two hundred eighty (280) members with the goal of two hundred ninety nine (299) members for 2013 membership year. Post 95 Vice Commander LeRoy Coe said that he would be calling the list of the remaining unpaid members and see if he could get them to pay their dues.

Honor Team:

Post 95 Honor Team Commander Mike Edwards reported that the Post Honor Team had performed Military Funeral Honors Monday.

Post 95 Honor Team Commander Mike Edwards said that he would be needing people for Color Guard to march in the Liberty Fourth of July Parade.

Flag Etiquette: No Report

Oratorical Contest: No Report

Girls State: No Report

Boys State: Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski reported that Missouri Boys State was currently in session. Post 95 Boys State Chairman Robert Emery said that if any one was interested in visiting Missouri Boys State while it was in session members could contact Marvin Harper to arrange a visit.

BINGO at Cedars:

Don Happy said that BINGO would be next Thursday at 18:30 HRS and all were welcome to help out.

Sickness and Distress: None Reported

Old Business:

Liberty 4<sup>th</sup> July Parade:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked Jerry Head said that he had the paper work for the parade ready. Jerry Head asked everyone who was going to be in the parade to meet in the parking lot at the Veterans Memorial Building at 09:00 HRS. Jerry Head talked about putting the Avenue of Flags along the parade route and along the way to where the fireworks were going to be held.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked Jerry Head about more details about the parade and the fireworks. Jerry Head said that he would be attending a parade meeting later in the week and would be getting more details and report back. Someone asked Jerry Head about passing out stick flags at the fireworks. Jerry Head said the Boy Scouts would be passing the stick flags out to the kids.



#### Clay County Veterans Memorial Building Association Meeting:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski reported on the last meeting and current status of the building and that an attempt to sell the property is planned. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski reported that all of the Post property has been moved out of the building and thanked all those who helped get things moved. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about purchasing the steam table for one hundred (\$100) dollars from the VFW. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski also talked about the tension between the VFW and American Legion during the move. (Editors Note: we should not talk about things like this with guest present)

Post 95 Commander Don Happy said that she received a request from the Memorial Building Association president for all of the keys to the building Post 95 has.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about the new meeting place for Post 95 and how nice every thing is. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about having kitchen privileges but there currently were no stoves to cook on. Jerry Pate said that he had a glass top range that he would donate to the Post. Every one thanked Jerry Pate for his donation. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about one stove not being enough to cook for fundraisers and that there may not be enough room for two (2) stoves in the kitchen. A Post member said that he had a stove he would like to donate but it was gas so it could not be used in the kitchen since there currently were no gas lines to the kitchen. Jake Samborski reported that John Kopp would be able to get room for two (2) stoves in the kitchen area.

Paul Ellison asked if a fixed rate of rent had been set for rental of the hall for meetings. Jerry Head said that it would probably be one hundred (\$100) dollars a month.

#### Correspondance:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski read some correspondence the Post had received.

#### New Business:

Eagle Scout Project: Scout Corey Briggs answered more questions about his proposal.

Jerry Pate made a motion to donate one hundred (\$100) dollars towards the project.

Charles Acock seconded the motion. Someone asked about the cost of the service flags.

Don Happy said the he could order three (3) by five (5) flags from his source at a good price. Robert Emery said that he would pay for the service flags.

Robert Beatty talked about the cost of things and asked that the motion on the floor be amended to one hundred fifty (\$150) dollars. Ray Cantwell seconded the motion and the motion passed.

3<sup>rd</sup> District Meeting: Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about the poor turnout by both Post 95 and other Posts in the 3<sup>rd</sup> District.



Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski reported on the elections held at the 3<sup>rd</sup> District Meeting.

John Kopp Commander

Calvin Bumgarner 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander

Ed Schmidt 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander

Judi Samborski Finance Officer

Gary Reno JAG

Ron McBee Service Officer

R. E. Holtz Chaplain

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski reported that the next 3<sup>rd</sup> District Meeting would be held in September in Hamilton Missouri.

Ray Nichols presented a USMC emblazoned jacket to John Gibbs.

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

Post 95 Chaplain Paul Ellison gave the closing prayer.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski closed the meeting in due form at 19:54 HRS

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