



## **Robert H. Baker American Legion Post 95 Meeting Minutes of January 21, 2014**

With twenty five (25) members in attendance

Ted Nelson, Ray Crestwell, Lester Brown, Larry Allen, Ray Nichols, Ira Hunter, Donald Happy, Vern Mattocks, Jake Samborski, Judi Samborski, Paul Ellison, John Gibbs, LeRoy Coe, Sam Leonard, Ron Pardeck, Melvin Johnston, Jim Elliott, Wally Glasco, Jerry Pate, Jerry Head, Robert Beatty, Ray Adkins, Gentry Thomason, Ron McBee, and Robert Emery.

95 Commander Judi Samborski proceeded to open the meeting at 18:57 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 Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery to read the minutes from the October Meeting. Jerry Pate made a motion to forgo the reading of the minutes and proceed with Post business. Jerry Head seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Guest and New Members:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked if there were any 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 apologized to the Post for being slow in his Post 95 duties due to personal reasons.

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported that he would be getting married in September.

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

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy talked about the Post 95 Building Fund CD which had matured in December. Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported that the Building fund CD had earned fourteen dollars and thirty three cents (\$14.33). Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy also reported that the ten percent of Post 95 income for the previous year came to seven hundred fourteen dollars and sixteen cents (\$714.16). Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy said that these funds were added to the monies from the matured Post 95 Building Fund CD for a total of four thousand five hundred ninety seven dollars and twenty three cents (\$4597.23) were deposited into a new nineteen (19) month CD at point sixty five percent interest (.65%) interest rate and would mature August 16<sup>th</sup> 2015.

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy read a letter from Excelsior Bank about a bequest from the estate of James P Stewart in the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5000.00).

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported he had returned the W-9 form with the requested information.



Paul Ellison remembered sending James P Stewart a fifty (50) year membership certificate.

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy said that he was expecting a shipment from emblem sales soon.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about new Post member Stephanie Ebner wanted to become active with the Post 95 Honor Team.

Jerry Pate made a motion to take some of the money donated by James P Stewart and purchase a stove for Our Lady of Mercy Country Home. After some discussion the motion was tabled until the Post actually received the funds.

New Members:

Post 95 Vice Commander LeRoy Coe reported no new members.

Membership:

Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery reported that Department of Missouri had current paid up Post 95 membership as two hundred sixty one (261) and the Post 95 membership goal was three hundred (300) members. Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery reported that Post 95 had a surplus with Department of Missouri that would pay for twenty seven (27) memberships.

A member asked how come he received his membership dues check back and if the Adjutant sent out a receipt showing dues paid. Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery said that he had missed the members original dues paid notice and when member asked about paid up dues it was found that he had paid his dues in July and then Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery issued the member his membership card and returned his second dues check. Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery asked members to contact him or Don Happy if they do not receive their new membership card within a few days of paying their dues. That way membership cards will get issued in a timely manner.

Flag Etiquette: No Report

Honor Team:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski thanked the Post 95 Honor Team for performing Military Funeral Honors for Johnson last weekend.

Oratorical Contest:

Post 95 Oratorical Contest Chairman Ron Pardeck reported that the Clay County contestant had won the 3<sup>rd</sup> District Oratorical Contest and would be advancing to the Zone 2 Oratorical Contest. Post 95 Oratorical Contest Chairman Ron Pardeck said that the Zone 2 Oratorical Contest would be held January 26<sup>th</sup> in Concordia MO at the Concordia Community Center at 13:00 HRS.

Girls State: No Report

Boys State: No Report

Post 95 Missouri Boys/Girls State/Missouri Cadet Patrol Chairman Robert Emery reported that applications were available online but information packets had not yet been sent out.



BINGO at Cedars:

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

Sickness and Distress: No Report

Old Business:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked if there was any Old Business.

Spaghetti Dinner:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked Larry Allen to talk about the Spaghetti Dinner.

Larry Allen reminded everyone that the Spaghetti Dinner would be held March 22<sup>nd</sup> if we could find a way to prepare and serve the food.

Larry Allen talked about maybe purchasing the table top induction cook tops as seen on TV but found only three (3) of our pots would work on them.

Larry Allen talked about needing to get the steam table plug fixed and a thirty (30) amp circuit run into the hall for it to plug in to.

Larry Allen said that he had forgotten the sign up sheet for the Spaghetti Dinner but would bring it to the next Post meeting.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski said that she would get with Our Lady of Mercy Country Home and see about getting the thirty (30) amp circuit run for the steam table.

There was some discussion about purchasing electric roasters in lieu of purchasing a stove for Our Lady of Mercy Country Home.

Sam Leonard asked about the cost of purchasing the electric roasters and how if the Post moved they would move with the Post verses purchasing a range that would be left at Our Lady of Mercy Country Home. Sam Leonard made a motion to purchase four (4) electric roasters. Jerry Pate seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Larry Allen said that Our Lady of Mercy Country Home staff said that they would get the Post a key to the store room that has all the post pots, pans, and steam table.

Correspondence:

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

Thank You letter from Liberty Fire Department

Thank You letter from Liberty Community Christmas Tree

Thank You note and seventy five (\$75) dollar donation from the Gorbet Family for performing Military Funeral Honors for Earl Gorbet.

New Business:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about a cookbook put out by the Warrensburg Veterans Home priced at fifteen dollars (\$15) to help fund programs at the home. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski passed around a sign up sheet for anyone who wanted a cookbook and Ron McBee would pick them up.



Ray Nichols talked about the Post talking with J and J Tax Services about the money coming from the sale of the Clay County Veterans memorial Building.

Ray Nichols made a motion that the Post Commander and Finance Officer schedule a meeting with J and J Tax Services and work out the details of how to handle the money and income tax reporting. Some of the questions to be asked would be buying a building or not buying a building and tax issues with each.

Ray Crestwell seconded the motion .

Ray Nichols explained that the VFW had used J and J Tax Services for many years for their taxes. Ron McBee said that anyone who wanted to be involved with the meeting should contact Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski. The motion passed.

Wal-Mart Grant:

Ray Nichols talked about working on submitting a grant request with Wal-Mart and begun researching Post Activities.

Ray Nichols reported the following:

62 Military Funeral Honors

27 Flag Equitte Classes at 9 schools

Oratorical Contest that last years winner won national contest

2 to Missouri Boys State

4 to Missouri Girls State

1 to Missouri Cadet Patrol

Citizenship Awards at Liberty Junior high Schools

Avenue of Flags with 321 flags on Memorial Day and 4<sup>th</sup> July

Maintain Flags at cemetery

Honor Guard at Liberty parades and 4<sup>th</sup> July

Co-chair Liberty 4<sup>th</sup> July Parade

Flag Disposal Ceremony

Memorial Day programs at Nursing Homes

BINGO at Cedars

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about all of the good work Post 95 did in the community.

Ray Nichols thanked Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski for all of her work keeping the Post going.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski thanked Ray Nichols for his report on Post 95 and its activities.

Jerry Head talked about Home Depot contacting him looking for Veteran in need for their Grant program and that if anyone knew a veteran in need to give him their name.

Jerry Pate talked about Gary Cosely Ford giving a ten percent (10%) discount to veterans on service work.

Offline Extension Course:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about the upcoming Offline Extension Course to be held in Lee's Summit on February 1<sup>st</sup> and anyone interested to contact her for information on attending.



Newsletter Ads:

Larry Allen asked if it was time for newsletter ad renewals and needing to purchase print credit with the UPS Store.

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported that the Post had purchased printing credit with the UPS Store last year in the amount of three hundred thirteen dollars and thirteen cents (\$131.13).

Larry Allen made a motion to purchase printing credits with the UPS Store in the amount of three hundred twenty five dollars (\$325.00) for another years worth of printing for the Post. Ray Nichols seconded the motion and the motion passed.

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 20:00 HRS

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