



## **Robert H. Baker American Legion Post 95 Meeting Minutes of March 18, 2014**

With thirty one (31) members and two (2) guests in attendance

Ted Nelson, Ray Crestwell, Lester Brown, Larry Allen, Donald Happy, Vern Mattocks, Jake Samborski, Judi Samborski, Paul Ellison, John Gibbs, LeRoy Coe, Sam Leonard, Melvin Johnston, Wally Glasco, Jerry Pate, Jerry Head, Bob Beeks, Gene Welch, Stephanie Ebner, Gentry Thomason, Jim Riech, Ray Adkins, Mike Edwards, Ralph Clemons, Ed Backstrom, Ira Hunter, Jesus Torres, John Carey, Jim Elliott, Steinkamp, and Robert Emery. Guest: 3<sup>rd</sup> District Commander John Kopp, and Mike Grassley Clay County Veterans Memorial Building Association President.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski proceeded to open 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 Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery to read the minutes from the January meeting. Jerry Pate made a motion to forgo the reading of the minutes and proceed with Post business. Sam Leonard seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Guest and New Members:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski introduced 3<sup>rd</sup> District Commander John Kopp. 3<sup>rd</sup> District Commander John Kopp talked about Post 95 being the largest American Legion Post in the 3<sup>rd</sup> District. 3<sup>rd</sup> District Commander John Kopp presented Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski with a certificate for achieving one hundred (100%) in membership.

3<sup>rd</sup> District Commander John Kopp talked about getting community service information to the Post Adjutant so he can add it to the annual consolidated post report.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski thanked 3<sup>rd</sup> District Commander John Kopp.

3<sup>rd</sup> District Commander John Kopp for coming to tonight's meeting.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski introduced Michael Grassley president of the Clay County Veterans Memorial Building Association and VFW Post 4043 Quartermaster.

Michael Grassley talked on many topics about the Clay County Veterans Memorial Building Association. Michael Grassley said that the board was made up of four (4) VFW and Four (4) American Legion members and one (1) member at large (MAL).

Michael Grassley reported that the building had been sold and the money deposited in the Building Association bank account. Michael Grassley talked about the meeting held with the leaders of both the VFW and American Legion and their unanimous vote for recommended split of the money eighty (80%) percent VFW and twenty (20%) percent American Legion. Michael Grassley reported that the Building Association has a lawyer to handle the process of dissolving the Association and presenting the recommendations to the court for a final decision.



Michael Grassley said that the Building Association attorney will only meet with the attorneys of the two (2) groups and let the judge in the matter know how the Building Associations recommendation on how they money should be split.

Michael Grassley reported that the VFW had already authorized their Quartermaster to hire an attorney if necessary.

Jim Rieck questioned the split that when a company is mismanaged they do not get to recoup costs from mismanagement. Michael Grassley said that was not the intent of the split ratio it was from all the money the VFW had put into the building over the last thirty (30) years and the American Legion has not put anything into the building.

Larry Allen asked if the Building association lawyer had been given copies of all documents for the Building Association and Lease. Michael Grassley reported that the attorney had received all pertinent documents. Michael Grassley reported that when the Building Association board votes and if there is a tie vote, he will vote for what is best for the Building Association. A member asked if there were documentation about the Building Association board. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski replied that there was a lease agreement and the Building Association Constitution and By-Laws. Michael Grassley talked about the framers of the Building Association Constitution tried to create it so one organization was not favored over the other. Michael Grassley talked about trying to minimize any legal costs to the both the organizations and the Building Association. Michael Grassley talked about how the two organizations were set up so that if one goes out of existence then all monies and property goes to their respective National Organization and that was the original intent of the forming of the Building Association so the monies would remain locally. Michael Grassley talked about too many personalities and conflicts in both groups for way too many years.

Sam Leonard talked about the VFW taking on the lease which included running the Club Room as well as maintenance of the building and property.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked if the Building Association attorney has been told to inform the state of the dissolution of the Building Association. Michael Grassley reported that no the attorney has not been told to dissolve the Building Association yet. Michael Grassley asked that Post 95 to accept the recommendation which was approved by its leadership at the meeting of the Building Association.

Michael Grassley talked a little about the history of the Building Association and the properties.

A member asked about the research by the Post on monies provided to the Building Association and how long it will take to complete the research. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski and Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported they were still researching the record. Ron McBee made a motion to table the discussion until the research was completed before voting on the recommended split of monies. Larry Allen seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked for committee reports.



#### Finance Report:

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

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported the following totals:

Beginning Balance: \$3630.86

Deposits: \$1777.78

Withdrawals: \$1058.45

Ending Balance: \$4358.19

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy talked about applications and money sent in for

Missouri Girls and Boys State Delegates

Missouri Boys State

Post 95 sponsoring four (4) boys and Liberty Lions Club sponsoring one (1) Boy

Missouri Girls State

Post 95 sponsoring two (2) girls, Liberty Lions Club sponsoring one (1) girl, and Liberty PEO Chapter LH sponsoring one (1) girl.

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy asked if there were any questions about the finance report. No questions were asked.

New Members:

Post 95 Vice Commander LeRoy Coe reported no new members at this time.

Membership:

Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery reported that current Post 95 paid up membership was three hundred one (301) members.

A member questioned the rejection of membership to the post of a qualified veteran to the Post.

Don Happy talked about the history of the said person and his opinions about the American Legion and threats to other American Legion members over the years. Don Happy polled the membership about renewing the person in question membership to Post 95. The post did not want to renew his membership in the Post and returned his check accordingly.

Honor Team:

Honor Team Commander Mike Edwards reported that the team had performed three (3) funerals since the last Post 95 meeting.

Flag Etiquette: No Report

Oratorical Contest: No Report

Missouri Boys State/Missouri Girls State:

Robert Emery reported that Don Happy had already given the details of delegates.

Cadet Patrol: No Report

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:

A member reported that a benefit was being organized for Jeff Cessna's grandson on April 12<sup>th</sup> at Papa's Coffee Express but there were no details yet.

Sam Leonard made a motion to donate one hundred (\$100) dollars to the cause. Ray Crestwell seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Old Business:

Spaghetti Dinner:

Larry Allen talked about still needing help in all positions and the challenges of the dinner since there was not a full kitchen. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked all those who could to please stay after the dinner and help clean up.

Don Happy reported that John Kopp will be cleaning and waxing the hall on Friday.

Larry Allen talked about selling meal and raffle tickets since sails seemed to be down and that this was one (1) of our two (2) fundraisers of the year. Larry Allen talked about the ne arrangements for cooking and serving the dinner. Larry Allen said that he had tickets available and anyone needing tickets to please see him.

Larry Allen said that the tables would be setup at 13:00 HRS and Norma would be decorating them.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked if an inventory had been done yet. Larry Allen said that he and Don Happy had already done the inventory and would be shopping for supplies on Thursday.

Correspondence:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski read some correspondence the Post had received from the Cameron Veterans Home requesting sponsorships for their annual golf tournament on June 14<sup>th</sup>. Bob Beeks made a motion to sponsor two golf carts at fifty (\$50) dollars each for a total of one hundred (\$100). Jerry Pate seconded the motion and the motion passed. Don Happy talked about the Golf Cart sponsorship requesting a veterans name for each golf cart sponsored. Don Happy recommended that the sponsorships be Donna Warren and Mack Williams. All approved of sending in those two (2) names.

Larry Allen apologized for the mistakes in the last Post newsletter.

New Business:

LeRoy Coe talked about the Veterans Memorial being given to the City of Liberty to manage. LeRoy Coe talked about bricks being available for purchase for fifty (\$50) dollars and anyone interested to please contact him for an order form.

Post 95 Chaplain Paul Ellison gave the closing prayer and asked for a moment of silence.

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

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Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski closed the meeting in due form at 20:11HRS

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Robert C. Emery – Adjutant Judi Samborski - Commander