



Robert H. Baker American Legion Post 95 Meeting Minutes of April 15, 2014

With twenty six (26) members in attendance

Ted Nelson, Ray Crestwell, Lester Brown, Larry Allen, Donald Happy, Jake Samborski, Judi Samborski, Paul Ellison, John Gibbs, LeRoy Coe, Sam Leonard, Melvin Johnston, Wally Glasco, Jerry Pate, Jerry Head, Gene Welch, Gentry Thomason, Jim Riech, Mike Edwards, Ira Hunter, Jesus Torres, John Carey, Vernon Mattocks, Ray Nichols, Robert Beatty, and Robert Emery.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski proceeded to open the meeting at 19:02 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. LeRoy Coe seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Guest and New Members:

None were found to be present

Finance Report:

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

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported the following totals:

Beginning Balance: \$ 4350.19

Deposits: \$ 2316.31

Withdrawals: \$ 3690.19

Ending Balance: \$ 2976.31

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy talked about money sent in for Missouri Girls and Boys State Delegates totaling twenty nine hundred (\$2900.00) dollars.

New Members:

Post 95 Vice-Commander LeRoy Coe reported none

Membership

Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery reported Post 95 paid up membership was at three hundred three (303) members.

Honor Team:

Honor Team Commander Mike Edwards thanked those who helped with the Color Guard at William Jewel last week.

Honor Team Commander Mike Edwards reported that William Jewell had requested the Color Guard for April 19th for the Marshalls Football game and asked who could help with the Color Guard.

Honor Team Commander Mike Edwards reported that he had received a request for the Honor Team to escort Donna Warren's remains to the Higginsville Veterans Cemetery.

Honor Team Commander Mike Edwards asked when the Post would like to do it.



Honor Team Commander Mike Edwards reminded and invited everyone about his Flag Disposal Ceremony at his house May 3rd starting around 16:00 HRS.

After some more discussion it was decided that the Honor Team would try for May 17th to escort Donna Warren's cremains. Post 95 Vice-Commander LeRoy Coe said that he will make the arrangements with the cemetery. Honor Team Commander Mike Edwards said that the Honor Team should meet at Our Lady of Mercy Country Home at 09:00 HRS.

Flag Etiquette: No Report

Oratorical Contest: No Report

Missouri Boys State/Missouri Girls State: No Report

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: No Report

Old Business:

Spaghetti Dinner:

Larry Allen thanked everyone that helped make the Spaghetti Dinner a success. Larry Allen commented that the help was the best it has ever been.

Post 95 Commander said the Chili Supper would be October 25th.

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported the following Spaghetti Dinner financial report.

Dinner proceeds: \$914.04

Dinner Cost: \$322.66 which included \$100 donation to Our Lady of Mercy Country Home.

Dinner surplus: \$ 591.38

Raffle proceeds: \$603.00

Raffle cost: \$300.00

Raffle surplus: \$303.00

Total Spaghetti Dinner surplus: 894.38

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy talked about Jake and Judi Samborski purchasing some door prizes and was waiting to her to turn in the receipts so he could reimburse her.

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy said that the Post had done real good and thanked everyone for their help.

Larry Allen said that he had received a complement on the spaghetti dinner while he was renewing his vehicle licenses.

LeRoy Coe talked about updated form for Liberty memorial bricks and anyone who had submitted the old form needed to get the updated one and resubmit it to him.

Clay County Veterans Memorial Building Association:

Don Happy reported on the recent meeting of the Clay County Veterans Memorial Building Association. Don Happy reported that they had received a copy of the procedure that would be followed to dissolve the building association.



Don happy said that there would be a final meeting of the Clay County Veterans Memorial Building Association and that all American Legion members would be notified by mail. Don Happy reported that the meeting would be held in the Liberty Community Center June 9th from 19:00 21:00 HRS in the Red Room.

Don Happy reported that the Clay County Veterans Memorial Building Association lawyer needed a Post 95 roster in order to mail the letters out. Don Happy had asked about privacy concerns with the member information. Don Happy was told to give the list to the lawyer directly.

Gentry Thomason asked about the research into how much money the American Legion had given to the VFW over the years. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski misunderstood the question and said that the judge would split the money between the two (2) organizations.

Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery clarified the question for Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski that the question was about monies Post 95 had given to the VFW over the years.

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy talked about going through the bank statements in the file cabinets and that the record keeping was incomplete.

Years 1978 to 1989 – no checks written to the VFW

1990 to 1996 – checks with no memo line

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy noted that there was a check for \$200 with notation sign.

Year 2000 1 check for total of \$105.00
2001 4 checks for a total of \$1065.26
2002 Bank Statements no checks
2003 4 checks for a total of \$206.09
2004 2 checks for a total of \$204.55
2005 3 checks for a total of \$370.00
2006 6 checks for a total of \$629.00
2007 3 checks for a total of \$601.00
2008 6 checks for a total of \$2158.83
2009 3 checks for a total of \$822.00
2010 3 checks for a total of \$755.00
2011 5 checks for a total of \$1013.00
2012 3 checks for a total of \$442.00
2013 2 checks for a total of \$275.00

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported that the Post had been charged a fifty (\$50) dollar clean up fee and ten (10%) percent of the profit for use of the hall.



Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported the following additional payments to the VFW.

Years 2008 to 2012 - Utility Assistance \$2100.00

2006 Kitchen rental fees \$856.00

2006 half payment for podium \$300.00

2008 half payment for steam table \$400.00

2009 half payment for steam table sneeze guard \$407

2003 to 2013 ten (10%) percent hall use fee \$1389.17

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported a one thousand assistance donation to a VFW member in the amount of one thousand (\$1000.00) dollars.

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported that the total monies he could associate to the VFW came to a total of nine thousand three hundred sixty nine dollars and fifty eight cents (\$9369.58)

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy said that is as complete as much as his research could determine with out finding the actual canceled checks to review.

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy talked about Post 95 paying for paving of the parking lot but could not find any records indicating any amount.

Gentry Thomason what leverage the American Legion could use to get the court to make a fair division of the funds.

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy replied he did not know about any leverage.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about the judge being presented all the documentation on the Building Association and the lease agreement with the VFW and that there was no way of knowing how the judge would rule. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski said that according to the papers the split should be fifty – fifty between the coequal entities and that it is up to the judge to decide.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski reported that she had received an invoice for three hundred (\$300) dollars from the VFW for the podium. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski said that she would be sending the VFW a letter stating that Post 95 did not want the podium and that the VFW could sell it and give half the proceeds to the American Legion or keep the podium and give the American Legion half of the cost of the podium.

New Business:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about a having a presentation from “Wreaths Across America” at the may Post meeting.

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported that the post had donated one hundred fifty (\$150) dollars last year.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about Armed Forces Day Celebration to be held May 16 and 17th at Zona Rosa.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about the recent 3rd District Meeting held last Sunday in Smithville.



Memorial Day:

Don Happy talked about Memorial Day weekend and the Avenue of Flags.

Don Happy said that there were three hundred twenty one (321) approximately and need to get a work day to inspect and replace flags soon.

Don Happy said that he was going to Same Grave's office soon and get more flags ordered.

Don Happy said that he would get a day and let everyone know when and where the work day would be.

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy said that he was getting an Emblem Sales order ready this week so anyone wanting to place an order to please contact him.

Larry Allen asked if someone was going to let the city know how many stakes to put out for the Avenue of Flags?

LeRoy Coe said that he would let the city know.

Gentry Thomason held a raffle of a Civil War book he had received. Sam Leonard won the book.

Ray Nichold talked about Liberty High School requesting Color Guard and veterans for May 13th.

Larry Allen made a motion to donate five hundred (\$500) dollars to Honor Flight of Missouri. Ira Hunter seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Post 95 Adjutant reminded Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski she needed to form a Nominating Committee. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked if anyone wanted to be on the nominating committee. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski also talked about Paul Ellison requesting to step down at Post 95 Chaplin.

Ray Nichols, Paul Ellison, Jerry Head, and Larry Allen volunteered to be on the Nominating Committee.

Sam Leonard asked if a committee was necessary if the current officers were willing to stay on. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski said that it was a formality to form the committee.

Jerry Head talked receiving a request for Color Guard at Pleasant Valley Manor on Memorial Day at 10:30HRS.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked Jerry Head if he would contact the nursing homes and coordinate the Post visits. Jerry Head said that he would.

Jake Samborski asked about the possibility of holding a third fundraiser in August.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked everyone to think about maybe a BBQ in August.

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.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski closed the meeting in due form at 20:07HRS

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