



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

With twenty five (25) members in attendance

Donald Happy, Jake Samborski, Judi Samborski, Paul Ellison, LeRoy Coe, Gentry Thomason, Jim Riech, Sam Leonard, Robert Beatty, Larry Allen, Vernon Mattock, Mike Edwards, Ron Pardeck, Ted Nelson, Charles Kraft, John Gibbs, Jerry Pate, Michael Pate, Tom Troutman, Gene Welch, Stephanie Ebner, Ray Nichols, Jim Elliott, Bob Craig, and Robert Emery.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski proceeded to open the meeting at 18:59 HRS

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

Post 95 Chaplain G. Ray Nichols 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 last meeting. Jerry Pate made a motion to forgo the reading of the minutes and proceed with Post business. Jake Samborski seconded the motion. The motion passed.

A member asked how someone could know what had happened at the last meeting if the minutes were not read. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski said that if they had an email address the Post 95 Adjutant could email them a copy. Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery reported that he does not maintain a Post 95 email mailing list but most of the meeting minutes were posted on the Post 95 web site.

Guest and New Members:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked if there were any new members or guest present.

Bob Craig introduced himself and talked a little about himself.

Mike Pate son of Jerry Pate introduced himself and talk a little about himself.

Finance Report:

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy gave the Finance Report for October

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported the following totals:

Beginning Balance: \$ 2046.36

Deposits: \$ 7170.94

Withdrawals: \$ 1481.13

Ending Balance: \$ 7736.18

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy talked about receiving two (2) checks from the settling of an Estate which had donated five thousand (\$5000.00) dollars to Post 95. The total donation was five thousand and seven dollars and sixty seven cents. (\$5007.67) due to accrued interest while the Estate was in probate.



Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported that the eighteen month CD with Bank Liberty was due to mature on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 was allowed to roll over for another eighteen (18) months at an interest rate of point three zero percent (0.30%) and would mature on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016.

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported that since the CD had already been locked in he could not add the donation from the estate to the CD.

Chili Supper: Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported

Dinner total collected: \$866.00

Dinner Total Expenses: \$407.74

Dinner Total Surplus: \$458.27

Raffle total Collected: \$630.00

Raffle Total Expenses: \$300.00

Raffle Total Surplus: \$330.00

Total Surplus for the Chili Supper Fundraiser: \$788.26

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

New Members:

Post 95 Vice-Commander LeRoy Coe reported he knew of no new members even though there was one in the audience.

Post 95 Vice-Commander LeRoy Coe asked for help calling members that have not yet renewed their membership for 2015.

Membership:

Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery reported Post 95 was currently at two hundred thirty one (231) members paid up for 2015 with the 2015 membership goal of three hundred seventeen. Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery reported that renewals were very slow in coming in.

Ron McBee asked about when the membership year was.

Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery explained that the actual membership year ran from January to December but, membership renewals started July first and went till end of June the following year.

Honor Team:

Post 95 Honor Team Commander Mike Edwards thanked everyone who helped out Veterans Day at the cemetery and Our Lady of Mercy Country Home program.

Flag Etiquette:

Post 95 Flag Etiquette Chairman Mike Edwards reported that a class had been held today and that the next Flag Etiquette class was scheduled for next Monday November 24<sup>th</sup> at Lillian Shoemaker Elementary School at 13:00 HRS and that there would be two classes.

Oratorical Contest:

Post 95 Oratorical Contest Chairman Ron Pardeck reported that the Clay County Contest was scheduled for December 8<sup>th</sup> at Liberty North High School in the library.

G. Ray Nichols reported that he was now the 3<sup>rd</sup> District Oratorical Chairman and that the District Oratorical Contest would be held January 18<sup>th</sup> at Smithville Post.

Missouri Boys State/Missouri Girls State: No Report

Cadet Patrol: No Report



#### BINGO at Cedars:

Don Happy reported that due to the holidays BINGO at Cedars would be this Thursday November 20<sup>th</sup> and December BINGO would be held December 11<sup>th</sup>.

#### Sickness and Distress:

Jerry Pate reported that his son's mother in law had just passed away.

LeRoy Coe reported that his wife was not doing well.

#### Old Business:

Jim Riech asked about the status of the settlement of the Clay County Veterans Memorial Building Association building sale.

Don Happy reported that it was still in the hands of the judge and no decision had been made yet.

A new member asked about the situation.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski gave a brief history of the Clay County Veterans Memorial Building Association dissolution and sale of the building and the pending settlement.

#### Honor Team Rifles:

Jake Samborski reported that the last of the back ordered parts had arrived and been installed in the rifles. Jake Samborski asked everyone to be sure to take extra care in loading clips and making sure they were properly seated and are sure to push bolt fully forward and locked.

#### Wreaths Across America:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski reported that the wreath laying would be on December 13<sup>th</sup> at White Chapel Cemetery.

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy said that he would be sending the Post 95 donation of two hundred (\$200.00) dollars to the White Chapel Cemetery representative for Wreaths Across America.

#### Correspondence:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski reported that she had received a "Thank You" card from the fourth grade at Hawthorn Elementary in Kearney Missouri.

#### New Business:

Jim Elliott reported on hat and pin sales so far.

Jim Elliott reported that he had had two (2) sessions at Sams Club and had scheduled another session on the second Saturday in December from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Jim Elliott said that he had eight hundred seventy four dollars and fifty cents (\$874.50) in cash that he needed to turn in to Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy. Jim Elliott said that he would also be turning in the bill for the hats and pins to Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy soon.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski thanked Jim Elliott for his fundraising efforts.



#### Estate Settlement:

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy talked about the monies received from the settlement of the estate of Yvonne Stewart. Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported that he had received two (2) checks one in the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5000.00 and one in the amount of seven dollars and sixty seven cents (\$7.67) and had deposited them in the Post 95 checking account.

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported that the estate had made two donations in the Liberty area one to William Jewell College in the amount of twelve thousand five hundred dollars (\$12,500.00) and Post 95 in the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00). Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported that the donations had been in Honor and Memory of James P Stewart.

G. Ray Nichols asked what interest rates CD's were getting. Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported point three zero percent (0.30%).

G. Ray Nichols said the National Bank of Kansas City Money Market accounts were paying point nine percent (0.90%). Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy said that he would check into the accounts. Sam Leonard said to be sure to check to see if there were any other restrictions or requirements for opening the account.

G. Ray Nichols made a motion for a committee made up of Don Happy, Judi Samborski, Paul Ellison, and LeRoy Coe to make the decision on where to deposit the money from the estate settlement. Jim Elliott seconded the motion and the motion passed.

#### District Revitalization:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about an email she had received from 3<sup>rd</sup> District Commander John Kopp about the 3<sup>rd</sup> District holding a District Revitalization on December 11<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup> in Marshall Missouri. No one seemed interested in helping out. Christmas Dinner:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about holding a Post 95 Christmas Dinner and asked if everyone was interested in doing it again this year. All said yes to the idea. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski said that the Post usually provided the meat and bread and everyone brought a passing dish. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked Don Happy to make arrangements with HY-VEE for the meat and bread. Don Happy said that he would take care of the arrangements with HY-VEE.

Larry Allen asked what time setup would be. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski said that 16:30 should be good time to start.

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> District Meeting:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski reported that the next 3<sup>rd</sup> District Meeting would be January 11<sup>th</sup> at Smithville Post with meal starting at NOON and meeting at 13:00 HRS and everyone attending should bring a passing dish.

G. Ray Nichols asked everyone to sign birthday cards for Ira Hunter and Ray Merrell.



Post 95 Chaplain G. Ray Nichols 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 19:43 HRS

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