



Robert H. Baker American Legion Post 95 Meeting Minutes of November 17, 2015

With thirty one (31) members in attendance

Jake Samborski, Judi Samborski, Jerry Pate, Vernon Mattocks, Bill Kersten, Herman Schmidt, John Gibbs, Donald Happy, Robert Beatty, Larry Allen, James Roberts, Jim Weber, Jerry Head, Tim Jefferson, Ron Zimmer, Mike Edwards, Paul Ellison, Gentry Thomason, Ron Pardeck, Walter Young, Sam Leonard, Stephanie Ebner, Jim Elliott, Gene Welch, G. Ray Nichols, Wally Glasco, Ray Creswell, Dan Mott, David Cessarch, 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 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 October Post 95 meeting. Stephanie Ebner made a motion to forgo the reading of the minutes and proceed with business. Ray Crestwell seconded the motion and the motion passed.

New Members and/or Guest:

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

Ray Crestwell introduced Dan Mott a new member to Post 95 to the Post. Dan Mott talked a little about himself and his service.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski welcomed him to Post 95.

Committee Reports:

Finance Report:

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy gave the finance report for October.

Beginning Balance: \$ 7097.04

Deposits: \$ 2657.94

Withdrawals: \$ 1579.84

Ending Balance: \$ 8175.14

Chili Supper:

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported the following for the Chili Supper.

Dinner Proceeds: \$819.00

Dinner Expenses: \$373.83 included hall rental of \$100.00

Dinner Surplus: \$445.17

Raffle:

Proceeds: \$525.00

Expenses: \$300.00

Surplus: \$225.00

Total surplus for the event \$670.17



Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski said that she would entertain a motion to accept the Finance Report as given. Jake Samborski made a motion to accept the Finance Report as given. Jim Weber seconded the motion and the motion passed.

New Members:

Post 95 Vice-Commander Stephanie Ebner welcomed Dan Mott to Post 95.

Membership:

Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery reported that the Post 95 paid up membership was currently at two hundred twenty five (225) with the Post 95 membership goal for the 2016 membership year is two hundred seventy seven (277).

Honor Team:

Post 95 Honor Team Commander Mike Edwards reported that the Honor Team would be doing Ray Thompsons funeral tomorrow.

Larry Allen talked about Post 95 member Ray Thompson and the help the Post had provided him over the years.

Larry Allen asked all those who could attend the funeral to please do so.

Post 95 Honor Team Commander Mike Edwards reported that there would be another funeral Thursday in Liberty at 16:00 HRS at Church Archer.

Flag Etiquette:

Post 95 Flag Etiquette Mike Edwards reported that the next classes scheduled next Monday at Lillian Schumacher Elementary School with classes at 13:00 and 14:00 HRS.

Oratorical Contest:

Post 95 Oratorical Contest Chairman Ron Pardeck reported that the Clay County Oratorical Contest would be held on December 7th at 19:00 HRS probably at Liberty North High School.

Post 95 Oratorical Contest Chairman Ron Pardeck asked for help finding contestants for the contest.

Missouri Boys State: NO REPORT

Missouri Girls State: NO REPORT

Missouri Cadet Patrol: NO REPORT

BINGO at Cedars:

Don Happy said that the next BINGO at Cedars would be this Thursday November 19th starting at 18:30 and that all were welcome.

Don Happy reported that the dates for BINGO at Cedars for November and December were moved up a week due to the holidays.

Sickness and Distress:

G. Ray Nichols reported that Ira Hunter was in Kansas City North Hospital.

Old Business:

Hats and Pins: Jim Elliott reported that he had one hundred ninety seven (\$197.00) dollars from the sales at the Chili Supper and seven hundred fifty seven dollars and ten cents (\$757.10) from the last time at Sam's Club.



Jim Elliott reported that he had obtained permission to setup inside HY-VEE for the months December March on the first Saturday of each month.

Jim Elliott said that he needed more support.

Christmas Dinner:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about holding the Post Christmas Dinner on December 15th starting at 18:30 HRS. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski said that the Post would provide the meat and bread and everyone should bring a passing dish.

Don Happy said that last year the Post got brisket and turkey. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked if brisket and turkey was OK with everyone. It was OK.

Don Happy said that he would take care of ordering the meat and would need a head count so he would know how much to order.

Correspondence:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski read a "Thank You" card from the family of Bernard Hamm.

Jim Webber talked about how well the Veterans Day event had gone and he had received many compliments on the event.

Fire Pup Program:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski read a request from Liberty Fire Department requesting donations for its Fire Pup Program. Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported that last year Post 95 sponsored twenty (20) kids at the seventy five (\$75.00) dollar level.

Stephanie Ebner made a motion to sponsor twenty (20) kids at the seventy five (\$75.00) dollar level. Ray Crestwell seconded the motion and the motion passed.

New Business:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about setting the dates for next years Spaghetti and Chili dinner fundraisers.

Larry Allen made a motion to set the date for the Spaghetti Dinner to April 2nd, 2016. G. Ray Nichols seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Larry Allen made a motion to set the date for the Chili Supper for October 29th, 2016. G. Ray Nichols seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Officer Bonding.

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported that Post Officer bonding had expired as of August. Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported that the Post officer bonding last year was at the \$17,000.00 level but since then the Post now has 56,000.00 in CD's and \$8,000 in the Post checking account so the Post needs to increase the bonding level to \$65,000 level. Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported that bonding cost \$5 per \$1000 for each person bonded. G. Ray Nichols made a motion to bond the Post commander and finance officers at the \$65,000 level. Paul Ellison seconded the motion.



Discussion

Jim Webber said that was expensive and the Post should shop for better rates. No one seemed to have time to look for better rate for bonding Post Officers. Jim Elliott asked if the bonding was just for the Post monies. Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy said yes it was just for the Post money. G. Ray Nichols talked about the Post needing to get bonded. Post 95 Adjutant reported that Officer Bonding is in the Post Constitution and ByLaws. The motion passed.

Larry Allen talked about Jim Thompson widow's situation and the VA not providing her any benefits.

Gentry Thomason asked if the American Legion membership had been opened up to non war era veterans.

G. Ray Nichols talked about how the American Legion membership dates were set up by Congress. Robert Emery said that congress would not change the membership criteria for the American Legion due to the low level of membership by eligible war era veterans and that congress would not change eligibility due to that reason.

Larry Allen thanked all those who had helped with the Chili Supper.

Mike Edwards asked about the Color guard request the Post had received.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski reported that she had called the phone number provided by Calvin Bumgarner and had not received an answer.

G. Ray Nichols asked every one to be sure and sign the birthday cards for Ira Hunter and Ray Merrell.

Jerry Head said that he needed help unloading the trailer so he could take it to be painted. Don Happy suggested that Jerry Head set a date after Thanksgiving. Jerry Head said that he would do that.

50/50 Drawing:

Robert Beatty held the 50/50 Drawing and reported that the split would be thirteen (\$13.00).dollars.

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 19:55 HRS

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