



Robert H. Baker American Legion Post 95 Meeting Minutes of April 18, 2017

With twenty one (21) members and one (1) guest in attendance

Jake Samborski, Judi Samborski, Jerry Pate, Vernon Mattocks, G. Ray Nichols, Jim Roberts, Donald Happy, Sam Leonard, Ray Adkins, Larry Allen, Wally Glasco, Tim Jefferson, Gentry Thomason, LeRoe Coe, Gene Welch, Jim Weber, Ron Pardeck, Mike Edwards, Chris Vedder, Stephanie Ebner, and Robert Emery

Guest:

Cody Dowell

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski proceeded to open the meeting at 19:01 HRS

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

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.

New Members and/or Guest:

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

None were found to be present.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery to read the minutes from the last Post 95 meeting. Jake Samborski made a motion to forgo the reading of the minutes and proceed with business. Larry Allen seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Finance Report:

Post 95 Finance Officer Donald Happy read the finance report for March:

Beginning Balance \$ 6281.57

Deposits \$ 1673.96

Withdrawals: \$ 3682.50

Ending Balance: \$ 4273.03

Post 95 Finance Officer Donald Happy reported writing checks for a total of thirty four hundred (\$3400) dollars for Missouri Boys State, Missouri Girls State and Missouri Cadet Patrol and of that amount eleven hundred (\$1100) dollars had been donated to Post 95 for those programs.

Hats and Pins:

Post 95 Finance Officer Donald Happy gave the report for Jim Elliott:

Table setup on March 25th and April 1st and collected one thousand sixty five dollars (\$1065.00).



Post 95 Finance Officer Donald Happy reported that since the fundraiser program had started

\$ 5430.49 spent on merchandise

\$ 11707.72 collected

\$ 6277.27 profit

Post 95 Finance Officer Donald Happy reported that the next date for Hat and Pins would be May 6th at Sam's Club with setup at 10:30 HRS and run until 16:00 HRS.

Post 95 Finance Officer Donald Happy passed around a signup sheet for manning the table. Post 95 Finance Officer Donald Happy reported that Jim Elliott needed help running this fundraiser program. Sam Leonard talked about Jim Elliott needing help and if Jim Elliott did not get any help he would quit running the fundraiser.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski said that she would entertain a motion to accept the finance report as given. Jerry Pate made a motion to accept the finance report as given.

G. Ray Nichols seconded the motion and the motion passed.

New Members:

Post 95 Vice Commander Jim Roberts reported that he had sent out thirty two (32) letters out to members who have not renewed their membership for 2017.

Post 95 Vice Commander Jim Roberts said that he would be sending out letters to Post 1000 members asking them to transfer to Post 95.

Membership

Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery reported two hundred forty (243) paid up members so far and that the membership goal was two hundred seventy seven (277).

Honor Guard:

Post 95 Honor Team Commander Mike Edwards talked about not getting responses for help when he tried contacting Honor Team members but, so far the team seems to have enough members show up when needed.

Flag Etiquette:

Post 95 Flag Etiquette Chairman reported that he was working on holding a Flag Disposal Ceremony on May 20th.

Oratorical Contest: NO REPORT

Missouri Cadet Patrol: NO REPORT

Missouri Boys State: NO REPORT

Missouri Girls State: NO REPORT

BINGO at Cedars:

Donald Happy reported that BINGO at Cedars was held this Thursday April 27th and thanked those who came out to help.

Sickness and Distress:

G. Ray Nichols reported that Ira Hunter was in North Kansas City Hospital getting treatment for lung cancer.

G. Ray Nichols reported that Bob Beeks wife was under Hospice Care.



Old business:

Spaghetti Dinner:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski reported that Jim Elliott would not be selling hats and pins at the Spaghetti Dinner due to lack of sales at these events.

Larry Allen passed around a sign up sheet and asked those who could to please come and help. Larry Allen said that he had dinner and raffle tickets as well as flyers and asked everyone to get out and sell since this is how we raise funds to support our programs. Larry Allen asked everyone to be sure and keep the monies separate for meal and raffle tickets.

Don Happy reported that Sam's Club had donated a one hundred (\$100) dollar gift card to use for purchase of supplies for the Spaghetti Dinner.

Don Happy talked about getting deserts cake or cookies from Sam's Club.

It was decided to purchase cookies from Sam's Club.

A Post member inquired what time setup for the dinner would be. Larry Allen said that setup would be at 13:00 HRS.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked Larry Allen if he had sold all the sponsor space on the newsletter. Larry Allen said that he had sold one to Tom Rash and could free another space up. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski said that she would take one for her business.

Guest:

Larry Allen introduced guest Cody Dowell who then talked about his service.

Correspondence:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski read a "Thank You" from Cameron Veterans Home Assistance League thanking the Post for sponsoring two (2) golf carts at their annual golf tournament.

New Business:

Post Elections:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about upcoming Post Elections and positions available both elected and appointed. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski said that the nominating committee will be looking for people to take offices for the 2017 – 2018 membership year.

3rd District Meeting:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about Department of Missouri looking for sponsors for bricks at the WWI Memorial for the American Legion Centennial.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about Past post Commanders Golf Tournament and that last year the Post sponsored two (2) golf carts in honor of Mack Williams and Donna Warren. Robert Emery said that they were looking for hole sponsors only at fifty (\$50) dollars each and that the entry fee covered the golf carts.

G. Ray Nichols made a motion that Post 95 sponsor two (2) holes in honor of Mack Williams and Donna Warren. Stephanie Ebner seconded the motion and the motion passed.



Memorial Day:

Don Happy reported that he had nine (9) new flags for the Avenue of Flags to make up and he was ordering more flags from Sam Graves's office. Don Happy reported that there were three hundred thirty (330) flags in the Avenue of Flags.

Liberty Fall festival:

Don Happy said that the Liberty Fall Festival would be September 23rd for the parade. G. Ray Nichols asked about contacting the Boy Scouts to help out with the Avenue of Flags. Don Happy said that he would contact the Scout Master about getting the Boy Scouts to help with the Avenue of Flags.

Judi Samborski thanked the Post for the flower the Post had sent for her mother's funeral.

Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery talked about Department Convention and anyone who planned to attend to let him know so they could get credentials so they could attend.

Chris Vedder talked about the Post FACEBOOK page and asked everyone to like the page.

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 19:44 HRS

50/50:

Jim Roberts held the 50/50 drawing. Jim Roberts reported that forty four (\$44.00) was collected and the split would be twenty two (\$22.00) dollars.

Stephaney Ebner won the 50/50 drawing.

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