



Robert H. Baker American Legion Post 95 Meeting Minutes of November 21, 2023

With thirteen (13) member present

Don Happy, Julie Barron Happy, Tim Jefferson, Bud Taylor, G. Ray Nichols, Jerry Pate, Robert Beatty, Donald Hodge, Jim Elliott, Jeff Watt, Tina Petterson, Paul Ellison, and Robert Emery.

Post 95 Commander Tina Petterson proceeded to open the meeting at 19:03 HRS

Post 95 Commander Tina Petterson led the Post in salute to the colors.

Post 95 Chaplin G. Ray Nichols gave the opening prayer.

Post 95 Commander Tina Petterson led the post in the Pledge of Allegiance and reading the Preamble.

Post 95 Commander Tina Petterson asked for reading the minutes from the last Post 95 meeting.

Jerry Pate made a motion to forgo reading of the minutes Robert Beatty seconded the motion and the motion passed

New Members: Post 95 Commander Tina Petterson asked if here were any new members present. None were found to be present.

Finance Report:

Post 95 Commander Tina Petterson asked for the finance report from Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy.

October

Beginning Balance	\$ 8586.51
Deposits:	\$ 10,830.32
Withdrawals:	\$ 1075.00
Service Charge	\$ 3.00
Ending Balance:	\$ 18339.83

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy talked about the Building Fund CD matured 26OCT2023 in the amount of nine thousand eighty six dollars and seven cents (\$9086.07).

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy opened a new Building Fund CD with Edward R. Jones in the amount of ten thousand (\$10000) dollars for one year at 5.5% rate and will mature on 01NOV2024.

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy talked about the other CD that will mature on 15FB2024 (\$48,000 at 4.5%) and may open new CD with Edward R Jones then depending on current interest rates.

Post 95 Commander Tina Petterson said she would entertain a motion to accept the finance report as given.

G. Ray Nichols made a motion to accept the finance report as given. Robert Beatty seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**MEMBERSHIP:**

Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery reported renewals for 2024 membership year was currently at one hundred seventeen (117) renewals so far.

Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery reported that after the Department Convention the 2024 membership goal was set at one hundred seventy (170).

Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery reported the new goal was determined by the new algorithm set for rural districts.

Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery reported would be raising national dues to forty five dollars (\$45)

Honor Guard:

Don Happy reported there was a funeral scheduled for Saturday at 13:40 HRS

Flag Etiquette:

Julie Barron Happy reported she had several cards and letters from Kearney Elementary 4th Grade students thanking veterans for their service.

Oratorical: NO REPORT**Boys and Girls State:**

Robert Emery reported the 2024 sessions had form for donations to Missouri Boys State.

Sickness and Distress:

Post 95 Commander Tina Petterson asked if there were and members of family members in sickness or distress.

G. Ray Nichols reported on Gordon Wood, Jerry Head, Ron Pardeck, Bob Beeks, Ray Crestwell, and Sam Leonard.

Old Business:

Jeff Watt asked everyone how they liked the new venue for the Liberty Veterans Day Program.

Every one voiced their likes and dislikes. Jeff Watt will pass on the suggestions for next year's program.

Post 95 Commander Tina Petterson asked Bud Taylor if Larry Allens daughter had gotten files from the computer for the Post Newsletter yet?

Bud Taylor would ask Larry Allens daughter about it.

New Business:**Post Holiday Dinner:**

Don Happy asked if the Post wanted to hold a dinner in December or just hold a meeting.

Robert Emery suggested just forgoing a meeting in December.

Jim Elliott made a motion to forgo a December Meeting. Robert Beatty seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Paul Ellison asked if anyone had suggestions to recover a flag that had been knocked over in the last big storm at his apartment complex.

G. Ray Nichols suggested Wright Tree Services.

Robert Emery suggested the fire department. Jeff Watt said he would contact the Fire Chief about the issue,



Post 95 Commander Tina Petterson asked Jeff Watt how Wreaths across America was doing.

Post 95 donated five hundred (\$500) dollars to Wreaths across America.

Correspondence:

Post 95 Commander Tina Petterson read the following request for donations:
Missouri Boys State.

Post 95 Chaplin G. Ray Nichols gave the closing Prayer.

Post 95 Commander Tina Petterson led Post in salute to colors.

Post 95 Commander Tina Petterson closed the meeting in due form at 19:46 HRS

Submitted _____ Approved _____
Robert C. Emery – Adjutant Tina Peterson - Commander