



Robert H. Baker American Legion Post 95 Meeting Minutes of August 18, 2009

31 members and 1 guest in attendance Jerry Head, Donna Warren, Robert Emery, Foster Sires, John Kopp, John-Paul Kopp, Mike Edwards, Melvin Johnston, Jim Rieck, Sam Leonard, Larry Allen, Mac Williams, Paul Ellison, John Gibbs, Ray Nichols, Lester Brown, Gary Reno, Bobby Beeks, Ira Hunter, Don Happy, LeRoy Coe, Paul Payne, Ron Pardeck, Ray Merrill, Calvin Nelson, Gary Nichols, Charles Kraft, Carl Mathiash, Jake Samborski, Judi Samborski, Ed Backstrom, and Bruce Neville.

Commander Jerry Head opened the meeting at 19:01 HRS

Chaplin Donna Warren gave the opening prayer

Commander Jerry Head led the post in the pledge of allegiance and pre-amble

Adjutant Robert Emery read the minutes from the July meeting. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Finance Officer Don Happy gave the finance report for the month of July. A copy of the finance report is included with the minutes. Paul Ellison asked The Finance Officer Don Happy the current balance in the Post account. Finance Officer Don Happy reported that the current balance was \$4398.34. The finance report was approved as read.

Ray Nichols asked Finance Officer Don Happy if the Post was getting paid in a timely manner for the funerals the Post has performed honors at. Finance Officer Don Happy reported that the Post was getting paid and was current on all payments from the Funeral Honors Program. Finance Officer Don Happy went on to say that the Post was just not getting called for funerals. Ray Nichols asked John Kopp if there was any way to get an audit of the Funeral Honors assignments. John Kopp said that he did not know. Don Happy said that we should contact the state instead of the local representative about funeral assignments. Gary Reno said that someone should contact Jim Whitfield and ask him about funeral assignments or who we should contact about this matter.

Sickness and Distress:

John-Paul Kopp talked about a service member and American Legion member from his detachment whose mother needs surgery. John-Paul Kopp said he would be getting more information and would be looking for donations to help her get the surgery.

Ray Nichols reported that Marvin Scott had had surgery to correct his carpal tunnel. Ray Nichols asked if we could pass around a get well card for Marvin Scott. A card was passed for all to sign. Charles Kraft thanked every one for the card the Post sent to his wife. Ira Hunter also thanked the Post for the card it sent him.

Flag Etiquette and Honor Team: Honor Team Commander Mike Edwards reported that the Post had not been called to perform at any funerals lately.

Flag Etiquette Mike Edwards said that he was starting to contact teachers about setting up Flag Etiquette programs but was not getting much response. Ray Nichols said that he would help contact the schools. Larry Allen said that he would contact the Kearney Schools about setting up Flag Etiquette programs.



LeRoy Coe talked about Steve Foster complementing the Post on the good job the Honor Team was doing. LeRoy Coe said that Mr. Foster said that he would clean Honor Team uniform free of charge at Foster Cleaners.

Oratorical Contest: No Report

Oratorical Contest Chairman Ron Pardeck asked if there was any information for the program available. Adjutant Robert Emery said that it was still early and that information packet would be sent out soon. John Kopp reminded Ron that the Post had voted to award the Post level winner a \$200 scholarship.

Boys/Girls State: No Report

Membership:

LeRoy Coe reported that he had 124 dues envelopes

Adjutant Robert Emery reported paid up membership at 136 so far.

John-Paul Kopp talked about the need to recruit younger members for the American Legion and the need to work membership in general.

Ray Nichols asked if the Post had voted to pay the dues for veterans at CEDARS. Adjutant Robert Emery reported that Post had voted to pay the memberships for veterans at nursing home and those for active duty service members.

Don Happy asked if the Boys/Girls State report meeting would be held at the next regular Post meeting. Adjutant Robert Emery reported that it would be at the next meeting and he will be sending out letters inviting them to the meeting to give their reports.

Commander Jerry Head said that the Post Auxiliary Unit President Anne Reno had requested a few minutes to address the Post.

Auxiliary Unit President Anne Reno talked about the auxiliary being there to support the Post and the American Legion and its programs. Auxiliary Unit President Anne Reno said that the Unit would supply the refreshments for the Boys/Girls State Report Meeting. Auxiliary Unit President Anne Reno asked all members present to help recruit their significant others into the Auxiliary even if they couldn't be active – all members count.

Ray Nichols made a motion to purchase the refreshments for the Boys/Girls State Report Meeting since the Auxiliary had so few funds. Larry Allen Seconded the motion.

Ray Nichols talked about this years Wal-Mart grant being a \$25 Wal-Mart gift card and that we should use that to purchase help purchase the refreshments.

The earlier motion was passed.

New Business:

John Kopp talked about the Vietnam Veteran Recognition program to be held at the Truman Library in September. John Kopp said that anyone wanting to be recognized should contact Emanuel Cleaver's office for the necessary information and forms.

John Kopp talked about the upcoming changes to the PUFL program and that the rates would be going up starting October 1st. John Kopp said that any one interested should do so before the new rates go into effect to avoid the higher cost.

Judi Samborski talked about setting up a group tour of the Liberty Memorial for the Post.

Past 3rd District Commander Gary Nichols delivered a Legion cover that had been given to him.

Finance Officer Don Happy talked about the bonding for the Post Commander and Finance Officer coming due in September. Finance Officer Don Happy said that the Bonding was currently for



\$15000 at a cost of \$150 per year. Finance Officer Don Happy made a motion to obtain bonding for the Finance Officer and Post Commander in the amount of \$15000 at a rate of \$150 per year. John-Paul Kopp seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Paul Ellison talked about it being time to decide if the Post wanted to hold its Chili Dinner again this fall. Ray Nichols got the date book for the hall to find available dates for the dinner. Sam Leonard made a motion to hold the Post Chili Dinner on November 7th. Ira Hunter seconded the motion.

Larry Allen said that that date would work fine. The motion passed.

Commander Jerry Head asked when the Liberty Fall Festival was what did the Post do for it.

It was reported that the Liberty Fall Festival was going to be held on September 27th and the Post usually had a color guard and float in the parade. Ray Nichols said that there was a plastic tub of literature for the booth in the Post locker.

BINGO at Cedars: It was reported that BINGO would be held on Thursday the 27th. Don Happy said that he would bring the snack

Bruce Nevils said that he would like to have some members hold BINGO at Aston Court and was doing it himself on Fridays at 14:00 HRS.

Good of the Order:

Ray Nichols said that he would not be at the next meeting and that Foster Sires, Lester Brown, and Donna Warren would need a ride to the meeting.

Judi Samborski talked about Ms Beach still not doing well and that she had thanked the Post for the card it had sent her.

Chaplin Donna Warren gave the closing prayer

Commander Jerry Head closed the meeting in due form at 19:59 HRS.

Submitted _____
Robert C. Emery – Adjutant

Approved _____
Jerry Head - Commander