



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

With twenty three (23) members in attendance

Donald Happy, Jake Samborski, Judi Samborski, LeRoy Coe, Gentry Thomason, Larry Allen, Vernon Mattock, Gene Welch, Stephanie Ebner, G. Ray Nichols, Bob Beeks, Jerry Head, Paul Ellison, John Carey, Ron Laughman, Robert Beatty, Sam Leonard, Ray Crestwell, Wally Glasco, Jimmy Elliott, Ronald Zimmer, Jim Weber, 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. Stephanie Ebner made a motion to forgo the reading of the minutes and proceed with Post business. Robert Beatty seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Guest and New Members:

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

James Weber introduced himself and said that he was transferring from Post 1000.

Paul Ellison noted that Post 95 Vice-Commander Le Roy Coe had his uniform cap on backwards. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski fine Post 95 Vice-Commander LeRoy Coe one (\$1) dollar.

Finance Report:

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy gave the Finance Report for February.

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported the following totals:

Beginning Balance: \$ 1964.31

Deposits: \$ 3462.31

Withdrawals: \$ 1358.87

Ending Balance: \$ 4067.75

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported that he had to cash in the recently opened one thousand (\$1000.00) dollar CD to help cover Missouri Boys and Girls State application fees.

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

New Members:

Post 95 Vice-Commander LeRoy Coe reported that James Weber was a new Post 95 member.

Membership:

Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery reported Post 95 was currently at two hundred sixty one (261) members paid up for 2015 with the 2015 membership goal of three hundred seventeen (317).



Honor Team:

Don Happy reported that the Post 95 Honor Team had performed at four (4) funerals so far this month.

Don Happy talked about the upcoming Honor Team Training the Missouri National Guard would be holding March 31st in Higginsville. Don Happy said that he would inform them that the Post 95 Honor Team would not be attending.

Flag Etiquette:

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Jerry Head talked about holding two (2) classes in Smithville with one hundred ninety seven (197) students in attendance.

Oratorical Contest:

No Report

Missouri Boys State/Missouri Girls State:

Post 95 Missouri Boys State/Missouri Girls State Chairman Robert Emery reported the following:

Six (6) Missouri Boys State Applications

Four (4) Liberty North High School

Two (2) Kearney High School

Eleven (11) Missouri Girls State Applications

Four (4) Liberty North High School

One (1) Kearney High School

Six (6) Liberty High School

Post 95 Missouri Boys State/Missouri Girls State Chairman Robert Emery thanked Larry Allen and G. Ray Nichols for helping pick up applications and fundraising.

Post 95 Missouri Boys State/Missouri Girls State Chairman Robert Emery thanked Paul Ellison, Gary and Anne Reno for sponsoring Missouri Girls State Applicants. Post 95

Missouri Boys State/Missouri Girls State Chairman Robert Emery thanked the six (6) Post 95 members who sponsored a Missouri Girls State Applicant.

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported that Robert Emery sponsored two (2) Missouri Girls State applicants.

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported that the Post had received thirty one hundred (\$3100.00) dollars in sponsorship monies for Missouri Girls and Boys State.

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported that Post 95 had twenty six hundred (\$2600.00) to sponsor applicants.

G. Ray Nichols talked about getting more Missouri State participation from non-jocks.

Larry Allen talked about a coach encouraging a student to attend Missouri Boys State instead of a sports camp.

Cadet Patrol:

No Report



BINGO at Cedars:

Don Happy reported that BINGO at Cedars would be next Thursday March 26th starting at 18:30 HRS and all were welcome to come out and help.

Sickness and Distress:

Larry Allen reported the following:

Jim Riech not feeling well after treatment but was going to be at the dinner on Saturday to help out.

Jerry Pate was recovering from rotator cup surgery.

John Gibbs not feeling well at all.

Ray Thompson not doing well at all.

G. Ray Nichols reported the following:

John Gibbs was falling a lot and was not able to get up on his own

Ira Hunter doing well but since its basketball playoffs he is watching basketball.

Bill Daniel was not doing well.

LeRoy Coe reported that his wife was not doing well.

G. Ray Nichols asked every one to sign the cards on the front table as well as the birth day card for Bud Kraft's 90th birthday.

Old Business:

Spaghetti Dinner:

Larry Allen talked about preparations for the dinner this Saturday and asked for anyone who could to please sign up to help.

Larry Allen said that he had dinner and raffle tickets if anyone needed to get some to sell as well as flyers for the dinner.

Larry Allen said that setup would be at 13:00 HRS and that Norma would be there to decorate tables.

Larry Allen said that cooking would start around 09:00 HRS.

Larry Allen passed around a sign up sheet.

Newsletter Sponsors:

Don Happy asked all those present if they had received their copy of the Post 95 newsletter. All present replied in the affirmative.

Don Happy talked about losing some newsletter sponsors and need to find some new sponsors. Don Happy said that if anyone knew of any possible sponsor to contact him or Paul Ellison.

G. Ray Nichols suggested giving some complementary dinner tickets to Our Lady of Mercy Country Home manager.

G. Ray Nichols said that he would be picking up door prizes.

Correspondence:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski read a

"Thank You" from Ed Wiley family for performing at the funeral.

"Thank You" from Edward Uehling JR family for performing at the funeral.

Invite letter for Battle of Lone Jack events.

Liberty Fall Festival invitation



Truman Library WWII anniversary events March through September.

New Business:

Clay County Veterans Memorial Building Association settlement:

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy read parts of the settlement letter.

The monies were divided 80% VFW Post 4043 and 20% American Legion Post 95.

The split would be approximately \$44,310.81 with some variation due to accumulated interest.

Gentry Thomason asked what happened to the fifty/fifty split.

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy said that since Post 95 did not hire a lawyer to represent the Post and that the VFW had. Post 95 did not have any representation and left it to judge to make the determination.

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy stated that according to the letter from the lawyer the monies could be used however the Post By-Laws allowed.

Gentry Thomason asked what the BY-Laws said about how the money could be spent.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski said that the money could be spent on the American Legion programs.

Sam Leonard said that just because we had money that we should not be freely spending it.

Gentry Thomason asked if the Post was paying rent for holding meetings here.

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported that the Post was paying one hundred (\$100) per use for rent.

Gentry Thomason asked if the money could be used to purchase a meeting place for the Post.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski said that it would not be enough for the Post to be able to purchase a place and that the Post did not have a revenue stream to help pay for or support a place it was unlikely the Post could purchase a meeting place at this time.

Sam Leonard made a motion to deposit the check into the Post checking account and then figure how to best handle the funds. Robert Beatty seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Jim Elliott talked about the weather warming up and looking for places to set up for cap, pin, and other items. Jim Elliott said that he was now making key chains and lanyards.

Jim Elliott said that he would be needing help setting up and taking down the tables.

Jim Elliott said that he was looking at several places like Sam's Club, HY-VEE- Price Chopper.

G. Ray Nichols talked about checking if the Post could get an interest bump when the Post starts negotiating a new CD.



Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski reported that the next 3rd District Meeting would be in Excelsior Springs April 12th with meal at noon and meeting at 13:00 HRS

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 19:48 HRS

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