



## **Robert H. Baker American Legion Post 95 Meeting Minutes of April 21, 2015**

With twenty seven (27) members and one (1) guest in attendance

Donald Happy, Jake Samborski, Judi Samborski, LeRoy Coe, Gentry Thomason, Larry Allen, Vernon Mattock, Gene Welch, Stephanie Ebner, G. Ray Nichols, Jerry Head, Paul Ellison, John Carey, Ron Laughman, Robert Beatty, Sam Leonard, Ray Crestwell, Wally Glasco, Jim Weber, Ted Nelson, Ray Adkins, John Gibbs, Jerry Pate, Jim Rieck, Frank Roth, Mike Edwards, and Robert Emery.

Guest: Steven Kristof

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. Ray Crestwell 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.

Steven Kristof introduced himself and said that he was transferring from Post 1000.

Finance Report:

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

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported the following totals:

Beginning Balance: \$ 4067.75

Deposits: \$ 48,291.76

Withdrawals: \$ 6238.87

Ending Balance: \$ 46,120.64

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

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy gave the finance report on the Spaghetti Dinner and Raffle.

Spaghetti Dinner:

\$ 761.00 Collected

\$ 193.08 Expenses

\$ 567.92 Surplus

Raffle

\$ 525.00 Collected

\$ 300.00 Expenses

\$ 225.00 Surplus

Total surplus for the Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser \$ 792.93



**New Members:**

Post 95 Vice-Commander LeRoy Coe reported that Steven Kristof was a new Post 95 member.

**Membership:**

Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery reported Post 95 was currently at two hundred sixty four (264) members paid up for 2015 with the 2015 membership goal of three hundred seventeen (317).

**Honor Team:**

Post 95 Honor Team Commander Mike Edwards reported that the Post 95 Honor Team had a funeral on Thursday and still needed some help and that the Honor Team would be leaving at 11:00 HRS.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked Post 95 Honor Team Commander Mike Edwards how many funerals the Post 95 honor Team had done so far this year. Post 95 Honor Team Commander Mike Edwards said that he was not sure how many. Don Happy said that that it was around twenty five (25) funerals so far this year.

**Flag Etiquette:**

Post 95 Flag Etiquette Chairman Mike Edwards reported on the recent Flag Etiquette Class in Smithville. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski read a letter from fourth grade teacher Brenda Watkins thanking the Post for doing the Flag Etiquette Class. Post 95 Flag Etiquette Chairman Mike Edwards said that everyone could read the letters the fourth graders had sent thanking the Post for their service and the Flag Etiquette class.

**Oratorical Contest:**

No Report

**Missouri Boys State/Missouri Girls State:**

Post 95 Missouri Boys State/Missouri Girls State Chairman Robert Emery talked about holding the Missouri Boys State/Missouri Girls State reports at the Post Christmas Dinner.

**Cadet Patrol:**

No Report

**BINGO at Cedars:**

Don Happy reported that BINGO at Cedars would be next Thursday April 23<sup>rd</sup> starting at 18:30 HRS and all were welcome to come out and help.

**Sickness and Distress:**

LeRoy Coe reported that his wife was not doing well and was going to the doctor on Thursday.

**Old Business:**

**Spaghetti Dinner:**

Larry Allen thanked all those who helped make the Spaghetti Dinner a success and how well everything went. Larry Allen commented on how easily everything had run this time.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski reminded everyone that the Chili Supper would be in October.



Funds from the sale of the Clay County Veterans Memorial Building Association building:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about moving the funds out of the Post 95 Checking account and into a separate account like a CD or Money Market account.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski reported that Robert Emery found a bank that was paying 2.0% on a 12 month CD and .85% on a savings account.

Larry Allen said that credit unions because he heard that they were paying higher interest rates.

Jerry Pate talked about checking out Navy Federal Credit Union and see what they had to offer. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked Jerry Pate if he would get more information. Jerry Pate said that he would. Jake Samborski made a motion to form a committee made of Don Happy, Stephanie Ebner, and Jerry Pate to find best place for the money. Ray Crestwell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about the letter she wrote to Judge Janet Sutter inquiring as to why Post 95 was not notified about the hearing on the division of the proceeds of the building sale. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski reported that she sent the letter out on April 13<sup>th</sup> and thanked Don Happy for providing needed details for the letter.

Don Happy reported that Jim Elliott had sent a request for help with hat and pin table at Sam's Club on Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 HRS to 14:00 HRS. Jerry Pate and Robert Beatty said that they would help out on Saturday. Don Happy said that anyone interested in helping to see him after the meeting for contact information for Jim Elliott.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about door hangers that had American Legion application and contact information. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked everyone to take some.

Correspondence:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski read a special offer for shirts.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski read a request for sponsorship for Cameron Veterans Hone Golf Tournament on June 13<sup>th</sup> and that the Post had sponsored two (2) golf carts in honor of Mac Williams and Donna Warren. Jerry Pate made a motion that the Post sponsors two (2) golf carts at fifty (\$50.00) dollars each in honor of Mac Williams and Donna Warren. Jerry Pate modified the motion to sponsor and additional golf cart in honor of Ray and Helen Merrill's wedding Anniversary. Robert Beatty seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski read an invitation from Missouri City Parade on May 2<sup>nd</sup> inviting Post 95 to present the colors. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski said that parade line up would start at 09:00 HRS and that the parade would start at 10:00 HRS.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski read a request for donation from the Todd Daniels Memorial requesting a one hundred (\$100) donation/sponsorship. The Post decided to pass on this sponsorship.



New Business:

Memorial Day – Avenue of Flags:

Don Happy reported that he had orders for four (4) new flags and had the name plates made up and was going to order the flags and poles.

Don Happy said that the Post needed to inventory and inspect the flags to make sure they were all accounted for since one was stolen in the past. Don Happy asked for help with the inventory and would be doing it on Monday April 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 HRS. Don Happy said that if anyone had sawhorses they could bring that would be a great help as well.

Post Elections:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about it being time to nominate Post Officers and asked if anyone would like to be on the Nominating Committee. No one was interested in being on the Nominating Committee. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski said that elections would be held in May and the Officer would be installed in July after the Department Convention.

3<sup>rd</sup> District Meeting:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski reported that Post 95 would be hosting the 3<sup>rd</sup> District Meeting on June 7<sup>th</sup> with meal at NOON and 3<sup>rd</sup> District Meeting beginning at 13:00HRS. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski said that she would like to see a big turnout of Post 95 members. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski reminded everyone to bring a small passing dish.

Department of Missouri Convention:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski reported that the Convention would be held July 9 through the 12<sup>th</sup> in Springfield. Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery asked if anyone was interested in attending to let him know so he could submit names for credentials to the Convention.

National Convention:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski reported that the National Convention would be held August 27<sup>th</sup> through the 30<sup>th</sup> in Boston Mass.

Membership:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about keep working on membership.

Citizenship Awards:

G. Ray Nichols talked about getting this year's presentations setup and that there would be six (6) awards to present. G. Ray Nichols said that he would let everyone know when he had a date and time for the presentations.

Jerry Head said that he had a request from Our Lady of Mercy Country Home for a Flag Presentation on Memorial Day at 15:00 HRS. Jerry Head asked if he should get with the other Nursing Homes and schedule Flag Presentations there as well. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked Jerry Head to get them scheduled.



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 19:39 HRS  
Le Roe Coe held a drawing for two (2) pictures he had donated. Paul Ellison and Jerry Pate were the winners.

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