



Robert H. Baker American Legion Post 95 Meeting Minutes of September 15, 2015

With twenty seven (27) members in attendance

Stephanie Ebner, Ted Nelson, Vern Mattocks, Bill Kerstin, Leslie Vanbibber, G. Ray Nichols, Le Roy Coe and Izzy, Ray Adkins, Larry Allen, John Gibbs, Bob Beeks, Jim Elliott, Donald Happy, Jerry Pate, Paul Ellison, Ray Crestwell, Wally Glaso, Gene Welch, Ron Pardeck, Mike Edwards, Jerry Head, Jim Weber, Sam Leonard, Ron McBee, Robert Beatty, James Roberts, and Robert Emery

Post 95 Vice-Commander Stephanie Ebner proceeded to open the meeting at 19:00 HRS

Post 95 Vice-Commander Stephanie Ebner led Post in salute to colors.

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

Post 95 Vice-Commander Stephanie Ebner led the post in the pledge of allegiance and reading of the preamble.

New Members and/or Guest:

G. Ray Nichols introduced Past Post Commander Bill Kersten and transfer member James Roberts. Post 95 Vice-Commander Stephanie Ebner welcomed them to tonight's Post meeting and to Post 95.

Post 95 Vice-Commander Stephanie Ebner asked Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery to read the minutes from the last meeting. Larry Allen made a motion to forgo the reading of the minutes and proceed with Post business. Bob Beeks seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Finance Report:

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy gave the finance report for August.

Beginning Balance: \$ 8015.57

Deposits: \$ 1962.25

Withdrawals: \$ 3676.54

Ending Balance: \$ 6301.28

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported that the Building Fund CD at Bank Midwest matured on 16AUG2015 with interest rate of point sixty five percent (.65%) had been cashed in with the total of four thousand six hundred forty four dollars and eighty nine cents (\$4644.89). Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported he had opened a new CD with Bank Midwest in the amount of five thousand two hundred fifty six dollars and thirty five cents (\$5256.35). Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported that six hundred eleven dollars and forty six cents (\$611.46) as the amount of the ten percent (10%) collected in 2014 and was added to the funds from the closed CD which was four thousand six hundred forty four dollars and eighty nine cents (\$4644.89).

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported that the CD would be fifteen (15) month term and would mature 24NOV2016 at interest rate of point seventy five percent (0.75%).



Post 95 Vice-Commander Stephanie Ebner said that she would entertain a motion to accept the finance report as read. Ray Crestwell made a motion to accept the finance report as read. Jim Weber seconded the motion and the motion passed.

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

New Members:

Post 95 Vice-Commander Stephanie Ebner reported that she had met a veteran at the Leavenworth Exchange and got his information and would be forwarding it to Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery so he could send membership information to the veteran.

Membership:

Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery reported that the Post 95 paid up membership was currently at one hundred eighty one (181) and that the Post 95 membership goal is two hundred seventy seven (277).

Honor Team:

Post 95 Honor Team Commander Mike Edwards reported that the Post had done a funeral today.

Flag Etiquette:

Post 95 Flag Etiquette Chairman Mike Edwards said that he had received a request for a Flag Etiquette class for November 5th at Warren Hills School.

Oratorical Contest:

Oratorical Contest Chairman Ron Pardeck reported that he had just received information on the contest and that the schools should have also received this information as well.

Oratorical Contest Chairman Ron Pardeck asked anyone who knew a High School student that would be interested to let them know about the contest.

G. Ray Nichols said that Jim Dunn and his wife may be available to help with the Oratorical Contest.

Missouri Boys State/Missouri Girls State/Missouri Cadet Patrol: No Report

BINGO at Cedars:

Don Happy said that the next BINGO at Cedars would be next Thursday starting at 18:30 and that all were welcome.

Sickness and Distress:

Post 95 Vice-Commander Stephanie Ebner asked if there were any members or family members in sickness or distress. Non reported

Post 95 Vice-Commander Robert Beatty read a request to contact a American Legion member Michael Morris about transferring to Post 95 he had received from Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery.

Old Business:

Chili Supper:

Larry Allen talked about the upcoming Chili Supper to be held on October 24th and passed around a sign up sheet and asked all those who could help to please sign up to work the Chili Supper. Post 95 Vice-Commander Stephanie Ebner also asked all those who could help to please sign up to work the Chili Supper.



Hat and Pin Sales:

Jim Elliott reported he had one hundred ninety nine dollars and seventy six cents (\$199.76) in proceeds to turn in to the Post.

Jim Elliott said the next sale day at Sam's Club would be October 3rd.

Jim Elliott reported that he had enough inventory built up to be able to hold two (2) separate sales tables at the same time. Robert Beatty said that he had filled out an application with HY-VEE to be able to set up a table there.

Correspondence:

Post 95 Adjutant read announcements about the following:

Department Commanders and Auxiliary Presidents HOMECOMMING at Post 21

October 17 and 18

Walk for Veterans October 3

American Legion National Commanders visit to Missouri October 1 - 6

New Business:

Liberty Fall Festival September 26th:

Don Happy received a request for Color Guard.

Honor Team Commander Mike Edwards asked for show of hands for those who could march in parade. There were enough volunteers to go a head and march in the parade.

Don Happy asked if there any members who wanted to ride on the trailer in the parade.

Several members said they were interested in riding. Don Happy said that he would arrange to get the trailer from John Kerry. Mike Edwards asked about the Flag Disposal Ceremony. Don Happy said that he had not received a request for that yet. Honor Team Commander Mike Edwards said that he needed at least ten (10) people for the ceremony. Don Happy said that the parade application needed to be sent in by September 18th and would get it filled out and sent in to the Liberty Chamber of Commerce.

Don Happy reported that the parade would start at 11:00 HRS and everyone should meet at the Post by 10:00 HRS.

Veterans Day:

Jim Weber reported the VFW 3rd District would be holding a POW/MIA ceremony starting at 10:00 HRS on November 11th and that all were welcome to attend.

Jerry Head asked if the Liberty Chamber of Commerce wanted flags posted along the parade route for the Fall Festival. Jerry Head said that he wanted to know so he could schedule the work on the trailer. Don Happy said that he had not received a request yet but would check on it with the Liberty Chamber of Commerce.

40et8 Dance:

Don Happy talked about the dance Voiture 1379 was holding on September 26th at Our Lady of Mercy starting at 19:00 HRS cost ten dollars (\$10) couples and five dollars (\$5) for singles.

Larry Allen asked if Don Happy could get some envelopes donated to the Post. Don Happy said that he would ask. Larry Allen said that he would purchase a box of envelopes and turn the receipt into the Post. Larry Allen thanked Robert Emery for printing the labels for the newsletter mailings.



Paul Ellison talked about the passing of Post 95 member Jim Riech. Paul Ellison reported that donations were asked to be donated to Mercy Hospital Hospice.

Paul Ellison made a motion to donate the stipend the Post would receive for performing Military Funeral Honors for Jim Riech to this group. Jerry Pate seconded the motion and the motion passed.

G. Ray Nichols talked about birthday party for Lester Brown to be held next Sunday at Valley Manor in Excelsior Springs from 14:00 to 16:00 HRS. G. Ray Nichols said that his wife would be making the cake and Stephanie Ebner would be making the punch and Jerry Head would be purchasing the ingredients.

G. Ray Nichols thanked Robert Emery for making cards for the Post.

Jim Weber talked about Veterans Day and that the VFW would be providing a Color Guard and was working on getting some buglers to perform echo taps.

G. Ray Nichols talked about a request from a church students group asking what the kids could do for Veterans on Veterans Day. G. Ray Nichols said that the group meets on Wednesday nights at the Methodist Church. Paul Ellison suggested the “What is a Veteran” program the Post used to give.

Bill Berndt said that he had been selected as the Parade Grand Marshal for the Liberty Fall Festival Parade.

50/50 Drawing:

Robert Beatty held the 50/50 Drawing and reported that the split would be twenty seven dollars and fifty cents (\$25.50). Gene Welch won the drawing.

Post 95 Chaplain G. Ray Nichols gave the closing prayer.

Post 95 Vice-Commander Stephanie Ebner led Post in salute to colors.

Post 95 Vice-Commander Stephanie Ebner closed the meeting in due form at 19:39 HRS

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