



## **Robert H. Baker American Legion Post 95 Meeting Minutes of February 16, 2016**

With twenty nine (29) members in attendance

Jake Samborski, Judi Samborski, Jerry Pate, Vernon Mattocks, Donald Happy, Robert Beatty, Larry Allen, James Roberts, Jerry Head, Paul Ellison, Gentry Thomason, Ron Pardeck, Sam Leonard, Stephanie Ebner, Jim Elliott, G. Ray Nichols, Wally Glasco, Ray Creswell, Dan Mott, Ted Nelson, LeRoy Coe, Bob Beeks, Ray Adkins, Bill Kersten, Tim Jefferson, Richard Bennett, Tom Troutman, Ronnie McBee, and Robert Emery

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski proceeded to open the meeting at 19:00 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 Post 95 meeting. Stephanie Ebner made a motion to forgo the reading of the minutes and proceed with business. Ray Crestwell seconded the motion and the motion passed.

New Members and/or Guest:

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

Richard Bennett introduced him self to Post 95

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski welcomed him to Post 95.

Committee Reports:

Finance Report:

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy gave the finance report for the following months:

November 2015:

Beginning Balance: \$ 8175.14

Deposits: \$ 1744.78

Withdrawals: \$ 852.05

Ending Balance: \$ 9067.87

December 2015:

Beginning Balance: \$ 9067.87

Deposits: \$ 1307.60

Withdrawals: \$ 927.37

Ending Balance: \$ 9448.10

January 2016:

Beginning Balance: \$ 9448.10

Deposits: \$ 998.71

Withdrawals: \$ 397.15

Ending Balance: \$ 10049.66



Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported on the CD's Post 95 currently has. Bank Liberty CD earned \$10.97 in interest and is due to mature on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 Capital Federal CD earned \$37.59 and is due to mature on December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 North Kansas City CD - \$40,000 will mature on January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported that he did not have report on interest earned since CD is only reported yearly basis.

G. Ray Nichols asked about DEPOSIT MAIN OFFICE item on bank statements.

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy reported that it is direct deposits from National Guard for Military Funeral Honors performed.

Stephanie Ebner made a motion to accept the finance report as given. Larry Allen seconded the motion and the motion passed.

New Members: no report

Membership:

Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery reported that the Post 95 paid up membership was currently at two hundred fifty five (255) with the Post 95 membership goal for the 2016 membership year is two hundred seventy seven (277).

Gentry Thomason asked if Post membership was 255 why aren't they at the meetings.

Robert Emery talked about if a group got ten percent of its membership to attend meeting it was doing good.

Honor Team:

Don Happy reported that the Honor Team would be doing a funeral on Wednesday night at 20:00 HRS at Stouder Funeral Home. Don Happy said the team would be leaving for the funeral at 19:15.

Flag Etiquette: NO REPORT

Oratorical Contest:

Post 95 Oratorical Contest Chairman Ron Pardeck reported that there was no contest due to lack of contestants. Robert Emery reported that the Department oratorical Contest would be this weekend at the Department Spring Conference in Jefferson City.

Missouri Boys State\ Missouri Girls State\ Missouri Cadet Patrol

Post 95 Missouri Boys/Girls State/Cadet Patrol Chairman Robert Emery reported that Liberty High School had one each candidate for Missouri Boys/Girls State. Robert Emery reported that the girl from Liberty High School was being sponsored by Soropotimist Club. Post 95 Missouri Boys/Girls State/Cadet Patrol Chairman Robert Emery reported that Liberty North High School had one each candidate for Missouri Boys/Girls State. Post 95 Missouri Boys/Girls State/Cadet Patrol Chairman Robert Emery reported had received sponsorship money from the Liberty Lions Club for one each candidate for Missouri Boys/Girls State.

BINGO at Cedars:

Don Happy said that the next BINGO at Cedars would be this Thursday February 25<sup>th</sup> starting at 18:30 and that all were welcome.



#### Sickness and Distress:

G. Ray Nichols thanked the Post 95 Honor Team for performing Military Funeral honors for his brother-in-law.

G. Ray Nichols reported that John Gibbs was in New Mark receiving physical therapy and would like visitors. Ira Hunter was doing well and recovering at home for an open wound on his leg. Bill Berndt was having back problems and may need some help from the Post.

#### Correspondence:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski read the following:

“THANK YOU” card from Earl Kovard family for performing Military Funeral Honors.

“THANK YOU” card from Robert Purcha family for performing Military Funeral Honors. Don Happy reported that the family donated one hundred (\$100) dollars. Don Happy sent the family a “Thank You” card telling them the monies would go towards sponsoring a Missouri Boys/Girls State citizen.

“Thank You” letter from the 509<sup>th</sup> Security Squadron for the donation for Thanksgiving food donations.

“Thank You” letter from Liberty Fire Department thanking the Post for its donation towards their Fire Pup program.

#### Old Business:

##### Spaghetti Dinner:

Larry Allen talked about the dinner to be held on April 9<sup>th</sup>. Larry Allen said that he had dinner tickets, raffle tickets, and posters. Larry Allen passed around sign up sheet. Larry Allen thanked LeRoe Coe for getting the raffle prizes.

Larry Allen said that we would set up at 13:00 HRS and Norma would be doing the decorating again.

Larry Allen talked about Jim Elliott setting up a table to sell hats, pins, and lanyards and could use help manning the table.

Hats and Pins: Jim Elliott reported that sales at HY-VEE were as follows: \$213 in sales, \$278.56 in donations for a total of \$491.56.

Jim Elliott said that the next sale would be at HY-VEE on March 5<sup>th</sup> from 09:00 to 14:00 HRS.

Jim Elliott reported that he had enough inventories to support selling at both HY-VEE and Sam’s Club if he could get enough people to man both tables.

Robert Beatty talked about bracelets he bout to sell. Robert Beatty said that he dad spent one hundred twenty (\$120) dollars. Jerry Pate made a motion to reimburse Robert Beatty one hundred twenty (\$120) dollars he spent on bracelet purchase. Stephanie Ebner seconded the motion and the motion passed.

#### Trailer:

Jerry Head reported that the trailer had been painted and new tires mounted. Jerry Head reported that the trailer had slid down an embankment and smashed the side of the trailer. Jerry Head said he was working on repairs. G. Ray Nichols told Jerry Head to let the Post know the cost of the repairs so we could reimburse him.



#### Newsletter:

Don Happy talked about He and Paul Ellison working on newsletter renewals.

Don Happy reported that Liberty Terrace, Eagle Fitness, Liberty Antique Mall, and Liberty One Stop would not be renewing. Don Happy said that he had two (2) new sponsors and was looking for some more new sponsors. Don Happy asked if anyone knew of a potential sponsor to let him or Paul Ellison know.

#### Post Income Tax filing:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about the Post normally filling an IRS 990-N post card but due to the post receiving \$40,000 settlement from the sale of the Veterans Memorial Building it put the Post over the \$40,000 earnings limit and would need to file taxes in a different way. Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy said he would check with J and J Business and see what they suggest on how to file the taxes.

#### New Business:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about the next 3<sup>rd</sup> District Meeting being held on April 10<sup>th</sup> at the Post in Smithville.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about Boy Scout Troop 374 holding a pancake breakfast fundraiser on April 19<sup>th</sup> at the Liberty Methodist Church and asked those who could to help support their effort.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski said that Nancy from Sam's Club has asked to speak at the Post 95 meeting in April about the upcoming Veterans Appreciation event at Sam's Club.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about Veterans Benefit Fair to be held on June 11<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady of Mercy Country Home and that they were looking for Volunteers. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski said that anyone interested in volunteering to contact John Kopp.

#### Sam's Club Veterans Appreciation Event:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski said that Sam's Club had requested a color guard, rifle squad, and bugle player for the event on June 25<sup>th</sup>.

#### Memorial Day:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about putting up Avenue of Flags and nursing home visits.

#### Department Convention:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about this years Department Convention being held in Kansas City on July 6<sup>th</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup>. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski said that it would be a good opportunity to set up a vendor table and sell hats and pins. Robert Beatty made a motion to get a vendor table at the Department Convention. Ray Crestwell seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Jake Samborski talked about getting a raffle prize for the Department convention and that many groups raffle off a gun.



Jake Samborski said that Great guns could handle the gun and paperwork. Jim Elliott talked about his brother in the DAV raffled off shotguns with great success. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked Jake Samborski to research cost and report back.

Legionnaire Insurance Trust changes:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski read a letter talking about the changes to the LIT program.

Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery talked about the LIT program had been changed from a few year renewal to one member registered the insurance would remain in effect for as long as the person kept his membership in the American Legion active.

Flag Cases:

Jerry Pate made a motion to purchasing burial flag display cases for deceased Post 95 members. Don Happy reported that Mike Edwards would prefer to make the cases himself as supposed to purchasing ones made in China. G. Ray Nichols said the post would reimburse Mike Edwards his cost to make the cases. Jerry Pate withdrew his motion.

50/50 Drawing:

Stephanie Ebner held the 50/50 Drawing and reported that the split would be sixteen (\$16.00) dollars. Since the winning number was found not to be present the \$32.00 was donated to the Post.

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 19:58 HRS

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