



## **Robert H. Baker American Legion Post 95 Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2017**

With twenty eight (28) members and one (1) guest in attendance

Jake Samborski, Judi Samborski, Jerry Pate, Vernon Mattocks, Ted Nelson, G. Ray Nichols, Jim Roberts, Donald Happy, Sam Leonard, Jerry Head, Ray Crestwell, Ray Adkins, Larry Allen, Wally Glasco, Tim Jefferson, Les Vanbibber, Harvey Noland, Robert Beatty, Gentry Thomason, Paul Ellison, Tom Rash, LeRoe Coe, Scott Beeson, Starr Wilhite, Frank Henderson, and Robert Emery

Guest: Doug Millison 3<sup>rd</sup> District Vice Commander, Department of Missouri Centennial Committee member.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski proceeded to open the meeting at 19:03 HRS

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski led Post in salute to colors.

Post 95 Chaplain Robert Beatty gave the opening prayer.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski led the post in the Pledge of Allegiance and reading of the Preamble.

New Members and/or Guest:

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

Doug Millison introduced himself and talked about the preparations the Department of Missouri was making for the American Legion Centennial celebration.

Doug Millison answered questions from Post members.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery to read the minutes from the last Post 95 meeting. Jake Samborski made a motion to forgo the reading of the minutes and proceed with business. Robert Beatty seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Finance Report:

Post 95 Finance Officer Donald Happy read the finance report for February:

Beginning Balance     \$ 4605.59

Deposits                 \$ 2476.73

Withdrawals:           \$ 800.75

Ending Balance:       \$ 6281.57

Post 95 Finance Officer Donald Happy reported writing checks for

six (6) Missouri Boys State applications \$2400

three (3) Missouri Girls State applications \$900

one (1) Missouri cadet Patrol application. \$450

Post 95 Finance Officer Donald Happy reported that Liberty PEO LH Chapter was sponsoring two (2) Missouri Girls State Citizens and liberty Lions Club sponsored one (1) Missouri Girls State applicant and one (1) Missouri Boys State application.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski said that she would entertain a motion to accept the finance report as given. Robert Beatty made a motion to accept the finance report as given. Larry Allen seconded the motion and the motion passed.



#### New Members:

Post 95 Vice Commander Jim Roberts reported that he was not having much luck contacting unpaid Post 95 members and would be drafting a letter to all the unpaid Post 95 members.

Doug Millison talked about his Post having better luck getting members to renew using letters and that mylegion.org had a tool available that would write the letters for you.

#### Membership

Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery reported two hundred forty (240) paid up members so far and that the membership goal was two hundred seventy seven (277).

Honor Guard: NO REPORT

Flag Etiquette: NO REPORT

Oratorical Contest: NO REPORT

Missouri Cadet Patrol: NO REPORT

Missouri Boys State: NO REPORT

Missouri Girls State: NO REPORT

#### BINGO at Cedars:

Donald Happy reported that BINGO at Cedars was held this Thursday March 23<sup>rd</sup> and thanked those who came out to help.

#### Sickness and Distress:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked if there were any members or family members in sickness or distress.

Judi Samborski said that her mom had fell.

Robert Beatty reported that he was going in to have skin cancer removed on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

Ray Nichols talked about Ira hunter being presented with a quilt and that there was a write up in the Liberty newspaper.

#### Old business:

##### Hat and Pin Sales:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski reported that they would be selling at Sam's Club Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski reported that Post 95 would be hosting the next 3<sup>rd</sup> District Meeting on April 9<sup>th</sup> with the meeting starting at 14:00 HRS and the meal to follow. Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked all those who could to please attend and bring a passing dish.

Don Happy will check supplies and order meat and rolls from HY-VEE.

##### Spaghetti Dinner:

Larry Allen passed around a sign up sheet and asked those who could to please come and help.

Larry Allen said that he had dinner and raffle tickets as well as flyers and asked everyone to get out and sell since this is how we raise funds to support our programs.



Correspondence:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski read a certificate the Post Funeral Honors Team had received when they recertified for Military Funeral honors.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski read a request from Cameron Veterans Home Assistance League asking for sponsors at their annual golf tournament.

Larry Allen made a motion to sponsor two golf carts in honor of Donna Warren and Mac Williams, Ray Crestwell seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski read a letter from the Liberty Lions Club sponsoring Missouri Boys and Girls State.

G. Ray Nichols talked about everyone contacting their representatives and urge them to fund the Military Funeral Honors program.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski talked about the one hundred (\$100) dollar stipends the post received for performing Military Funeral Honors.

New Business:

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked Jerry Head if there was going to be a 4<sup>th</sup> July parade. Jerry Head said that there would be no parade but the fireworks would be held at the bluffs again this year.

Memorial Day:

Don Happy reported that he had nine (9) new flags for the Avenue of Flags to make up and he was ordering more flags from Sam Graves's office.

Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski asked Jerry Head to schedule the Memorial Day Veterans program at the nursing homes.

Gentry Thomason talked about Liberty Tax Service doing Legion members tax returns for free in March and that they would also do tax returns for free for those eighty (80) years old or older.

Larry Allen talked about needing one (1) new newsletter sponsor.

Gun Raffle:

Jake Samborski talked about the Post raffling off a shotgun this year.

Jake Samborski said that the shotgun would cost around four hundred (\$400) dollars from Great Guns in Liberty. Robert Beatty made a motion to authorize the purchase for the shotgun. Ray Crestwell seconded the motion.

Larry Allen talked about running too many raffles at the same time and that it might hurt ticket sales. Jake Samborski said that the raffle would start after the Spaghetti Supper.

The motion was voted on and passed.

Jake Samborski was put in charge of purchasing the shotgun.

50/50:

Jerry Pate held the 50/50 drawing. Jerry Pate reported that thirty three dollars (\$33.00) was collected and the split would be sixteen dollars and fifty cents (\$16.50).

G. Ray Nichols won the 50/50 drawing.



Post 95 Chaplain Robert Beatty 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 19:59 HRS

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