



## Robert H. Baker American Legion Post 95 Meeting Minutes of February 20, 2024

With sixteen (16) member present

Don Happy, Julie Barron Happy, Tim Jefferson, G. Ray Nichols, Jerry Pate, Robert Beatty, Donald Hodge, Jim Elliott, Jeff Watt, Tina Petterson, Paul Ellison, John Wingate, Mike Edwards, Frank Henderson, and Robert Emery.

Post 95 Commander Tina Petterson proceeded to open the meeting at 19:00 HRS

Post 95 Commander Tina Petterson led the Post in salute to the colors.

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

Post 95 Commander Tina Petterson led the post in the Pledge of Allegiance and reading the Preamble.

Post 95 Commander Tina Petterson asked for reading the minutes from the last Post 95 meeting.

Don Happy made a motion to forgo reading of the minutes Jerry Pate seconded the motion and the motion passed

**New Members:** Post 95 Commander Tina Petterson asked if here were any new members present. None were found to be present.

### **Finance Report:**

Post 95 Commander Tina Petterson asked for the finance report from Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy.

November

Beginning Balance	\$ 18338.83	
Deposits:	\$ 1925.73	note: \$1400 funerals
Withdrawals:	\$ 10761.72	
Service Charge	\$ 3.00	
Ending Balance:	\$ 9499.84	

December

Beginning Balance	\$ 9499.84	
Deposits:	\$ 661.88	note: \$500 funerals
Withdrawals:	\$ 223.15	
Service Charge	\$ 3.00	
Ending Balance:	\$ 9935.57	

January

Beginning Balance	\$ 9935.57	
Deposits:	\$ 1111.70	note: \$800 funerals
Withdrawals:	\$ 847.91	note: \$500 wreaths across America
Service Charge	\$ 3.00	
Ending Balance:	\$ 10196.36	

G. Ray Nichols made a motion to accept finance report as given. Robert Beatty seconded the motion and the motion passed.



Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy talked about the CD that will matured on 15FEB2024 (\$48,000 at 4.5%) and had earned interest of \$2280.

Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy said that he wanted to open new CD with the \$50,280 at a rate of 5.15% interest rate for a term of 1 year.

Jim Elliott made a motion that Post 95 Finance Officer Don Happy open a new CD. G. Ray Nichols seconded the motion and the motion passed.

### **MEMBERSHIP:**

Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery reported renewals for 2024 membership year was currently at one hundred fifty (150) renewals so far with our membership goal set at one hundred seventy (170) for 2024 membership year.

Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery reported would be raising national dues to forty five dollars (\$45)

### **Honor Guard:**

Post 95 Honor Team Commander Mike Edwards reported that there were funerals scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday of this week so far.

### **Flag Etiquette:**

Post 95 Flag Etiquette Chairman Mike Edwards reported none were scheduled so far. But a class was held at Saint James Elementary School with request for class for the older students there.

### **Oratorical: NO REPORT**

### **Boys and Girls State:**

Robert Emery reported there was now a had form for donations to Missouri Boys State. All the students apply on line for Missouri Boys and Girls State now so there were no names to sponsor for these programs.

### **Sickness and Distress:**

Post 95 Commander Tina Petterson asked if there were and members of family members in sickness or distress.

G. Ray Nichols reported on Sam Leonard receiving Hospice Care at the Cameron Veterans Home. Sam was not eating and has lost weight..

### **Old Business:**

Jim Elliott asked about the status of the return of the hats and pins from the VFW. Post 95 Commander Tina Petterson reported there was no communication with the VFW. Don Happy talked about careless handling of firearms after a funeral, The rifle was not cleared properly and the bolt crushed Don Happy's thumb and fired a chambered round. Don Happy spent three (3) hours having surgery on his thumb and was still recovering from the injury.

Julie Barron Happy asked every one to observe proper firearms handling procedures.

Post 95 Adjutant Robert Emery showed the Post the plaque the Post earned for 2022-2023 Post Americanism Award for Posts between 86-200 members from the Department of Missouri American Legion Department Convention.



**Correspondence:**

Post 95 Commander Tina Petterson read the following:

Donation request letter from Missouri Boys State

Liberty Fire Department request for donations to their yearly fire safety program

Jim Elliott made a motion to donate one hundred (\$100) to the Liberty Fire Department Fire Safety Program. G. Ray Nichols seconded the motion passed.

“Thank You” card from family of Jerry Head for the funeral honors provided.

“Thank You” card from family of Robert Nelson for funeral honors provided.

Christmas Card from Ann and Gary Puck

“Thank You” from City Union Mission for donation the Post gave.

**New Business:**

Robert Emery reported American Legion national voted to increase yearly dues by five (\$5.00) dollars and asked if the Post wanted to increase the yearly mount the Post collects for annual dues by the five (\$5.00) amount also. The Post voted to increase the annual dues collected to forty five (\$45.00)

Post 95 Commander Tina Petterson asked if the Post wanted to try and find some place to hold a fundraiser dinner. There was no interest at this time.

Jeff Watt reported Scout Troop 376 will be holding a pancake breakfast this Saturday at the Second Baptist Church in Liberty.

G. Ray Nichols made a motion to donate Boy Scout Troop 376 one hundred (\$100) for their help to the Post. Jerry Pate Seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Robert Emery reported that there would be a Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast at Post 61 on March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 07:00 to 11:00 HRS

Post 95 Chaplin G. Ray Nichols gave the closing Prayer and held moment of silence for Jerry Head..

Post 95 Commander Tina Petterson led Post in salute to colors.

Post 95 Commander Tina Petterson closed the meeting in due form at 19:49 HRS

Submitted \_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert C. Emery – Adjutant Tina Peterson - Commander