

**Winter Park Memorial American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112
General Meeting Minutes**

November 10, 2009

The November general meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112 was called to order at 7pm by President, Nancy Travers. Aunita Padgett offered the invocation and Nancy led the Pledge of Allegiance. Nancy dispensed with the Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary due to the amount of business that needed to be done during the meeting.

Members in attendance included:

Nell Colbert	Marian Roberts
Aunita Padgett	Nancy Travers

Before any business was conducted, everyone unloaded the food collected through our food drive from Nell's car. We collected more than 1300 items and it was estimated that we collected about 600 pounds of food. Everyone agreed that this was a very successful project and Nell was thanked for her leadership of our first service project.

Nita Padgett showed everyone the two gift baskets she purchased for our holiday gift basket project for the reserve families and confirmed that she had also purchased the two \$25 gift cards from Winn Dixie for the gift baskets. The membership sorted the items collected from the food drive, putting about 75-100 items suitable for a holiday meal in each of the gift baskets. The remaining items were boxed and bagged and reloaded into Nell's car. Nell will deliver the remaining items from the food drive to the Boy Scouts for their Scouting for Food project that ultimately benefits the Second Harvest Food Bank. Nita was thanked for her leadership of the gift basket project. The first of the baskets will be delivered to a reserve family in need during the week of November 17th and the second basket will be delivered to another reserve family during the week of December 14th. Nita's expenses for the food basket project will be reimbursed as they are budgeted expense items.

Nell distributed the golf shirts that were ordered after collecting payment. Nell reported that the shirts run small and that she has placed a second order for a few shirts that did not fit.

Nell Colbert noted that copies of the minutes from the last meeting that were emailed to all members and posted on the Unit's YahooGroups. Marian Roberts moved (seconded by Nancy Travers) that the minutes be approved as written. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert provided copies of the Treasurer's Report. Marian Roberts moved (seconded by Nancy Travers) that the Treasurer's Report be approved as written. Motion carried. Nell noted that the Treasurer's report has been posted to the unit's YahooGroup site.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Membership:** Nell reported that we now need only one more paid membership for 2010 to reach 100%. Nell noted that we are holding Lillian Vincent's paperwork pending confirmation of her eligibility.
- **Community Service:** Nell reported that before the next meeting, she will have prepared an event planning notebook for the food drive so that who ever champions this event for 2010 will have the contact information and requirements for placing boxes in each location we used this year. Some of the things we discovered included that some businesses like Publix require that permission come from corporate offices while other companies empower their individual store managers to allow the collection boxes to be placed in their locations without approval from higher managers.

- **Children and Youth:**
- **Americanism:**
- **Education:**
- **National Security:** Nita agreed to do a write up on her gift basket project so that next year's champion will have the information they need to be successful.
- **Veterans Affairs and Rehab:**
- **Poppy Distribution:**
- **Constitution and By Laws:**
- **Public Relations:** Nell shared some items that Tom Yost has provided regarding publicity received from print media for our recent projects.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Nell noted that we need to make a priority of getting champions for the Give 10 to Education and the Reading Rockets projects since we need to get collection boxes placed for the school supply drive in early December so the items will be ready to take to the schools by January when school starts again after the holidays and we need time to get the book packets together so they can also go to the school by February. Further discussion on these items was tabled until the December meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business discussed due to the hour.

With no further business, Aunita offered the closing prayer and Nancy closed the meeting at 8:23pm.

Respectfully submitted



Nell Colbert
Secretary-Treasurer