

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

August 10, 2010

The August 2010 general meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112 was called to order at 7:05pm by President, Aunita Padgett. Aunita offered the invocation and Johanna Langis led the Pledge of Allegiance. The group recited the Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Members in attendance included:

Nell Colbert
Johanna Langis
Aunita Padgett
Liz Padgett

Aunita asked for permission to deviate from the printed agenda should the need arise and everyone agreed.

Nell Colbert reported that the minutes from the last meeting that were emailed to all members and posted on the Unit's YahooGroups. Liz Padgett moved (seconded by Johanna Langis) that the minutes be approved as written. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert reported that the Treasurer's Report that had also been emailed via the Unit's YahooGroups and posted on the YahooGroups website. Johanna Langis moved (seconded by Liz Padgett) that the Treasurer's Report be approved as written. Motion carried. Nell reported that the Unit received a letter from Fairwinds Credit Union informing us that beginning August 1st, our unit checking account would become subject to a \$9.00 per month service charge. Nell also reported that in speaking with the Credit Unit, Nell found that the Credit Union does plan to create a new program for non-profits and civic organizations such as ours that would eliminate the monthly service charge. Nell explained that we will probably see the charges for several months but they will be credited back.

Nell Colbert shared items of correspondence received this month including the Goldenrod Chamber of Commerce newsletter that promoted our Give 10 to Education service project.

Aunita shared information from the Post's Executive Board meeting held last week was shared with the members, noting that the Post has included a \$400 line item to support our unit's Girl's State efforts for 2011.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Membership:** Nell reported that we now have more than 50% of our members paid for 2011. The first Department benchmark is 60% by September 15th. Aunita reported that she has spoken with the wife of one of the Post members and she may be interested in joining the unit.
- **Community Service:** Liz reported that the Russell Home is looking for volunteers to help with dance classes for their residents. Liz volunteered to get additional information on this project for anyone who is interested. There was also a limited discussion about the food drive that should kick-off in early October.
- **Children and Youth:** Aunita gave an update on the Give 10 to Education project noting that she is still delivering thank-you certificates to the locations that allowed us to place collection boxes. Aunita reported that she and Nell went to Target last week to use the \$100 gift card from Target to purchase school supplies for the backpacks.
- **Americanism:** No report
- **Education:** There was a brief discussion about our school supply drive. Aunita reported that it was recommended that we consider giving the backpacks to Union Park, Little River and/or Cheney Elementaries since these schools have a very large percentage of their

students on free or reduced lunches. Since Union Park could be serviced by another Unit, it was decided that we would split our backpacks between Little River and Cheney. Aunita also announced that she would like to have a short workday on Monday, 8/16 beginning at 1pm to stuff the supplies in the backpacks. It was also agreed that we would meet at the Post at 10am on Tuesday, 8/17, to deliver the backpacks to the schools.

- **National Security:** No Report
- **Veterans Affairs and Rehab:** No Report
- **Girls State:** No Report
- **Poppy Distribution:** Aunita agreed to take this project for 2010-2011 and will order the poppies. Nell noted that we need to book locations and dates for a Veteran's Day sale.
- **Constitution and By Laws:** Our documents are set unless we feel that changes are needed.
- **Public Relations:** No Report

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Friendly's Fun Night** – Nell picked up the information that was needed in order for us to schedule a Fun Night fundraiser. Because we missed the last Post newsletter, it was decided to set a new date so that a flier can go into the September-October newsletter. The agreed upon date is September 15th.
- **Committee Assignments** – Aunita noted that we need to have specific people chairing the different program areas. This does not mean that the chair does all the work for the projects in the program area, but does mean that the chair coordinates and will be responsible for filing the annual reports that are due in April. Until we hold our planning conference, the following assignments were made:
 - Aunita – Children and Youth, Poppy, Legislative, Education
 - Nell – Membership, Constitution and By-Laws, Leadership, Public Relations, Community Service
 - Liz – VA & R

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Planning Conference** – The group agreed that we will hold our annual planning conference on September 19th at 2pm at the Post pending approval by the Post and pending the date of the 6th District School of Instruction.
- **Membership Luncheon** – It was agreed that we will hold our annual membership luncheon at the Winter Park Olive Garden on Sunday, October 3rd at 1:30pm. Aunita volunteered to make the reservations with the restaurant.
- **Budget** – Nell presented the proposed budget for 2010-2011. After a brief discussion, Liz Padgett moved (seconded by Johanna Langis) that our proposed budget for 2010-2011 be accepted as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Nell reminded everyone to put their loose change in the AEF piggy.

With no further business, Aunita offered the benediction and Aunita closed the meeting at 9:08pm.

Respectfully submitted



Nell Colbert
Secretary-Treasurer

Minutes approved _____

Nell Colbert, Secretary _____

Aunita Padgett, President _____