

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

December 14, 2010

Nell Colbert initiated the conference bridge and the December 2010 general meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112 was called to order at 7pm by President, Aunita Padgett. In Virginia Saunders' absence, 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:

Marge Berrios
Nell Colbert

Johanna Langis
Aunita Padgett

Nell confirmed that we have a quorum for this meeting. 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 November meeting that were emailed to all members and posted on the Unit's YahooGroups. Nell also distributed copies of the minutes for review by those who do not receive them via email. Johanna Langis moved (seconded by Marge Berrios) that the minutes be approved as written. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert gave the Treasurer's Report showing that we began the month with \$447.96, received income of \$278.04 and had expenses of \$146.62, leaving us with a closing balance of \$579.62 as of the end of November. Nell reported that we have received additional income totaling \$403.00 and had no expenses paid out since the first of December. Nell also reported that we received a \$50 gift card from Wal-Mart for our food basket project. Nell reported that the Treasurer's Report was also emailed via the Unit's YahooGroups and was posted on the YahooGroups website. Nell also had copies of the Treasurer's Report for review by those who do not receive them via email. Johanna Langis moved (seconded by Marge Berrios) that the Treasurer's Report be approved as written and filed for audit. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert shared items of correspondence received this month including two thank you notes from teachers at Cheney Elementary for the goodies we provided during National Education Week last month that were turned over to Aunita for inclusion in our 2010-2011 scrap book. Nell passed around a copy of the Goldenrod Chamber's new Directory, noting that our Auxiliary is a member of the Chamber. Nell noted that she also received a list from the Department of our 2009 and 2010 members who have not yet renewed for 2011. Nell noted that the November and December issues of the Department Communiqué have not been posted.

Information from the Post's Executive Board meeting held last week was shared with the members. While the Post had no requests for Unit participation, Nell noted that we did receive one check (as reported in the additional income noted in the above Treasurer's Report) from the Post for \$300, the Post's donation to help support our Girl's State efforts for 2011.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Aunita Padgett asked for a review of the status of each committee

- **Membership:** Nell Colbert reported that with Marge's new membership and Carol's transfer, we are at 75% of our 2011 membership goal. Nell noted that even though Marilyn Updike transferred into our unity, since she had already paid for 2011 in her old unit, her transfer doesn't count towards our 2011 goal.
- **Education:** Aunita Padgett reported on our efforts for Cheney Elementary during National Education Week.

- **National Security:** Nell Colbert reported that we have taken coupons valued at about \$2000 to the Reserve Center so far this year. Nell also noted that we delivered two huge food baskets that each included a \$25 Publix gift card to the Reserve Center in time for distribution to active duty families for Thanksgiving and Christmas.
- **Veterans Affairs and Rehab:** Aunita Padgett reported that we supported the Department's "Shower" for homeless Veterans by taking our donations to the fall conference.
- **Girls State:** Aunita Padgett reported that we have received some information from the Department that must be completed so that we can get our application packet.
- **Poppy Distribution:** Aunita Padgett reported that we have concluded our Poppy distribution, noting that we received about \$40 in additional proceeds including \$25 from Johanna Langis for the efforts of her grandchildren at UCF.

At the conclusion of the committee reports, Nell requested permission to shut down the conference bridge since there was no one on-line. The conference bridge was closed at 7:40pm.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was a discussion about Girls State. Aunita noted that we still need a chair for this program and it was agreed that Aunita, Nell, Marge and Johanna would work together on this project this year so that we can learn the process as a team. Nell reported that we already have two girls interested in going to Girls State; one from Trinity Prep and one from Winter Park. Nell Colbert moved (seconded by Johanna Langis) that in addition to Trinity and Winter Park, we should also take information to Lake Howell and Oviedo High Schools this year since no other units cover those schools. Motion carried. We agreed to meet at the Post on January 10th at 10am to take materials to the schools. Nell Colbert agreed to do the cover letter that will go to the schools. We also agreed to ask each school to recommend two girls to participate in our interview process. We also agreed that since the applications are due to the Department by early March, we would hold our selection at the Post on Saturday, February 26th beginning at 1pm.

There was a brief discussion about our recent Friendly's fundraiser. It was agreed that even though we did not make as much this time as we did in September, we would host another FUN-night in February. Nell Colbert will contact the restaurant to set up for February 16th.

The members who attended the fall conference reported briefly on the event. Everyone reported that the fall conference was outstanding, that they learned a lot, came home with lots of great ideas and recommended that everyone try to attend the June convention.

Nell Colbert showed a sample of the membership bags that were distributed at the conference and suggested that we assemble our bags during our January meeting. Aunita Padgett agreed to pick up the baggies and Nell will make sure that we have the smaller applications for the Legion and the Auxiliary.

Aunita also noted that we still need to finalize our committee chairs for 2010-2011. Marge Berrios agreed to take over our National Security coupon project and is interested in co-chairing the Girls State committee. Johanna Langis will take on a committee after the holidays.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nell Colbert noted that we budgeted this year to purchase another flag pole and stand for the American flag that Grafton Day brought to us for our installation. Marge Berrios moved (seconded by Johanna Langis) that we purchase the pole and stand after the holidays. Motion carried. Johanna indicated that she may be able to make a contribution towards this purchase.

There was also a brief discussion about adding a leadership training feature to the agenda for each months meeting. This was suggested at the fall conference as well as at the School of Instruction as it will help us learn more about the Auxiliary. There was some concern about adding extra time to our already busy meetings but it was agreed that if we drop committee reports for those committees for which there is no immediate past or upcoming events, we should be able to trim 5-10 minutes from each meeting that could be used for the training segment. Marge Berrios moved (seconded by Johanna Langis) that we add a short 5 minute training feature to each Unit meeting beginning in January. Motion carried. Nell has agreed to be the Leadership Chair and will plan the training segments.

Nell Colbert reported that Post 112 has adopted a Veteran family for the holiday and that the Post is purchasing Christmas gifts for the children in the family. Nell suggested that since the food baskets for which we requested the Wal-Mart donation have already been delivered, that we consider using the gift card to provide the fixings needed for a great Christmas dinner for this family. Marge Berrios moved (seconded by Johanna Langis) that we use the Wal-Mart gift card to purchase food items for a Christmas meal for the family that has been adopted by the Post. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Aunita Padgett reminded everyone to bring their coupons, Box Tops for Education, soda can pop top lids and Campbell's soup labels to the next meeting. Nell Colbert passed around our AEF piggy.

There was also a brief discussion about getting the wives of the Post 112 members to join the Auxiliary. It was agreed that we would table further discussion on this topic until January's meeting.

With no further business, Aunita offered the closing prayer and then closed the meeting at 8:45pm.

NOTE: After the meeting was closed, there was an email and phone discussion about paying the Department per capita dues for Marian Roberts in light of her and Tom's current health issues. It was unanimously agreed by those attending the December 14th meeting that the Unit pay Marian's 2011 dues (\$12.50.)

Respectfully submitted



Nell Colbert
Secretary-Treasurer

Minutes approved _____

Nell Colbert, Secretary _____

Aunita Padgett, President _____