

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

February 8, 2011

The February 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 and the Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Members in attendance included:

Marge Berrios

Aunita Padgett

Nell Colbert

Deb Shannon

Johanna Langis

Nell confirmed that we have a quorum for this meeting. Aunita welcomed everyone, thanked everyone for their attendance and 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. Deb Shannon moved (seconded by Johanna Langis) that the minutes be approved as written. Motion carried.

Nell reported that the Treasurer's Report was also emailed via the Unit's YahooGroups and was posted on the YahooGroups website. The Treasurer's Report reflects that we began the month with \$606.58, received interest income of \$.05 and had expenses of \$105.62, leaving us with a closing balance of \$501.01 as of the end of the month. Nell reported that we have received no additional income and had no additional expenses since the first of the month. Marge Berrios moved (seconded by Johanna Langis) that the Treasurer's Report be approved as written and filed for audit. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert noted that the item of correspondence received this month was the January Cutting Edge Communiqué that Nell downloaded from the Department website and emailed to our members via our YahooGroup. It was noted that while there were no instructions in the Communiqué to read the Secretary's article to the membership, Nell encouraged everyone to read the complete newsletter. Information of note in the newsletter included the dates, times and locations for the Department President's Homecoming and the 6<sup>th</sup> District Picnic, a fundraiser whose proceeds go towards the transportation expenses for Boys State and Girls State. Aunita reported that our Chamber newsletter has not been passed on from the Post. Nell will contact the Chamber to have our address changed to our Post Office Box.

Information from the Post's Executive Board meeting held last week was shared with the members. Aunita reported that the Post has decided to give us our own table for the March yard sale rather than having us man the Post's table, splitting the proceeds. Deb Shannon indicated that she had a lot of stuff she could donate and everyone agreed to provide baked goods for a bake sale.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Membership:** Nell Colbert reported that we need two more members to reach 100%. Nell noted that if we can get Mayra's application and the one for her daughter, we will reach the sixteen members we need to be at 100% of goal.
- **National Security:** Marge reported that she processed \$563.90 worth of grocery coupons. Nell will send Marge the spreadsheet so we can keep track of the number of coupons

collected as well as the dollar amount. Nell and Marge agreed to meet at the Post on Friday morning, February 11<sup>th</sup>, to take the coupons out to the Reserve Center so Marge can meet our contact and see exactly where the center is located. Marge noted that she will not be able to attend our March or April meetings so she will need some help with this project during that time.

- **Veterans Affairs and Rehab:** Aunita Padgett reported that when she attempted to put the collection box in the Post this evening, she was told by the Second Vice Commander that we could only have one collection box in the post at a time. Aunita will bring our VA&R box back and forth with her each month. We are looking for items like socks, T-shirts, underwear, tooth paste, tooth brushes, etc. that can be donated to the VA hospital.
- **Girls State:** Nell Colbert reported that four girls (three from Winter Park and one from Trinity) have contacted her so far about the interviews. Deb Shannon will contact the guidance counselors at Lake Howell, Oviedo and Trinity to be sure that they are working on getting girls for us and to remind them of our deadline to register. There was a discussion about the questions that we are mandated to ask and Deb shared the scoring sheet that the Post uses when they hold their Boys State interviews. It was agreed that e could use the existing score sheet after a few minor modifications.
- **Legislative:** Aunita reported that she continues to write letters and send emails to her legislators. Aunita was asked to send out to the membership some information about the bills and other issues that the Auxiliary and Legion would like us to support.

#### **LEADERSHIP SEGMENT:**

Nell Colbert suggested that we dispense with this segment due to the time.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Friendly's Fun Night:** Aunita told about her experience last week promoting our Fun Night and reminded everyone that this very important fundraiser is next Wednesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. Everyone needs to be at the store before 5pm. Aunita reported that she also promoted our event at the Goldenrod Chamber luncheon this afternoon and got commitments from some of the Chamber members to support our event.
- **Program Committee Chairs:** It was agreed to table this discussion until we have some additional members in attendance. Until we get Mayra's application, we cannot turn in her name for any committee.
- **Flag pole and stand:** Johanna reported that our current pole stands about 7.5 feet including the stand and the topper. Johanna also donated \$150 towards the cost of the flag pole and stand. Prices are still under investigation.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Conference Bridge use:** Nell Colbert reported that other than her one use and the one time Liz tried to call in, we have had no other member attempt to use the conference bridge. Nell explained how the system works; noting that unless we have someone on the phone, there is constant music playing. Nell suggested that we keep the conference bridge available but ask that members needing/wanting to use it simply call Nell beforehand at 321.303.7445 to let her know that the bridge will be needed. Otherwise, we will not activate the bridge for our meetings. Marge Berrios moved (seconded by Deb Shannon) that the conference bridge not be activated unless we have someone who needs to use it. Motion carried.
- **Reading Rockets:** Nell reported that she has been playing telephone tag with the Principal at Eastbrook so we do not know whether or not they would want to use this program. There was a brief discussion about the timing for the program and how long it would take for the students in a class to rotate the book package through all of the

students and it was agreed that we should target to have the packets put together over the summer for delivery to the school in August. When Nell is able to reach Mr. Carver, she will also ask about our Box Tops for Education collection, Campbell's soup labels, soda can pop tabs as well as having the opportunity to support the school during National Education Week in November.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Aunita Padgett announced that the annual Department of Florida convention will be held at the Caribe Royale Resort from June 23 through 26. Aunita and Nell encouraged everyone to attend as there are many great classes that will help us build a better program.

Aunita also reminded everyone to put March 19<sup>th</sup> on their calendars and plan to attend the Post's Yard Sale. Aunita asked everyone to please go through their household items and if there are things that you are willing to donate, please bring them so we will have items to sell. Aunita also asked everyone to bake cookies or brownies for our bake sale.

Aunita Padgett raised the question as to whether or not we should appoint replacements Liz and Virginia since they have not been actively participating in unit meetings to perform their duties. It was agreed that since we need to form a Nominating Committee next month to propose a slate at our April meeting for the May election, we could leave these two members in place for now.

Nell Colbert passed around the AEF piggy and everyone deposited their contributions.

Aunita Padgett offered the closing prayer and closed the meeting at 8:29pm.

Respectfully submitted



Nell Colbert  
Secretary-Treasurer

Minutes approved \_\_\_\_\_

Nell Colbert, Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Aunita Padgett, President \_\_\_\_\_