

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

March 12, 2013

The March general meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112 was called to order at 7pm by President, Marge Berrios. The meeting was opened according to ritual and Marge was granted permission to deviate from the printed agenda as needed.

Members in attendance included:

Marge Berrios

Aunita Padgett

TK Wildrick, guest

Nell Colbert

Debi Shannon

Nell confirmed that we have a quorum for this meeting and Marge introduced our honored guest, 6th District President, TK Wildrick.

Nell Colbert reported that the minutes from the last meeting that were emailed to all members. The minutes were also posted on the Unit's YahooGroups site and placed on our unit website. Nell had hard copies of the minutes available at the meeting for review by those who had not received them via email. Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Aunita Padgett) that the minutes be approved as corrected. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert gave the Treasurer's Report showing that we began the month with \$819.23, received income of \$60.03 and had expenses of \$94.28, leaving us with a closing balance of \$784.98 as of the end of the month. Nell reported that we received no additional income since March 1st and had expenses totaling \$37.80 for the flag pamphlets ordered for our Rotary presentation after the first of the month. Nell reported that the Treasurer's Report was emailed via the Unit's YahooGroups and was posted on the YahooGroups site. Nell also made hard copies available at the meeting for review by those who had not received the Treasurer's Report via email. Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Aunita Padgett) that the Treasurer's Report be filed for audit. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert shared items of correspondence received this month including: the Goldenrod Chamber newsletter, an invoice from Cralyn Technology Solutions for the renewal of our website domain and the letter from the Department of Florida seeking our 2014 dues information and correct mailing address. Aunita Padgett moved (seconded by Debi Shannon) that we pay Cralyn Technology for our website domain renewal. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert shared Information from the Post's Executive Committee meeting held last week, noting that there are still no items for the garage sale table for us to sell for the Post. The Post did note that they could use our assistance for other tasks during the day.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **AEF:** Nell reminded everyone to make their donations to our AEF piggy, noting that we will need to write our final check for the year after the April meeting collection since donations must be received by the end of April to count for 2013.
- **Americanism:** Marge reported that we received three entries for our Americanism Essay contest from 4th graders at Eastbrook Elementary. Nell will

present the medal to our winner at the end of the year awards program and will submit our winning entry to the Department for the Department contest.

- **Cavalcade of Memories:** Aunita noted she has nothing new.
- **Children and Youth:** Aunita reminded everyone that the Post's Easter Egg Hunt will be held on March 31st (Easter Day.)
- **Community Service:** Aunita reported that she did a puppet show for the Goldenrod Civic Club earlier today and will be doing a show at the Westchester Nursing Home on the 15th. Aunita also noted that she took a donation of used clothing to the Salvation Army.
- **Constitution and By-Laws:** Nell reported that our Constitution and By-Laws are current.
- **Education:** Nell reported that she purchased the books for the Reading Rockets packets that we agreed to do for Cheney Elementary and that the packets have been delivered.
- **Girls State:** Debi Shannon reported that we held our selection committee meeting on 2/23 and chose Hannah Procell and Robyn Cleary as our delegate and alternate. TK shared that the 6th District orientation will be held on May 26th at Pinecastle Post 286 beginning at 9am.
- **Legislative:** Aunita encouraged everyone to continue to contact their legislators about important issues, noting that she has success by leaving phone messages in the evenings. Nell reported that John Mica's assistant is now a member of the Goldenrod Chamber and all of our members can attend the Chamber meetings at any time.
- **Membership:** Nell reported that we currently have 19 members, one more than required for 100%. As soon as we receive the missing 2012 membership from a member who did not renew last year but who has paid for 2013, we will be at +2 or 111%.
- **National Security:** Marge reported that she now has lots of coupons to clip.
- **Past President's Parley:** Aunita reported that there were two ladies in attendance at the tea we did for Valentine's Day at the VAMC.
- **Poppies:** Nell reported that we ordered 500 poppies for our Memorial Day poppy booths.
- **Veterans Affairs and Rehab:** Aunita noted that she will be putting out flags at the cemetery for Memorial Day and that she is still taking donations to the VASH program.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Fundraising – Debi noted that she has not sent out any donation requests.
- Centennial Saturday – Aunita reminded everyone that we have committed to helping at the Goldenrod Historic Society on March 23rd from 10am – 4pm. Nell will arrange to get our display board to Aunita for the opening of our display along with some membership brochures.
- Nominating Committee – After a brief discussion about our Constitutional requirements, Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Aunita Padgett) that the Nell Colbert, Aunita Padgett and Aunita Padgett serve on the Nominating Committee. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Poppy Booth for Memorial Day – Aunita noted that she has not booked any specific locations to date but will have dates and locations in place for next month's meeting.
- Poppy Poster Contest – Nell reported that we have plenty of poppies left from last year that we can take to the school for the contest. There was a brief discussion about adding Cheney Elementary to the schools we ask to submit entries. Aunita Padgett moved (seconded by Debi Shannon) that we allocate funds to allow for ribbons for the second school. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Marge turned the meeting over to TK so that she could share some information with our members. TK made the following points:

- 6th District is currently at more than 85% of our membership goal and we are in 6th place.
- The bowling event held in January was so successful that the cost for the first bus for Girls State/Boys State has been covered.
- The 6thh District picnic will be held on 4/20 at her Post in fern Park. It is hoped that the remaining funds needed to cover the second bus can be raised.
- The Constitutional Conference will be held on 5/11 in Lady Lake. She asked that all detailed Unit reports be submitted to her by May 1st. TK also asked that the Presidents reports delivered at the conference be limited to highlighting two or three items.
- TK reported that President Peggy had a heart attack during her recent visit to South Florida. She has recovered and is doing great.

After everyone made their contributions to the AEF piggy bank, Debi Shannon offered the benediction and Marge Berrios adjourned the meeting at 8pm.

Respectfully submitted



Nell Colbert
Secretary-Treasurer

Minutes approved _____

Nell Colbert, Secretary _____

Marge Berrios, President _____