

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

**November 12, 2013**

The November general meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112 was called to order at 7:05pm by President, Marge Berrios and was opened according to ritual.

Members in attendance included:

Marge Berrios

Aunita Padgett

Nell Colbert

Debi Shannon

Nell confirmed that we have a quorum for this meeting and Marge was granted permission to deviate from the printed agenda should the need arise.

Nell Colbert reported that the minutes from the last meeting 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 written. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert gave the Treasurer's Report showing that we began the month with \$806.33, received income of \$60.02 and had expenses of \$511.82, leaving us with a closing balance of \$354.53 as of the end of the month. Nell reported that we received no additional income and had no expenses since 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 Call to Conference packet, the Girls State packet and the transfer paperwork from Department showing that Leo Shuga has transferred to Unit 183 and a \$100 gift card from Publix for our holiday basket project. Nell noted that we have not received anything from the Winn Dixie about the \$25 gift cards we requested. Nell also reminded everyone that the most recent issue of the Department Communiqué has been posted to the Department website.

Nell noted that the only take away from the Post Executive Committee meeting was the information about the Post Yard Sale on 11/23.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Because our project for the evening was to inventory school supplies and stuff backpacks, Marge asked for reports from only those chairs with activities this month.

- **Education:** Nell reported that the last of the books needed for the packets has been received so that the packets can be assembled. Nell showed the members the rubber stamp for labeling the books that her company donated. Nell also noted that Eastbrook Elementary has requested that we sponsor an essay contest for Next year on Veteran's Day. The idea is for us to judge the essays done only by

5<sup>th</sup> graders so that the winning essay can be read at their Veterans Day program. We would present a medal at the 5<sup>th</sup> grade awards ceremony in May.

- **Past President's Parley:** Aunit5a noted that we need to set a date to do the shopping for the Christmas bingo party at the VA. Ted will be providing the funding.
- **Poppies:** Aunita reported that she collected \$45.68 at the Poppy booth at Winn Dixie on 11/9. Nell reported that we received a donation of \$52 from Post 243 and we had \$6 in the Poppy tin in the Post hall giving us a total of \$103.68 for our fall drive.
- **Veterans Affairs and Rehab:** Marge noted that she is regularly clipping coupons received from our members and those turned in by Post members. It was agreed that we would do the shopping for the Holiday food gift baskets for our Veteran families on Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will split up and two of us will do the shopping while the other two of us will man the Yard Sale table.

### **LEADERSHIP SEGMENT:**

Due to the program planned for the meeting, the leadership segment was cancelled for tonight.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Fundraising – Nell noted that the grant application has been sent to the Orange County East Rotary Club. Debi noted that she is still working on the Walmart grant paperwork.
- 6<sup>th</sup> District Meeting on 11/9 – Marge reported that there was a discussion about Girls State at the District meeting and it was decided that we would pick up Hagerty High School so that Sanford can pick up Winter Springs. Unit 242 is doing University so we won't need to worry about that school.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

There was no new business for the membership.

After everyone made their contributions to the AEF piggy bank, the members proceeded to inventory the school supplies received through donations and stuff the backpacks donated by Costco. Debi loaded the backpacks in her vehicle so they can be stored until January when they are delivered to the schools.

Once the backpacks were stuffed, Debi Shannon offered the benediction and Marge Berrios adjourned the meeting at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted



Nell Colbert  
Secretary-Treasurer

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

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

Marge Berrios, President \_\_\_\_\_