

Winter Park Memorial American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112 General Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2010

The April general meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112 was called to order at 7:05pm by Nell Colbert who announced that Nancy Travers was not able to attend. Nell opened up the conference bridge so that members not present in person could participate in the meeting. Liz Padgett moved (seconded by Aunita Padgett) that Nell would serve as the President Pro-tem for this meeting. Motion carried. Aunita Padgett offered the invocation and Nell led the Pledge of Allegiance. The group recited the Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Members in attendance included:

Nell Colbert

Aunita Padgett

Liz Padgett

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

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

Nell Colbert reported that the Treasurer's Report had also been emailed via the Unit's YahooGroups and posted on the YahooGroups website. Liz Padgett moved (seconded by Aunita Padgett) that the Treasurer's Report be approved as written. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert shared items of correspondence received this month including a request from the Department Constitution and By-Laws Chair, Pat Markovic, that we make two very minor changes in our documents to keep them consistent and aligned with the Department and National documents. Nell also read the Secretary's notes from this month's Department Communiqué.

Aunita and Nell shared information from the Post's Executive Board meeting held last week noting that there were no new requests for assistance other than the standing request for side dishes to support the Burgers and More post function. There was discussion that this duty is falling on the same two or three families each month and is creating a hardship. It was agreed that we will suggest that all post members should be asked to provide side dishes and not just the few Auxiliary members who are active.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Membership:** Nell reported that we have been at 100% for a couple of months but that we also have two new memberships pending. Both candidates still need to provide proof of their eligibility to join the Auxiliary. Nell noted that we need 103% by the close of the Department books on June 30th.
- **Community Service:** Nell noted that there have been no additional community service activities this month.
- **Children and Youth:** Liz reported that she has not heard anything back from Wal-Mart as yet, noting that we may need to file our request on their website.
- **Americanism:** Aunita reported no new activities.
- **Education:** We discussed the possibility of providing another fruit basket for Eastbrook for Teachers Day in May. Nell noted that the cost for the basket we provided in November was approximately \$60.00. We also discussed the need to get our Reading Rockets project under way so that all the packets are ready for the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year and also the need to begin the leg work for our Give 10 to Education project so that the collection boxes can be placed in the drop off locations by mid-July. The group decided to hold off on doing the fruit basket so that the funds can be used for purchasing the books needed for the Reading Rockets project. We need a champion for the Reading Rockets project and the Give 10 to Education project.
- **National Security:** No new activity

- **Veterans Affairs and Rehab:** No new activity
- **Girls State:** No new activity
- **Poppy Distribution:** Nancy was not present to give an update but it was noted that since our unit Poppy order needed to be submitted by the end of February for a Memorial Day activity, we would need to postpone our Poppy distribution until Veterans Day in November.
- **Constitution and By Laws:** Nell reported that the requested changes were made to our Constitution and By-Laws and that the documents were sent off to Pat Markovic for final Department approval. As soon as our signed copy is received, Nell will notify everyone and post the approved copy to the Unit's YahooGroup.
- **Public Relations:** No new activity

OLD BUSINESS:

Nell indicated that we would dispense with further discussion of the Constitution and By-Laws since it had already been covered in committee updates.

Nell explained how doing a fundraiser with Friendly's Restaurant works, noting that we just need to pick a date and contact the store to set it up. The store will provide us with a flyer that we can get printed and distribute. It was agreed that we should look at booking a date in August so that our flyer can be included in the July-August Post newsletter. We will identify target dates at next month's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nell and Liz gave an update on the Post's Yard and Craft sale noting that it was very well attended by the community. Nell noted that we sold another two bottles of BBQ sauce and that Liz did a bake sale, donating her proceeds to the unit. Nell noted that we should receive about \$60 for our portion of the post's table proceeds since we manned their table for them and handled selling drinks and desserts.

Aunita and Liz reported that they are in the process of contacting our current officers to see if they are interested in running again. They will also seek out additional candidates for each elected position.

There was a brief discussion about having the Unit pay Virginia's dues for 2010 as a way to show our support during her time of grief. Aunita Padgett moved (seconded by Liz Padgett) that the Unit should pay Virginia's National dues for the 2009-2010 Auxiliary year. Motion carried. Nell will process the membership and send a letter to Virginia with her card.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Nell reminded everyone about the Constitution and By-Laws meeting on May 15th in Sanford and the June Department Convention that will be held at the Caribe Royale resort on June 24-27.

With no further business, Aunita offered the benediction and Nell closed the meeting at 8:08pm.

Respectfully submitted



Nell Colbert
Secretary-Treasurer

Minutes approved _____

Nell Colbert, Secretary _____

Nancy Travers, President _____