

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

June 8, 2010

The June general meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112 was called to order at 7:05pm by President, Nancy Travers. Aunita Padgett offered the invocation and Nancy led the Pledge of Allegiance. The group recited the Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Members in attendance included:

Nell Colbert (via phone)

Aunita Padgett

Nancy Travers

Johanna Langis

Liz Padgett

Nancy introduced our guest for the evening, Laurel Sanchez, who is considering joining our unit.

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

Nancy reported that Nell had emailed the minutes from the last meeting to all members and that they have been posted on the Unit's YahooGroups. Liz Padgett moved (seconded by Aunita Padgett) that the minutes be approved as written. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert reported that the Treasurer's Report that had also been emailed via the Unit's YahooGroups and had also been posted on the YahooGroups website. Nell reviewed the information in the Treasurer's report, noting that we currently have an available balance of \$371.90 with \$100 considered to be encumbered funds. Aunita Padgett moved (seconded by Johanna Langis) that the Treasurer's Report be approved as written. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert noted that we had received no correspondence this month. Nell also read the Secretary's notes from this month's Department Communiqué that included information about the Department Convention and the new membership system being adopted by the Department. The Communiqué also indicated that the Department is "going green" so that many of the items that were copied and mailed to units in the past will not be either emailed or put on CD's. It was noted that unit information will no longer be mailed to anyone's personal address; everything will be sent to the units' Post Office Box or physical street address based on the information on file at the Department.

Aunita attended the Post's Executive Board meeting last week and reported on the information pertinent to our Unit, including that the Post has now installed an alarm system to the Sea Cadet room where we meet.

For the benefit of our guest, Nancy gave a brief overview of how our unit operates and its relationship with the Post and the Sea Cadets.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Membership:** Nell reported that we remain at 107% for this year, noting that June 10th is the Department deadline for the submission of additional membership applications for 2010.
- **Community Service:** Nell reported that she is beginning to work on the food drive for this fall, noting that she will be visiting our locations from last year in person after the

Department Convention in June. We will need to obtain smaller boxes and make a few more signs before the boxes can be placed on site.

- **Children and Youth:**
- **Americanism:**
- **Education:** It was noted that we need someone to champion the school supply drive and that we could possibly use the same locations as those being used for the food drive. Liz, Aunita and Johanna will coordinate this project. It was noted that we should get the boxes in place by the middle of July so that they have a chance to fill up before school starts.
- **National Security:**
- **Veterans Affairs and Rehab:**
- **Girls State:**
- **Poppy Distribution:**
- **Constitution and By Laws:**
- **Public Relations**

OLD BUSINESS:

- Spirit Night at Friendly's – Nell reported that she has not been able to get to Friendly's to set up our date as yet.
- Committee Assignments for 2011 - Nell noted that we will be asked to turn in our Committee Chair list to the District soon after the Department Convention so this needs to be a topic for discussion at our July meeting. Nell noted that all committees have reports that are submitted to the district chairs in April and that while she did all of the reports this year because we had not really identified committee chairs, we need to get specific people in place so that they can actually give leadership to their areas throughout the year and file the reports for their committee as the Auxiliary guidelines indicate. As our incoming President and Vice President, Aunita and Liz will discuss possible assignments and will contact members to get their commitments to handle the committee chairmanships.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Frames for certificates – Nancy reported that since we received some certificates during the year for our accomplishments and since our installation of officers is coming up soon, we need to get some frames for those certificates so we can have them hung in the Post hall before the installation. Nell purchased the last set of frames at Wal-Mart and indicated that they were relatively inexpensive. Liz moved (seconded by Nancy) that we allocate up to \$5.00 per frame. Motion carried. Nell and Aunita will work on getting the certificates framed.
- Constitutional Conference – Liz, Aunita, Nell and Johanna attended the conference held on May 15th. Everyone expressed that they learned a lot and came away with some new ideas for projects that we could do that will not cost a lot of money but will benefit veterans, active duty service members and the community. Everyone was encouraged to attend next year's conference.
- Delegate fees for Department Convention – Nell explained that we must pay \$5 per delegate and \$5 per alternate at the June convention. Nell noted that this fee must be paid by unit check. Since the Post pays for their delegates, Nell suggested that we consider paying for our delegates and alternates as well. There was a brief discussion about this proposal and Nell moved (seconded by Nancy) that the Unit pay the \$20 registration fees for our delegates and alternates. Motion carried. Since Nell will be checking in to the resort on Wednesday night, she will be the first one on-site so Nell offered to handle getting our delegates registered.

- Unit gavel – In reviewing her Sgt. at Arms responsibilities, Johanna found that we should have a gavel for the President's use. Nell got a price of \$15 from United Trophy and suggested that we purchase a gavel for the Unit. It was agreed that we would table discussion on the gavel until next month's meeting.
- Flag stand – Our unit has a unit flag and since we have been asked to bring the flag to the Department Convention in June, we need a flag stand for it. Nell suggested that we purchase a stand in time for the convention and so that we can display our unit flag during our regular monthly meetings. Nancy indicated that she had several flag stands from the Korean War Veterans that she would be happy to donate to the unit. Nancy will bring the flag stand to the post before the convention so Nell can pick it up. Nell will also pick up our flag and be responsible for it at the convention.
- Membership luncheon – Nancy asked if anything had been done yet about our annual membership luncheon that we held at the Olive Garden last year. It was suggested that we set a date for the luncheon at our planning conference that should be held in late July/early August after we get the annual Plans of Action from the Department that should be out within 45 days of the convention.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Nancy shared information about the upcoming Department Convention and urged everyone to attend.

Since Nell was in North Carolina and the AEF pig was not at the meeting, collection of loose change for the AEF was tabled until July.

With no further business, Aunita offered the benediction and Nancy closed the meeting at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted



Nell Colbert
Secretary-Treasurer

Minutes approved _____

Nell Colbert, Secretary _____

Nancy Travers, President _____