

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

April 12, 2011

The April 2011 general meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112 was called to order at 7:10pm by President, Aunita Padgett. In that only three members were present, Johanna Langis moved that we dispense with the usual formal opening. Nell Colbert seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Members in attendance included:

Nell Colbert

Johanna Langis

Aunita Padgett

Nell confirmed that we have a quorum for this meeting. Aunita 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. Johanna Langis 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 \$613.55, received income of \$0.05 and had no expenses during the month, leaving us with a closing balance of \$613.60 as of the end of the month. Nell reported that the Treasurer's Report was also emailed via the Unit's YahooGroups and was posted on the YahooGroups website. Nell reported that we received a check for \$50.90 from Friendly's for our last Fun Night and that we raised \$3.75 from our bake sale at the Post's yard sale but that these were not deposited until after April 1<sup>st</sup>. Nell reported that we had no expenses after the first of the month. Nell noted that she had cleaned out the AEF piggy which contained \$27.13. A check was written the check for \$27.13 that will be sent to the Department as part of our annual report. Johanna Langis moved (seconded by Aunita Padgett) that the Treasurer's Report be approved as written and filed for audit. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert shared items of correspondence received this month including: the Goldenrod Chamber newsletter and the form from the Department that that lists our 2011-2012 officers that needs to be completed and returned by June 17<sup>th</sup>. Aunita shared a letter that she received from the Orange County Public Schools notifying us that Cheney Elementary had selected our Unit as their Partner in Education of the Year and nominated us for the Orange County Schools Partner in Education of the Year. The awards ceremony is April 29<sup>th</sup> at Sea World and everyone is invited to attend. Nell also noted that she had received an email from Marie Eatman, the 6<sup>th</sup> District Secretary, announcing the 6<sup>th</sup> District Constitutional Meeting that will be held on May 14<sup>th</sup> at Post 53 in Sanford. This is the meeting at which we will need to give a report on our activities for the year.

Aunita announced that there was no information from the Post's Executive Board meeting held last week that applied to the Unit.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Membership:** Nell Colbert reported that our membership has not changed – we still need two additional dues paying members in order to reach our 100% goal.

- **National Security:** Coupons continue to be dropped off in the collection box in the Post that Marge takes to the reserve Center. Nell reported that she has been getting updates on “our” project for Andrea Rodriguez’s husband’s unit in Afghanistan and that there are many Auxiliary Units that are shipping thousands of dollars in supplies to this unit. There was discussion about dedicating monies raised from our last Friendly’s Fun Night plus anything we raise at the April Fun Night to purchasing supplies and getting them shipped. Aunita also suggested that this fall we look at doing pocket flags for this unit.
- **Veterans Affairs and Rehab:** Aunita reported that the collection box is still in the Post but donations are not coming in. The Post has agreed to donate their left over t-shirts to this project but they have not been delivered yet. Aunita suggested that we consider adding the items currently in the box to our collection for the Afghanistan unit.
- **Girls State:** Nell mentioned that our candidates are set to attend the orientation but that our Girls State Chair needs to attend with them. We need to verify whether or not Debi or Marge (or both) will attend.
- **Constitution and By Laws:** Nell noted that our Constitution and By-Laws do not need to be revised this year since they were updated in 2010. There is a change to the Standing Rules that will be discussed under New Business, however.
- **Legislative:** Aunita Padgett read one of the responses she recently received to one of her letters.

In that there were only three members present, it was agreed that we would not conduct our Training Segment for this meeting.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Friendly’s Fun Nights** – There was a brief discussion about the amount of work we are doing at Friendly’s vs. the return we are receiving. The donations we have received for the last two events have been less than one third of the amount we received for the first event. It was suggested that we try moving our night off of Wednesday since Wednesday is their “kids eat free” night. It was agreed that when we set our date for June, we will target Thursday and try to get either June 9<sup>th</sup> or June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- **Post Yard Sale** - During the meeting Commander Padgett delivered a check from the Post for \$59.50 as the Auxiliary’s portion of the Post’s recent Yard Sale.
- **Nominating Committee** – The Nominating Committee has proposed the following slate:
  - President – Aunita Padgett
  - Vice President – Marge Berrios
  - Secretary/Treasurer – Nell Colbert
  - Sgt. at Arms – Johanna Langis
  - Chaplain – Aunita Padgett
  - Delegates for the Constitutional Meeting – Aunita Padgett and Johanna Langis with Marge Berrios and Debi Shannon as alternates
  - Delegates for the Annual Department Conference – Nell Colbert and Marge Berrios with Johanna Langis and Aunita Padgett as the alternates.
  - Committee Chairs – remain the same as for 2010-2011 except that Johanna Langis will pick up Americanism.
- **Constitution and By-Laws** – Our Standing Rules currently stipulate that checks written to the Department for membership and per capita assessments do not require a second signature. Since we are now writing checks to the Department for things like Unit Guides, Poppies, contributions, etc. Nell Colbert suggested that we amend the Standing Rule #5 to read “Two signatures will be required on all checks written by the Unit EXCEPT those checks written to the Department of Florida” dropping all words after “Florida.” Johanna

Langis moved to change the Standing Rule #5 to read "Two signatures will be required on all checks written by the Unit EXCEPT those checks written to the Department of Florida." Nell Colbert seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

In light of the time, Nell Colbert moved (seconded by Johanna Langis) that we table discussion about the flag pole purchase, reading Rockets and the membership packets until our next meeting. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Poppy Distribution:** Aunita reported that our 2011 Poppies have been delivered and that she will be securing locations for us to distribute the Poppies in the next week or so.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

After reminding everyone about the Department convention at the Caribe Royale in late June, everyone deposited their loose change in the AEF piggy. Aunita also reminded everyone that our annual elections will be conducted at next months meeting.

Johanna Langis moved to adjourn and Aunita closed the meeting at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted



Nell Colbert  
Secretary-Treasurer

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

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

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