

Winter Park Memorial American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112 General Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2011

The May 2011 general meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112 was called to order at 7pm by President, Aunita Padgett. Aunita offered the invocation and Johanna Langis led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Members in attendance included:

Marge Berrios

Johanna Langis

Deb Shannon

Nell Colbert

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 as well as on our new website. Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Marge Berrios) that the minutes be approved as written. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert gave the Treasurer's Report showing that we began the month with \$613.60, received income of \$141.33 and had expenses of \$27.13, leaving us with a closing balance of \$727.80 as of the end of the month. Nell reported that we have received no additional income and had no additional expenses since the first 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. Johanna Langis moved (seconded by Debi Shannon) 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 returned mail for Liz Padgett and Carol Moriarty. Aunita will contact Liz to get her new mailing address and Nell will contact Carol. Nell also reported that we received several mailings from the Department including the delegate forms for both the Constitutional Conference and the June convention. Nell also shared information from the Secretary's notes from this month's Department Communiqué.

Aunita Padgett reported that she did not attend the Post's Executive Board meeting held last week because there is generally never any information pertinent to the Auxiliary discussed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Membership:** Nell Colbert reported that we still need two more paid memberships to reach our 100% goal.
- **National Security:** Marge Berrios reported that we have collected lots and lots of coupons for the Reserve Center.
- **Veterans Affairs and Rehab:** Aunita reported that 6th District President, Diane Anderson, is working on another project to aid homeless veterans. We will maintain our collection box in the Post hall.
- **Girls State:** Debi Shannon reported that she will go to the orientation on June 4th. Marge will check her calendar to see if she can attend too.
- **Poppy Distribution:** Aunita Padgett reported that we have a Poppy distribution set up for May 27th at the Walgreens on Aloma Avenue at Lakemont near Winter Park Hospital. Aunita noted that she is working to secure some additional locations for us.

LEADERSHIP SEGMENT:

Nell Colbert presented tonight's training segment – the roles of Auxiliary Unit officers.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Friendly's Fundraiser – Nell Colbert reported that we have not yet received our check for our April event. Our next event will be Thursday, June 9th. Aunita reported that during our April event, she received a \$5.00 donation for the unit. Nell will deposit the donation into our general fund.
- Flag Pole purchase – Marge Berrios provided a copy of an old catalog from Emblem Sales and suggested that we purchase the aluminum expanding pole, item # 120.100; the gold cords, item # 120.205; Eagle pole topper, item # 120.200; and the commodore stand, item # 120.203. Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Marge Berrios) that Nell Colbert purchase the aforementioned items for the unit. Motion carried. Nell will order the items as soon as possible so that we can have them in time for the Department Convention in June.
- Reading Rockets – Nell Colbert reported that she recently met with the Principal at Eastbrook Elementary and that he is very interested in having us do reading Rockets for his school. Nell reported that Mr. Carver also agreed to have the students use our left over 2010 poppies for our very first Poppy poster contest. Nell will pick up the posters on 5/24 and get the certificates back to the school for their 5th grade awards ceremony on 5/26.
- Membership Packets – tabled to June due to lack of time available to put them together

NEW BUSINESS:

- Election of 2011-2012 officers – Nell Colbert read the slate of nominees proposed by the Nominating Committee – Aunita Padgett, President; Marge Berrios, Vice President; Nell Colbert, Secretary-Treasurer; Sgt-at-Arms, Johanna Langis; Chaplain, Debi Shannon; and Aunita Padgett, Historian; delegates to the Constitutional Conference, Aunita Padgett and Johanna Langis; alternates to the Constitutional Conference, Marge Berrios and Debi Shannon; Annual Convention delegates, Nell Colbert and Marge Berrios; Alternates to the Annual Convention, Aunita Padgett and Johanna Langis. Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Johanna Langis) that the slate be elected as presented. Motion carried.
- Website – Nell Colbert announced that we have a new website. The web address is www.AmLegionAux112FL.com. We also have a new dedicated Google phone number (321.578.8612) so that if people want to contact the unit directly, it will ring on Nell's phone. Our unit also has its own email address – wpfl.ala112@gmail.com.

OTHER BUSINESS:

There was a brief discussion about the June Department convention. Aunita and Nell encouraged everyone to attend.

Everyone dropped loose change in the AEF piggy and Aunita offered the closing prayer and closed the meeting at 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted



Nell Colbert
Secretary-Treasurer

Minutes approved _____

Nell Colbert, Secretary _____

Aunita Padgett, President _____