

Winter Park Memorial American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112 General Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2011

September's Unit 112 meeting was held in conjunction with the Post 112 meeting that featured the Post's Boys State delegates and the Unit's Girls State delegate who each gave talks about their experiences at the state programs. Tracy Nelson, our delegate who also went on to Girls nation, also shared her experiences at the national event. At the conclusion of the delegate's remarks, the Unit moved to its regular meeting room to conduct its business for the month.

The September general meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112 was called to order at 7:50pm by President, Aunita Padgett. Because the formal opening had been done with the Post, we agreed to dispense with the Pledge, preamble and invocation. Our meeting included two very special guests, Diane Anderson, 6th District president and Diane Rousseau, Department of Florida President.

Members in attendance included:

Marge Berrios

Aunita Padgett

Deb Shannon

Nell Colbert

JoAnne Russell

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. 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 \$836.13, received income of 200.06 and had expenses of \$350.50, leaving us with a closing balance of 685.69 as of the end of the month. Nell reported that we have received no additional income since 8/30 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. Debi Shannon moved (seconded by JoAnne Russell) 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: two copies of the *Our Town* circular that lists our meeting information, two Goldenrod Chamber of Commerce newsletters and correspondence from the Department of FL that included the Unit Guides for the President and Secretary. Nell also shared email correspondence we received from the 6th District Secretary regarding the Stand Down on 9/24. Nell reported that there is still no Department Communiqué available on-line. Nell presented the Unit with the picture and certificate that we received for our participation in the 2011 Girls State program.

Aunita reported that there was no information from the Post's Executive Board meeting held last week that pertained to the Auxiliary.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Membership:** Nell reported that ten membership renewals were sent to the Department after last month's meeting and that we have JoAnne's new membership to turn in this month. This puts us at 79% of our membership goal.

- **Community Service:** Nell reported on our school supply drive that concluded last month as well as our upcoming food drive. We need to expand our food drive locations into Oviedo and Winter Springs and eliminate some of the farther out East Orlando locations that have traditionally not produced a very good yield. Marge and JoAnne volunteered to help with the Oviedo and Winter Springs locations. Nell also noted that she will be providing a form for each member so that a more accurate record of community service participation can be captured and reported.
- **Children and Youth:**
- **Americanism:**
- **Education:** Nell reminded the group that we need to purchase the books and supplies for our reading Rockets project and then set a date to assemble the packets for Eastbrook.
- **National Security:** Marge reported that she is working on our coupon project, noting that she would like for us to send the coupons to overseas outlets using the mailing list Nell obtained because the Family Readiness Group is really not doing anything with the ones we have provided to them in the past.
- **Veterans Affairs and Rehab:** Nita reported that we are continuing to collect supplies for the homeless veterans. Nita also noted that we need to schedule another tea party for the ladies at the VA Nursing Home.
- **Girls State:** Debi and Marge noted that they are waiting to get the 2012 information from the Department so that they can take packets to the schools in December.
- **Poppy Distribution:**
- **Constitution and Bylaws:** Nell reported that even though a revision on our Constitution and Bylaws is not due this year, we will need to amend them in order to increase our dues due to the national dues increase that goes into effect for 2012-2013. It was agreed that our dues should increase by \$5.00 to cover the national increase.
- **Legislative:** Nita reported that she is still sending emails to legislators and that as she gets emails in from various sources on topics pertinent to the American Legion she is forwarding them to Nell to put out on our YahooGroups in hopes that other Unit members will also send emails in support of proposed legislation.
- **Leadership:** Nell reminded everyone about the School of Instruction this Saturday at Pinecastle Post 286. There is no cost for the school but there will be lunch available for \$5.00. It was agreed that everyone should meet at Post 112 at 8:15am in order to take only one car.
- **Public Relations:**

OLD BUSINESS:

Nell reminded the group that we need to set a date where Marge and Nell can go to the bank to sign the signature cards since Marge is our new Vice President and should be listed as a signer on the account.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nell reminded everyone about the Stand Down this weekend, noting that there is a required training at either 8am or 6pm on Tuesday, 9/20.

Nell announced that our new flag pole and topper have arrived and need to be set up.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Nell reminded everyone that the first ABC School for the 6th District is set for 10/1 at Fern Park Post 183. There will be two more (12/3 and 1/14) at locations yet to be determined. Nell

encouraged everyone to attend the 10/1 school as the later ones will be in more distant parts of the district (Kissimmee and Clermont/Winter Garden are the targeted locations.)

Nita reviewed other upcoming dates:

- 9/19 . our unit's annual planning conference
- 10/11 . next business meeting
- 10/13 . Friendly's FUN Night fundraiser

With no further business, Debi Shannon offered the closing prayer and Aunita adjourned the meeting at 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted



Nell Colbert
Secretary-Treasurer

Minutes approved _____

Nell Colbert, Secretary _____

Aunita Padgett, President _____