

Winter Park Memorial American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112
General Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2012

The January 2012 general meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112 was called to order at 7pm by President, Aunita Padgett. Debi Shannon offered the invocation and Aunita Padgett led the opening according to ritual.

Members in attendance included:

Marge Berrios
Nell Colbert
April Jany
Aunita Padgett
Jo Anne Russell
Deb Shannon
Leonor Shuga

Nell confirmed that we have a quorum for this meeting. Aunita asked for a motion to deviate from the printed agenda should the need arise. JoAnn Russell moved (seconded by Marge Berrios) to allow the meeting to deviate from the printed agenda. Motion carried.

Leonor Shuga and April Jany were introduced as guests and prospective members.

Nell Colbert reported that the minutes from the last meeting that were emailed to all members and posted on the Unit's YahooGroup site and website. Printed copies were also available. JoAnn Russell noted that there was a typo in the minutes, noting that the Post referenced on page 2 under the VA&R report should have been 243. JoAnn Russell moved (seconded by Marge Berrios) that the minutes be approved as corrected. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert gave the Treasurer's Report showing that we began the month with \$673.24, received income of \$116.07. There were no expenses this month, leaving us with a closing balance of \$789.31 as of the end of the month. Nell reported that we received no additional income and have had no expenses since the first of the month. Nell reported that the Treasurer's Report was also emailed via the Unit's YahooGroup and was posted on the YahooGroup site. There were also printed copies available for review during the meeting. Marge Berrios moved (seconded by JoAnn 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: the Goldenrod Chamber newsletter that announced the 2/24 Bowling for Business event. Nell also shared this month's Department Communiqué.

Information from the Post's Executive Committee meeting held last week was shared with the members. Aunita and Nell reported that there were no requests from the Post for assistance from the Auxiliary.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Membership:** Nell Colbert reported that Leonor Shuga submitted her application for membership in Unit 112. Nell Colbert moved (seconded by Debi Shannon) that Leonor Shuga be accepted as a member in Unit 112. Motion carried. Nell reported that once Leonor's membership is processed, we will only need one more member to achieve 100%.

- **Community Service:** Nell Colbert reported that the last of the holiday food baskets was delivered to a veteran family in mid-December. There are no other community service events in the works at this time.
- **Children and Youth:** Aunita Padgett reported that there are no pending activities.
- **Americanism:** Marge Berrios reported that she has not received any response from any of the schools for the Americanism Essay contest. Marge noted that she and Johanna will be following up with the schools before the essays are due next month.
- **Education:** Nell Colbert reported that we have a small baggie of Box Tops that will be delivered to Eastbrook Elementary in the next month.
- **National Security:** Marge Berrios reported that she mailed about \$714.00 worth of coupons to the base in Okinawa. Marge also reported that she has a large number of old coupons that she will be sending to another organization that can use expired coupons. All that must be done with these is to log them and ship them.
- **Veterans Affairs and Rehab:** Aunita Padgett reported that she is still collecting items for homeless veterans.
- **Girls State:** Marge Berrios reported that she received a call from a Lake Howell parent but the parent has yet to return the call. Marge indicated that she will be contacting the schools again this week.
- **Poppy Distribution:** There was a brief discussion about how many poppies to order for the 2012 distribution events. It was agreed that since we almost ran out of the 2011 poppies, we should order 750 for 2012. Nell Colbert moved (seconded by Marge Berrios) that we spend \$56.25 to order 750 poppies for 2012. Motion carried.
- **Constitution and By Laws:** Nell Colbert provided copies of the updated Constitution and By Laws that were approved last month to Aunita Padgett for her signature. Nell will mail the copies to Maureen Costello and Betty Oliver for Department approval and the district records.
- **Legislative:** Aunita Padgett had no report but she reminded everyone to continue to send emails and letters to their legislators about issues effecting veterans.
- **Leadership:** Nell Colbert reminded everyone about the ABC School at Fruitland Park Post 219 on Saturday, 1/14. Anyone wanting to carpool should call Aunita Padgett before Saturday and then meet at Post 112 by 8am. Registration begins at 9:30am and the school itself begins at 10am.
- **Past President's Parley:** Aunita Padgett reminded everyone that the next tea party is scheduled for February 14th at the VA Clinic.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Committee Chair List** – Aunita Padgett reported that the list has not been completed yet.
- **Operation Give Back** – Nell Colbert again shared the flyer we received from Andrea Rodriguez about the event at UCF in May. There was some interest in participating expressed. In light of the time and the date of the event, Marge Berrios moved to table further discussion until February. Motion carried.
- **Fundraising** – There was a lengthy discussion about fundraising so that we have funds available for our upcoming projects. April Jany suggested doing a themed gift basket, perhaps Easter, Baby Shower or Mother's Day, for the next Post Yard Sale. April volunteered to help assemble the gift basket. Nell Colbert moved (seconded by Debi Shannon) that we assemble at least one baby shower themed gift basket for the yard sale. Motion Carried. Nell Colbert (seconded by Marge Berrios) moved that further discussion on amount to be allocated to purchase items for the basket and the cost of tickets was tabled to February. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Equipment and supplies suggested for purchase – Nell Colbert presented some ideas for additional equipment that the Unit should consider purchasing including two flag covers at \$19.95 each so that we can safely transport our flags to the Department convention in June and certificates to go along with the medals we will be presenting for the essay contest and the scholastic awards at \$1.00 each. Nell also noted that we will need to purchase additional essay contest medals depending upon the number of schools from which we receive essays.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Nell Colbert explained the purpose of the AEF collection and Aunita Padgett passed around our AEF pig.

With no further business, Debi Shannon offered the benediction and Aunita Padgett closed the meeting at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted



Nell Colbert
Secretary-Treasurer

Minutes approved _____

Nell Colbert, Secretary _____

Aunita Padgett, President _____