

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

March 13, 2012

The March general meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112 was called to order at 7:04pm by President, Aunita Padgett. Debi Shannon offered the invocation and Nancy Travers filled in as Sgt-at-Arms to lead the Pledge of Allegiance and Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Members in attendance included:

Marge Berrios

Aunita Padgett

Deb Shannon

Nell Colbert

Jo Anne Russell

Nancy Travers

Nell confirmed that we have a quorum for this meeting. Nell Colbert moved (seconded by Nancy Travers) that Nita be allowed to deviate from the printed agenda should the need arise. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert reported that the minutes from the last meeting that were emailed to all members and had been posted on both the Unit's YahooGroup and website. Hard copies were also available for those members wishing to review them. JoAnne Russell 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 \$542.07, received income of \$30.00 and had no expenses leaving us with a closing balance of \$572.07 as of the end of the month. Nell reported that we 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 YahooGroup site. JoAnne Russell 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: a flyer from the Department of Florida announcing the Homecoming of President Diane, our 2012-2013 dues form and officers list, information about the upcoming Juniors activity, an email regarding Girls State, the Post 112 newsletter, and some junk mail wanting us to purchase cards. Nell also shared a hard copy of the Department Communique and reminded everyone to visit the Department website to download a copy.

Information from the Post's Executive Committee meeting held last week was shared with the members. There was some confusion about the Post's Easter Egg Hunt as the date given to Aunita was Good Friday. Nita will check with the Post to get the correct date.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Membership:** Nell noted that we still need one more paid membership to achieve 100%.
- **Children and Youth:** Aunita reminded everyone about the Easter Egg Hunt. As soon as she can confirm the date, she will let everyone know.
- **Americanism:** marge and Nell reported that there were no entries for the essay contest.
- **Education:** Nell reminded everyone that we are still collecting Box Tops for Education and Campbell's Soup can labels. Nell also noted that she will take the Scholastic information to Eastbrook and Cheney Elementary Schools before the end of the month so that the schools can select their recipients before May 1<sup>st</sup>.

- **National Security:** Marge reminded everyone to clip coupons so we can continue our support of the base in Okinawa.
- **Veterans Affairs and Rehab:** Aunita reported that she delivered two large boxes to the VA for the VASH program.
- **Girls State:** Marge and Debi reported that the Girls State orientation will be held at Post 286 on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Debi will attend. Nell also reported on an email she received from a parent of a Winter Park High School student who missed our interviews. Nell was able to work with the Department to get this young lady an interview.
- **Poppy Distribution:** Aunita reported that she has not yet set up any Poppy distribution booth dates or locations and asked for some help in getting this accomplished. JoAnne will contact the Oviedo and Winter Springs locations to secure those booths. There was a brief discussion about whether or not we want to hold another Poppy Poster Contest and it was decided that we should continue with this project.
- **Legislative:** Aunita reported that she has written legislators about the recent changes to Tricare and has received responses from both Marco Rubio and Bill Nelson.
- **Leadership:** Nell reported that the last ABC School for this year has been set for April 28<sup>th</sup> in Kissimmee. Nell encouraged anyone who has not yet attended an ABC School this year to attend.
- **Past Presidents Parley:** Aunita reported that our last tea party at the VA Nursing Home was held for Valentine's Day and was well received by the three ladies who attended. There was discussion about when to schedule our next event and it was decided to target for the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend, perhaps holding the tea on Sunday afternoon, July 7<sup>th</sup>. Aunita will call to set up our proposed date.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Yard Sale** – Aunita reminded everyone that we need everyone's help on April 21<sup>st</sup> to help with the yard sale so that we can sell tickets for our Mother's Day gift basket and man the Post's table.
- **Mother's Day Gift Basket fundraiser** – There was a lengthy discussion about the proposed contents of our gift basket. JoAnne shared some information that she had researched and Debi offered a coupon for a spa day at a local spa. After looking at possible contents for the basket, Marge Berrios moved (seconded by JoAnne Russell) that we authorize a budget of \$60 for the purchase of the gift basket, contents, filler and wrapping material for the basket. Motion carried. Debi and JoAnne will meet to shop for the gift basket and its contents on March 24<sup>th</sup>.
- **Equipment** – Nell reminded everyone that we had agreed to hold off on our purchase of the flag covers until after we knew if we would need additional Americanism Essay Contest medals. Since we don't need any additional medals, Nell was authorized to make the purchase approved previously.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Nominating Committee** – Nell reminded the membership that we need to have our Nominating Committee in place this month so that a slate can be presented next month and elections held in May. The following members volunteered to serve on the Nominating Committee: Marge Berrios, JoAnne Russell, Debi Shannon, Aunita Padgett and Nell Colbert and were elected unanimously. There was a brief discussion about who might be interested in holding specific positions for 2012-2013.
- **6<sup>th</sup> District Constitutional meeting** – Nell announced that the 6<sup>th</sup> District Constitutional meeting will be held in Sanford on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Nell offered a brief training segment about the

purpose of the annual Constitutional meeting noting that not only is that when all Unit Constitutions must be updated but that this is the meeting at which the election for the District President is conducted.

- **Poppy dates** – JoAnne Russell will set up a distribution at the Oviedo Walgreens on May 25<sup>th</sup>. Nell explained that Poppy distributions are restricted to two times per year, Memorial Day and Veterans Day but that we can hold as many booths immediately surrounding these dates as we can support. Aunita will work to schedule another booth at the Walgreens near Winter Park Hospital.
- **Poppy Poster Contest** – Nell described what we did for the poster contest last year and it was agreed that we should provide ribbons for the students again this year. Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Marge Berrios) that we budget \$40 for ribbons for the poster contest. Motion carried. Nell will handle ordering the ribbons and will take the poppies to Eastbrook Elementary School after our April meeting with a goal of having the posters back by the first week in May.
- **Identity Theft Program** – Nell shared information about an Identify Theft program that she learned about at a recent Chamber of Commerce meeting and suggested that we consider contacting the presenter so that a similar presentation could be done at the Post for our members and anyone from the community who wants to attend. It was agreed that this is a good idea for a future program but that in the interest of time, this item was tabled until next month when we can have more time to discuss the program.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Nell reminded everyone about the AEF collection.

With no further business, Debi Shannon offered the Benediction and Aunita Padgett closed the meeting at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted



Nell Colbert  
Secretary-Treasurer

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

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

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