

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

**September 11, 2012**

The September general meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112 was called to order at 7pm by Post 112 Commander Bill Dover. The Auxiliary met along with the Post to hear presentations from the Boys State and Girls State delegates from the summer 2012 programs. At the conclusion of the presentations, the Auxiliary members were dismissed and reconvened for our Unit meeting.

President Marge Berrios called the Auxiliary meeting to order at 7:20pm. Since the usual opening ceremony was held in conjunction with the Post meeting, the Unit dispensed with our opening ritual.

Members in attendance included:

Marge Berrios

Aunita Padgett

Nell Colbert

Debi Shannon

Johanna Langis

Nell confirmed that we have a quorum for this meeting and Marge was granted permission to deviate from the printed agenda should the need arise.

Aunita introduced her friend, Kathy, who may be interested in joining our unit.

Nell Colbert reported that the minutes from the last meeting that were emailed to all members. The minutes were also posted on the Unit's YahooGroups site and placed on our unit website. Nell had hard copies of the minutes available at the meeting for review by those who had not received them via email. Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Johanna Langis) that the minutes be approved as written. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert gave the Treasurer's Report showing that we began the month with \$954.43, received income of \$140.04 and had expenses of \$246.65, leaving us with a closing balance of \$847.82 as of the end of the month. Nell reported that we received no additional income and had no expenses since the first of the month. Nell reported that the Treasurer's Report was emailed via the Unit's YahooGroups and was posted on the YahooGroups site. Nell also made hard copies available at the meeting for review by those who had not received the Treasurer's Report via email. Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Johanna Langis) that the Treasurer's Report be filed for audit. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert shared items of correspondence received this month including: the August and September Goldenrod Chamber newsletters, information from the Department of Florida about the new membership processing system from national going live very soon, a flyer about an upcoming Gold Star Mothers ceremony and a solicitation from a company selling shirts and other POW-MIA items. Nell also shared the most recent issue of the Department Communiqué that had been emailed to all members.

Nell Colbert shared Information from the Post's Executive Committee meeting held last week, noting that the very first SAL event, a BBQ, will be held on 9/22, the Post's

annual Halloween party is planned for 10/27 and the Post's fall Yard Sale will be held on 11/17. The Post would like to have our held with the Halloween party and the Yard Sale.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Because our meeting was an abbreviated one this month, there were no committee updates.

### **LEADERSHIP SEGMENT:**

Because our meeting was an abbreviated one this month, there was no Leadership Segment presented this month.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Open Committee Chair positions: Nell Colbert moved (Aunita Padgett seconded) to table discussion about open committee chairs until our October meeting. Motion carried.
- Donation Requests:
  - Debi Shannon reported that she has sent the request for funding to Publix to support our holiday gift basket project for veterans.
  - Nell Colbert reported that she is working with Orange County East Rotary Club to secure a donation from them. Nell also suggested that we contact the David Maus Foundation for a donation.
- Emblem Sales Order: Nell reported that the order from Emblem Sales has been received.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Unit Calendar: Marge thanked Nell for her efforts to put the results from our planning conference on a calendar and post it to our website and email it out to everyone. Nell will make changes as updates are needed.
- Poppies: Aunita Padgett reported that Sam's Club was not available on 11/3 so she has booked the store for 11/24. Marge noted that she and Jo Anne will still be able to do the Poppy booth at the Oviedo Walgreens on 11/3.
- Country Western Dance: Nell reported that the location for the dinner-dance on 10/6 is Post 286, Pinecastle.
- Past President's parley Tea: Aunita reported that Tremont was not available on 10/6 for the tea that we planned but would like to have us on 10/17 from 1-4pm.
- 2012-2013 Budget: Nell emailed the proposed budget to everyone via the Unit's YahooGroup and there were copies available for review for those who did not get them via email. After a brief review of the budget, Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Johanna Langis) that the budget be approved as proposed. Motion carried.

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Debi Shannon passed out copies of the page from the Communique Education report that suggested going to the website supported by Glenn "Big Daddy" Davis or the Orlando Magic and clicking on the JetBlue box in order to get JetBlue to donate a book to local literacy programs. Debi noted that the Department's Education focus this year is scholarships and that the Department would like all units to place emphasis on getting the word out about the scholarships that are

available through the Department. Debi also passed out souvenir pens from the Auxiliary National Meeting.

- Nell Colbert announced that when she met with the Principal at Eastbrook Elementary, she learned that the school now has both a food pantry and a school supply pantry for those students in need. Nell reported that the school would appreciate any donations we can make.

After everyone made their contributions to the AEF piggy bank, Debi Shannon offered the benediction and Marge Berrios adjourned the meeting at 8pm.

Respectfully submitted



Nell Colbert  
Secretary-Treasurer

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

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

Marge Berrios, President \_\_\_\_\_