

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

December 11, 2012

The December general meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112 was called to order at 7:01pm by President, Marge Berrios. The meeting was opened according to ritual and Marge was granted permission to deviate from the printed agenda as needed.

Members in attendance included:

Marge Berrios

Nell Colbert

Aunita Padgett

Debi Shannon

Nell confirmed that we have a quorum for this meeting.

Marge introduced Lois Stachelrodt, our 6th District Chaplain, who is a candidate for Department Chaplain. Lois told everyone about herself and why she would like to be our Department Chaplain for 2013-2014. Lois accepted our invitation to participate in the remainder of our meeting.

Nell 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 moved (seconded by Aunita) that the minutes be approved as written. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert gave the Treasurer's Report showing that we began the month with \$744.84, received income of \$195.02 and had expenses of \$165.22, leaving us with a closing balance of \$774.64 as of the end of the month. Nell reported that we received additional income totaling \$389.00 from Post 112 and had expenses totaling \$10.00 paid to the Dept. of Agriculture for our solicitors permit 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. Aunita moved (seconded by Debi) that the Treasurer's Report be filed for audit. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert shared items of correspondence received this month including: checks received from Post 112, a thank you note from Eastbrook Elementary for our National Education Week continental breakfast, a donation request from Cheney Elementary, the Girls State packet, and the 2013 Emblem Sales catalog. Nell also shared the most recent issue of the Department Communiqué, noting that it had also been emailed via the YahooGroup.

Nell Colbert shared Information from the Post's Executive Committee meeting held last week, noting that we received two checks, one for our participation in the last two Yard Sales, and one as a donation to help us cover the costs of Girls State. Nell also reported that we have been asked to help the Post provide a holiday gift basket for another Veteran family with a small child. The Post will fund the project but would like us to handle the shopping and deliver the basket to the family in time for Christmas. Nell noted that she has agreed to handle this project for us. Aunita moved (seconded by Debi) that we assist Post 112 with this project as requested. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **AEF:** Nell reported that she will make our 2012 contribution after tonight's collection is counted and deposited.
- **Americanism:** Marge reported that she went to Indian Trails Middle School with Post 243 to do a flag presentation. Marge also discussed the Americanism Essay Contest with the Vice Principal.
- **Cavalcade of Memories:** Aunita had nothing new to report.
- **Children and Youth:** Aunita had nothing new to report.
- **Community Service:** Aunita had nothing new to report.
- **Constitution and By-Laws:** Nell noted that our Constitution and By-Laws are up to date.
- **Education:** Debi reported that she has looked at the Auxiliary Scholarship program and learned that applications are due by March 1st. The scholarship awards \$2,000 for women attending four year colleges and \$1,000 for women attending two year colleges. Debi will send the information to Nell to add to our website.
- **Girls State:** Nell gave the Girls State paperwork to Marge and Debi. Our interviews are scheduled for 2/23. Marge and anyone else who is available will deliver the paperwork for both Girls State and the Americanism Essay contest to the schools on January 9th.
- **Juniors:** Aunita reported that the girls are helping the Post regularly at the pancake breakfasts and Burgers 'N More luncheons.
- **Leadership:** Nell reminded everyone that the second part of the Leadership Correspondence course that was begun at the September District meeting was supposed to be offered at the December district meeting but due to some unexpected logistics issues, was postponed until the spring meeting.
- **Legislative:** Aunita reported that she has received responses from Don Getz and that Nell received a response from Marco Rubio. Nita noted that she plans to pick up some post cards that members can use to communicate with legislators.
- **Membership:** Nell reported that we are at 100% and suggested that we schedule a new member orientation for February so that our newest members can learn about our Unit and the Auxiliary programs in general.
- **National Security:** Marge reported that she is continuing to clip coupons and is sending them to Okinawa as she fills the box.
- **Past President's Parley:** Aunita reminded everyone that our next party for the lady Vets at the VAMC is coming in February for Valentines Day.
- **Poppies:** Marge reported that we collected more than \$120 at the booth at the Oviedo Walgreens in early November and Aunita turned in about \$57 tonight for the booth she did at Sam's at the end of the month. Marge also noted that we received a donation of \$90 from Post 243 for the poppies we gave them. Nell will complete the report and send in the commission due to the Department.
- **Public Relations:** Nell reminded everyone that she will be doing a presentation about our unit for the Orange County East-Winter Park Rotary Club on January 3rd.
- **Veterans Affairs and Rehab:** Aunita reported that she took some clothing to the VA for the VASH program and received a receipt for \$188.25 for the 11/28 donation. She also received a receipt for \$32.86 for the 11/7 donation of books and clothing. It was noted that we concluded our *Show You Care, Bring Underwear* project as of tonight's meeting. Nita will deliver the collection on Friday.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Donation Requests** – Nell noted that she sent in the grant application to the Orange County East Rotary Club and expects to hear something from them after the first of the

year. Nell suggested that we also send requests to the David Maas Foundation and Wal-Mart Corporation.

- Party at the VAMC – Aunita reminded everyone of our commitment to help Ted Costello with the Bingo party at the VAMC on 12/14. It was agreed that Debi and Nita will do the shopping and Nita, Nell and Marge will help at the VA. We need to meet at the VA by 1pm to set up for the party.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was a brief discussion about endorsing Lois for Department Chaplain. Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Aunita Padgett) that if it is allowed, we should send in a formal letter of endorsement to the Department. Motion carried. Nell will determine whether or not we would be allowed to endorse the candidacy of a non-unit member and if we can, will draft the letter of endorsement.

Nell announced that Marie Eatman has announced her candidacy for 6th District President since TK is not going to run for a second term. Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Aunita Padgett) that if it is allowed, we should send in a formal letter endorsing Marie for President. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Marge reminded everyone about the Post 112 holiday party on Friday night and Nell passed around the AEF piggy to collect donations. Nell also announced that Johanna is out of the hospital and has been moved to the LifeCare Center on Rouse Road for rehab.

After everyone made their contributions to the AEF piggy bank, Debi Shannon offered the benediction and Marge Berrios adjourned the meeting at 8:07pm.

Respectfully submitted



Nell Colbert
Secretary-Treasurer

Minutes approved _____

Nell Colbert, Secretary _____

Marge Berrios, President _____