

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

May 14, 2013

The May general meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112 was called to order at 7pm by Nell Colbert in Marge's absence. Nell explained that Marge was running late and would arrive soon and that per Marge's request, we should begin our meeting without her. It was agreed that due to the low attendance we would dispense with the formal opening.

Members in attendance included:

Marge Berrios

Nell Colbert

Aunita Padgett

Debi Shannon

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

Nell Colbert reported that the minutes from the last meeting 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. Aunita Padgett moved (seconded Debi Shannon) that the minutes be approved as written. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert gave the Treasurer's Report showing that we began the month with \$713.87, received income of \$25.69 and had expenses of \$97.80, leaving us with a closing balance of \$641.76 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 Aunita Padgett) that the Treasurer's Report be filed for audit. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert shared items of correspondence received this month including: Chamber of Commerce newsletter and the convention packet from the Department. Nell also reminded everyone that the most recent issue of the Department Communiqué has been posted to the Department website.

Nell Colbert reported that there was no information for the Auxiliary presented at the Post Executive Committee meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

As each committee's input was given, we reviewed the information needed for our annual reports that are due to District Chairs by 4/15.

- **AEF:** Nell reported that we sent \$26.55 to Department on 4/25/13.

- **Americanism:** Nell reported that we received an award at the 6th District Constitutional Convention and Aunita reported that she will be placing flags on Veteran graves at two different cemeteries for Memorial Day.
- **Cavalcade of Memories:** No report
- **Children and Youth:** Aunita reported no new activity.
- **Community Service:** Aunita reported that she has done several puppet shows for local nursing homes over the last month.
- **Constitution and By-Laws:** Nell reported no changes needed.
- **Education:** Nell reported that we have been granted permission to place a collection box for the school supply and food drives at the Goldenrod Chamber. Nell noted that she will be presenting the Scholastic Achievement medal at Eastbrook this month and at Cheney in early June.
- **Girls State:** Debi confirmed that the orientation is 5/25. Nell gave Debi the check for our delegate to fund the cost of her pictures so that Debi can deliver the check to her at the orientation. At this point, Marge joined the meeting and the chair was turned over to her. Marge noted that there was a problem with the Sanford Unit recruiting for Girls State at a number of schools already being covered by other Units. Marge has contacted TK about this issue.
- **Juniors:** No report
- **Leadership:** Nell reported that we were recognized for our efforts at the 6th District meeting.
- **Legislative:** Aunita reported that she continues to contact legislators.
- **Membership:** Nell reported that we are at 112% for the year and that we were recognized at the 6th District meeting for achieving 100% before the deadline.
- **National Security:** Marge reported that she continues to receive new coupons every month.
- **Past President's Parley:** Aunita reported no new activity.
- **Poppies:** Aunita reported that we are set at Winn Dixie for the 18th but that the new Publix is booked through the summer. Marge reported that the Oviedo Walgreens is a no-go. Walgreens has changed its processes and all requests have to go through their corporate office. Marge noted that she would be taking poppies to Post 243 again in hopes that they will make a donation. Aunita noted that she is going to mail poppies to each of our elected local officials.
- **Public Relations:** Nell reported that she promoted our activities at today's Chamber meeting.
- **Veterans Affairs and Rehab:** Nell reported that she will be taking several boxes of useable items to the VA's VASH program later this month.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Fundraising** – Debi reported that she is working on the letters to Wal-Mart and the David Maus Foundation. Nell reported that when she asked about the Rotary Club grant, she was told that if we haven't heard anything by now, chances are it will not come through for 2013.

- Poppy Poster Contest –Nell delivered the poppies left from 2012 to Eastbrook and Cheney along with the rules for the poster contest. Nell noted that since we had ribbons on had from last year, we did not need to order additional ribbons for the winners. Nell will pick up the posters from both schools before their 5th grade awards ceremonies.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Election of Officers for 2013-2014 – Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Aunita Padgett) that we accept the slate presented last month by the Nominating Committee. Motion unanimously carried.
- Frames for Awards – Nell noted that with the new awards received at the Constitutional Conference last week, we need to purchase frames so they can be displayed in the Post hall. Aunita Padgett moved (seconded by Debi Shannon) that Nell purchase ten frames for our new awards. Motion carried.

LEADERSHIP SEGMENT:

Debi Shannon presented our leadership training segment. Debi presented information about the impact of deployments on children.

After everyone made their contributions to the AEF piggy bank, Debi Shannon offered the benediction and Marge Berrios adjourned the meeting at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted



Nell Colbert
Secretary-Treasurer

Minutes approved _____

Nell Colbert, Secretary _____

Marge Berrios, President _____