

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

**December 10, 2013**

The December general meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112 was called to order at 7:06pm by President, Marge Berrios and opened according to ritual.

Members in attendance included:

Marge Berrios  
Nell Colbert  
Aunita Padgett

Debi Shannon  
Verna Darby, guest

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.

Marge asked everyone to introduce themselves for the benefit of our guest.

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

Nell Colbert gave the Treasurer's Report showing that we began the month with \$354.53, received income of \$241.69 and had expenses of \$117.52, leaving us with a closing balance of \$478.70 as of the end of the month. Nell reported that we received a \$350 donation from Post 112 to help with our Girls State expenses after December 1st and that we paid out \$10 to the Department of Agriculture and \$16.50 to the Department of Florida for Johanna Langis' dues 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: the Chamber newsletter and the Department of Agriculture application to renew our solicitors permit. Nell also reminded everyone that the most recent issue of the Department Communiqué has been posted to the Department website.

Nell Colbert attended the Post Executive Committee meeting by teleconference and reported that there was no business concerning the Auxiliary except for their discussion about making a donation to the Unit.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Marge called on the Committee Chairs to give their updates.

- **AEF:** Nell explained the AEF program to Verna and noted that all monies collected after the December meeting will be forwarded to Department before January 1<sup>st</sup>.

- **Community Service:** Aunita noted that she helped with the Regents Nursing Home last month and Marge noted that she continues with her church ministry. Everyone was encouraged to log their activities in our log book.
- **Education:** Nell reported that since our last meeting, we delivered the National Education Week food baskets to Eastbrook and Cheney Elementary Schools and that our Reading Rockets books have been delivered to the schools as well. Nell explained the Reading Rockets program to Verna.
- **Girls State:** Marge reconfirmed that the date for our selection committee meeting is Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 2pm at the Post. Marge will deliver the packets to the schools in early January. Marge explained the Girls State program and our selection process to Verna.
- **Leadership:** Nell noted that we have had no formal leadership segments during our meetings since the new Auxiliary year began on July 1<sup>st</sup> but noted that we have had informal training for our guests during several recent meetings.
- **Legislative:** Aunita encouraged everyone to continue to send emails to our legislators on topics of concern to our veterans. Nita also requested that everyone print out and bring to her the copies of any responses we receive.
- **Membership:** Nell reported that with the receipt of Johanna's dues, we are at 81% of our goal for this year.
- **National Security:** Marge explained our couponing project, noting that she continues to clip and mail coupons to the bases in Okinawa.
- **Past President's Parley:** Nell reported that Ted gave her \$200 to cover the expenses for the bingo holiday party at the VA on 12/13. Nell gave the cash to Aunita. Nita and Debi will do the shopping on 12/11.
- **Poppies:** Aunita reported that we did pretty well for our Veterans Day distribution. We received \$45.68 from the Winn Dixie booth, \$52 donation from Post 243 and \$6 from our collection tin in the Post hall for a total of \$103.68. The \$20.73 commission due the Department will be paid after this meeting.
- **Veterans Affairs and Rehab:** Marge reported that she, Nell and Debi made donations of personal hygiene articles on behalf of the Unit at the Department's Fall Conference. Nell reported that the first of our Veterans holiday gift baskets was delivered on November 23<sup>rd</sup> after the Post's Yard Sale.

**LEADERSHIP SEGMENT:** Mini leadership segments were done tonight throughout the meeting as our programs were explained to our visitor.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Fundraising – Debi reported that we received two \$25 gift cards from Winn Dixie, one \$100 gift card from Publix and another Publix \$20 gift card for our holiday gift baskets for Veterans in need project done for the Legion TFA program. Nell reported that we have not received any communication from the Rotary Club regarding our grant application. Debi reported that she and Nell need to get together to work on the Wal-Mart grant application.
- Reading Rockets – Nell reported that this project is now complete for 2013-2014.
- Post Holiday Party – Nell reminded everyone that reservations are due to Gerry Dress by tonight for the Post party on 12/20.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Nell reminded everyone that our mid-year reports are due by 12/15.

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 \_\_\_\_\_