

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

January 14, 2014

The January general meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112 was called to order at 7:02pm by Secretary-Treasurer, Nell Colbert and opened according to ritual.

Members in attendance included:

Nell Colbert

Aunita Padgett

Debi Shannon

Nell confirmed that we have a quorum for this meeting and noted that Lou's mother passed away and Marge is in New Jersey. 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 by 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 \$478.70, received income of \$350.03 and had expenses of \$10.00, leaving us with a closing balance of \$818.73 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. Aunita Padgett moved (seconded by Debi Shannon) that the Treasurer's Report be filed for audit. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert shared items of correspondence received this month including: the notice from the Department of FL regarding the passing of Department 1st Vice President, Lois McFall, January Goldenrod Chamber newsletter, our 2014 Solicitors permit and the notification that since the Department of Agriculture no longer has a fee for very small non-profits like ours, we need to file for a refund.

Nell Colbert reported that there was nothing of concern for us at this month's Post Executive Committee meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Nell called on the Committee Chairs to give their updates only for those committees with current activity this month.

- **AEF:** No report
- **Americanism:** Debi noted that the Americanism Essay contest is due to the Department by April 1st. The topic for this year is "How can I show my pride in being an American?"

- **Cavalcade of Memories:** No report
- **Children and Youth:** No report
- **Community Service:** No report
- **Constitution and By-Laws:** No report
- **Education:** Debi brought the backpacks from storage and gave them to Nell. Nell will deliver them to the two elementary schools this week along with the letters regarding the essay contest.
- **Girls State:** Debi reported that she has the letters for the schools ready to go and that she will get with Marge as soon as Marge returns home.
- **Juniors:** No report
- **Leadership:** No report
- **Legislative:** No report
- **Membership:** Nell reported that we have achieved the 70%+ goal deadline for 1/20/14.
- **National Security:** No report
- **Past President's Parley:** No report
- **Poppies:** There was a brief discussion about placing the order for our Memorial Day poppy booths by mid-February. It was suggested that we consider ordering 750 poppies.
- **Public Relations:** No report
- **Veterans Affairs and Rehab:** Nell reported that she delivered the Christmas holiday basket and that she handled the shopping for and delivery of a third basket that was funded by Post 112. The Post selected the recipient.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Fundraising – There was a brief discussion about other possible ways to raise funds for the Unit including:
 - Mother's Day basket
 - Father's Day basket
 - Garage sale
 - Sell small flags in conjunction with poppy booth
 - Face painting at garage sale
- Holiday party at the VA – Aunita reported that the party went very well and that everyone was happy. Aunita, Dick, Marge, Lou and Ted's wife represented the Unit.
- Valentine's Day party – Aunita reported that there are only a few ladies at the VA. It was suggested that we do Valentines for everyone. Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Aunita Padgett) that we purchase the Valentines. Motion carried. Nell volunteered to pick up the cards. However, after speaking with Ted, it was suggested that we NOT do Valentines cards without first checking with the VA to see if they would be welcomed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Calendar review – Nell encouraged everyone to look at the Unit calendar
 - 6th District bowling – 1/26
 - Post Exec Board meeting – 2/3

- Burgers and More – 2/8
- Unit meeting – 2/11

After everyone made their contributions to the AEF piggy bank, Debi Shannon offered the benediction and Nell Colbert adjourned the meeting at 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted



Nell Colbert
Secretary-Treasurer

Minutes approved _____

Nell Colbert, Secretary _____

Marge Berrios, President _____