

American Legion Auxiliary Winter Park Memorial Unit 112 General Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2014

The September general meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112 was called to order at 7:01pm by President, Marge Berrios and opened according to ritual.

Members in attendance included:

Marge Berrios

Nell Colbert

Debi Shannon

Kimberly Sullivan

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 opened the meeting by announcing the new Department process for receiving the annual Plans of Action; program chairs need to download them from the Department website rather than the Unit receiving hard copies to distribute. Marge also announced that the fee for Girls State for 2015 has been reduced to \$300 due to the efforts of the Department lobbyist in Tallahassee who has been able to get our housing cost reduced.

Nell Colbert reported that the minutes from the last several meetings 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 Kimberly Sullivan) that the minutes for June, July and August be approved as written. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert gave the Treasurer's Report's for the summer months noting that we had the usual expenses and income over the summer, ending August with a balance of \$1,651.33. 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 Kimberly Sullivan) that the Treasurer's Report be filed for audit. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert shared items of correspondence received this month including: a note from JoAnne Russell, the Four Chaplains flyer from the Post, the Fall Conference flyer, the Department of Revenue Tax Tips newsletter, the Chamber July Newsletter, the August and September Communiques, The June Department Convention booklet for our history book, programs from other Unit installations and a packet of information from VITAS about several patriotic activities available this year.

Nell Colbert reported that at the Post Executive Board meeting the Post approved a donation of \$300 for the Auxiliary for 2014-2015 and that we were thanked for supporting Christmas in July.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

There were no official committee reports but we did identify our chairs for 2014-2015 before beginning our planning conference.

Committee Chairs for this year will be:

- **AEF:** Nell Colbert
- **Americanism:** Marge Berrios and Nell Colbert
- **Cavalcade of Memories:** Aunita Padgett
- **Children and Youth:** Aunita Padgett and Nell Colbert
- **Community Service:** Marge Berrios and tentatively Christina Crowley

- **Constitution and By-Laws:** Nell Colbert
- **Education:** Debi Shannon and Nell Colbert
- **Girls State:** Debbi Shannon and Marge Berrios
- **Juniors: OPEN**
- **Leadership:** Kimberly Sullivan
- **Legislative:** Aunita Padgett
- **Membership:** Kimberly Sullivan and Nell Colbert
- **National Security:** Marge Berrios
- **Past President's Parley:** Aunita Padgett
- **Poppies:** Marge Berrios
- **Public Relations: OPEN**
- **Veterans Affairs and Rehab:** Debi Shannon

The next item of business was the review of the projects that we have traditionally done including:

Reading Rockets	Holiday party & Bingo at VAMC
Halloween coloring books	Americanism Essay Contest
Post Halloween party	Girls State
National Education Week platters	Easter Egg Hunt
School supply drive	Scholastic Achievement Awards
Poppy booths	Christmas in July
Poppy poster contest	Post Yard Sale
Veterans Holiday food baskets	

It was agreed that we will continue to do these projects for 2014-2015. Nell suggested adding participation in the Goldenrod Festival and Parade in October by having a Poppy distribution booth. Additional ideas will be considered as they are identified. Based on these ideas, Nell will produce a draft budget for our consideration at next month's meeting. Nell will also update the unit calendar once she can confirm dates with the Post and S.A.L.

Marge reminded everyone about the 6th District meeting on Saturday at Post 53 in Sanford and Nell reminded everyone about the Post's 9-11 Memorial Service on Thursday morning beginning at 8am. Nell also noted the 6th District ABC School on October 18th in Winter Garden.

After everyone made their contributions to the AEF piggy bank, Debi Shannon offered the benediction and Marge Berrios adjourned the meeting at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted



Nell Colbert
Secretary-Treasurer

Minutes approved _____

Nell Colbert, Secretary _____

Marge Berrios, President _____