

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

September 18, 2018

The September general meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112 was called to order at 7:05pm by President, Marge Berrios and opened according to ritual. This was our first meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of the month and was held in the main hall at Post 112.

Members in attendance included:

Marge Berrios

Cathy Diehl

Aunita Padgett

Nell Colbert

Mary Doyle

Debi Shannon

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.

Minutes from the last meeting were emailed to all members. Hard copies of the minutes were available at the meeting for review by those who had not received them via email. Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Cathy Diehl) that the minutes be approved as written. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert gave the Treasurer's Report and made hard copies available at the meeting for review. Cathy Diehl 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 paperwork from Department. Nell also reminded everyone that the most recent issue of the Department Communiqué has been posted to the Department website.

Nell Colbert reported on the Post Executive Committee meeting. The Post has established a Legion Family Work Day that will be held on the 4th Wednesday of each month from 10am-2pm. Lunch will be provided by the Post and all members of the Auxiliary, the SAL, and the Post are encouraged to assist whenever they are available. Nell also reported that the Sons Squadron has decided to move their meetings to the first Tuesday of each month, so they don't have to rush their meetings so that they are finished before the Post's E-Board meeting begins.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Marge noted that our mid-year reports will be due in early December and asked everyone to update their service hours in our service notebook. Marge then called on the Committee Chairs to give their updates if there was activity during the month.

- **AEF:** Nell reported that so far this year we've collected \$15.95 in AEF donations.
- **Cavalcade of Memories:** Aunita announced that with Dick's passing, she is no longer able to handle the Historian's duties; Marge will take on keeping up our scrapbook.
- **Children and Youth:** Nell reported that she spoke with the Principal at Eastbrook and rather than doing general food for their food pantry now, he would like to have

us hold up until November and then concentrate on foods families can use for their holiday dinners; items like canned yams, vegetables, mashed potatoes, etc.

- **Constitution and By-Laws:** Nell noted that we need to update our Standing Rules to reflect our new meeting night.
- **Leadership:** Debi presented the leadership segment for tonight's meeting that explained the meaning of the number 21 in the 21-gun salute given at funerals.
- **Membership:** Nell announced that we have been invited to have a membership table at Eastbrook Elementary's Veterans Day program on 11/9 where we could distribute Poppies and/or flags. Nell suggested that we present this opportunity to the Post and the SAL Squadron.
- **Poppies:** Cathy let us know that she checked with the Publix on University and found that they are booked through the end of the year and that they do not have a 2019 calendar available yet.
- **Veterans Affairs and Rehab:** Nell reported that in her conversation with Eastbrook's Principal, they discussed our holiday food basket project. In that we've had challenges getting Veteran family names from Department, Eastbrook would like to have our assistance as they have Veteran families who could benefit from receiving our baskets. The school indicated that they might also be able to provide another basket or two to go along with the ones we provide. Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Cathy Diehl) that we provide food baskets to needy Veteran/Active Duty families from Eastbrook rather than going through the TFA program. Motion carried. Nell suggested that we present this opportunity to the Post and the SAL Squadron.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 6th District Meeting Update – Marge reported that new items like back packs, belts, dress shirts, jeans, dress slacks, socks, t-shirts, and underwear are needed for the men at Lake Nona. The Lake Nona VA also needs small, sample size bottles of shampoos, conditioner, body wash, etc. The Lake Nona Fisher House is looking for holiday decorations – either new or used. We also learned of a speaker who could do a presentation for one of our meetings about “Empowering seniors to meet the challenges of aging.”
- Eastbrook Food Pantry – We agreed to set our shopping date at our October meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Standing Rules Update – Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Mary Doyle) that Nell be authorized to update our Standing Rules to reflect our new meeting night.
- Historic Documents Uncovered – Nell shared some very old (circa 1970-1975) unit documents that were found while doing some clean-up in the Legion office. The documents were old copies of annual reports filed by the unit. The documents were passed on to Marge, so they could be incorporated in our history books.
- 100% Membership Ribbon – Nell presented our 2018 100% membership ribbon that we received from Department for our flag.

Debi Shannon conducted our Memorial Service for Thelma Smith, who passed away at Thanksgiving time last year. Thelma was a very beloved member of our Unit who served

as our Vice President and was always there to assist with Poppy booths, and all the other activities we did like the Goldenrod Chamber's Fall Festival and Parade.

After everyone made their contributions to the AEF piggy bank, Debi Shannon offered the benediction and Marge Berrios adjourned the meeting at 8:01pm.

Respectfully submitted



Nell Colbert
Secretary-Treasurer

Minutes approved _____

Nell Colbert, Secretary _____

Marge Berrios, President _____