

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

**May 18, 2021**

The May 2021 general meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112 was called to order at 7pm by President, Marge Berrios. This meeting was a hybrid meeting with members in person and on Zoom. The meeting was also streamed live on our Facebook page. The meeting was opened according to ritual.

Members in attendance included:

Marge Berrios

Nell Colbert

Terry Berrios via Zoom

Debi Shannon – via Zoom

Guests in attendance were:

Jim Middlekauff, Post 112 Commander, via Zoom

Bob Colbert, Post 112 Adjutant, in person

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.

The minutes from the last meeting were emailed to all members. Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Terry Berrios) that the minutes be approved as written. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert gave the Treasurer's Report. Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Terry Berrios) that the Treasurer's Report be filed for audit. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert shared items of correspondence received this month including:

- Department *Mail Call* newsletter
- Unit membership Credit Report – now being send via email
- Call to Convention downloaded from Department website

Jim Middlekauff and Bob Colbert reported on the Post Executive Committee meeting:

- New flooring in the main hall will be installed this week.
- The Post's Memorial Day service will be held on 5/31 beginning at 10am. Jim thanked the Auxiliary for their help with decorations and reading the poem "In Flanders Field" during the service.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Marge called on the Committee Chairs to give their updates if there was activity during the month. Marge reminded everyone to send in their written service hour logs.

- **Americanism:** The essay contest certificates were signed by Marge tonight and Nell will deliver the certificates and medals to the schools' tomorrow. We had five schools participate.
- **Constitution and By-Laws:** We have some cosmetic changes that need to be made to our governing documents like changing "wives" to "spouses" in the membership area, fixing the Preamble wording to reflect "All" wars rather than "great" wars, and adjusting the eligibility period. Nell will update the documents and email them out so they can be approved and submitted for approval after the Department convention in July.

- **Education:** The Scholastic Achievement certificates were signed by Marge tonight and Nell will deliver the certificates and medals to the schools' tomorrow. We had eight schools send us student names for this award.
- **Girls State:** Our alternate was picked up as a delegate by a unit in the Tampa area and she is ready to go.
- **Membership:** We are still at 100% membership but could use additional members.
- **Poppies:** We will have two Poppy booths on Memorial Day. Madelda will be participating in the Post 243 Memorial Day program to represent our Auxiliary Unit and will be distributing Poppies in Oviedo at their ceremony as well as reading the poem "in Flanders Field" as part of their program; Marge and Nell will be participating in the Post 112 Memorial Day service and will have Poppies at Post 112 as well.
- **Public Relations:** We added streaming our meeting to Facebook as another means of promoting our unit.

### **LEADERSHIP SEGMENT:**

Since Poppies are always distributed at Memorial Day, Debi presented information on why the Auxiliary distributes Poppies at Memorial Day and why the poem "In Flanders Field" is associated with Poppies.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Nominating Committee Report – The Nominating Committee met after last month's meeting. All nominees have agreed to serve in the positions for which they are nominated should they be elected. The proposed slate of officers for 2021-2022 is:
  - President – Marge Berrios
  - Vice President – Cathy Diehl
  - Secretary-Treasurer – Nell Colbert
  - Chaplain – Debi Shannon
  - Historian – Terry Berrios
  - Sgt at Arms – Madelda Thompson

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Election of Officers – Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Terry Berrios) that the slate presented be elected by acclamation. Motion carried. Congratulations to our new officers for next year.
- Constitutional Conference Report – Marge gave the update, noting that we were the subject of a resolution that passed unanimously naming Unit 112 as the Unit with the highest attendance at the Constitutional Conference; we had four members attend. Paula Fox was elected as our 6<sup>th</sup> District President for 2021-2022 and she encouraged all members to attend ABC Schools and the Schools of Instruction when they are held in the fall. There was a lot of emphasis placed on filing the mid-year and year-end reports as well as following the proper chain of command.
- Convention registration – The cost for delegates and alternates for this year's convention has doubled; it is now \$10 per person. Marge suggested that if someone volunteers to attend as either a delegate or alternate and later "no-shows", they should reimburse the Unit for the convention registration fees paid on their behalf by the Unit. There was no formal motion, but everyone present agreed. We will elect delegates next month; tentatively, Marge and Nell will go as delegates and Debi and possibly Cathy will go as alternates.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS:**

- Cathy Diehl had emergency surgery today; please keep her in your prayers. Her sister, Debby, sent an email indicating that the surgery went well, and that Cathy should be home in a few days.
- Please remember the Post 112 Memorial Day service on 5/31 beginning at 10am. Please come held with decorations if possible.

Debi Shannon offered the benediction and Marge Berrios adjourned the meeting at 7:33pm.

Respectfully submitted



Nell Colbert  
Secretary-Treasurer

Minutes approved \_\_\_\_\_

Nell Colbert, Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Marge Berrios, President \_\_\_\_\_