

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

November 19, 2019

The November 2019 general meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112 was called to order at 7:04pm by President, Marge Berrios. We did not open the meeting according to ritual due to the light attendance.

Members in attendance included:

Marge Berrios

Cathy Diehl

Nell Colbert

Debi Shannon (by phone)

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. 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:

- Girls State paperwork from Department
- MCR for July-October – zero balance
- Email to Marge from the 6th District announcing a change in location for the 12/7 District meeting and a reminder that mid-year reports are due by 12/1
- Email to Marge from Seminole County Public Schools pushing Girls State.

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:

- Post Family holiday party is 12/20/19 at Perkins on University. Please RSVP to Bob Colbert, Post Adjutant, with the number in your party. There will also be an optional gift exchange. If you want to participate, please bring a wrapped generic gift that could be appreciated by either a man or woman valued between \$15 and \$20.
- The SAL breakfasts will begin again on 11/30. They would like to have Auxiliary members assist. The food is being ordered from Perkins so we would assist with set up, serving, and clean-up. Marge, Cathy, and Nell will help for November.
- The new sign for the Post is coming from Media One.
- The Four Chaplains Ceremony will be held on 2/1 beginning at 11am. As usual, the Auxiliary will have a part in the service.
- Shopping for the Post's Angel Tree family will be done on 11/26 beginning at 10am at Target on University Blvd.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Marge called on the Committee Chairs to give their updates if there was activity during the month. The service hour log book was passed around and Marge reminded everyone to keep track of their hours.

- **AEF:**
- **Americanism: We handed out small flags to all the Veterans at the Eastbrook Veterans Day program.**
- **Cavalcade of Memories:**
- **Community Service:**
- **Constitution & By-Laws:** Nell noted that with the membership eligibility changes and the change to the Preamble, we will need to update our documents again later this year to keep them in compliance with the Department and National documents.
- **Education:** Nell noted that we sent a \$250 check to a teacher participating in the Scholastic Books "Books for Students" project. The check will provide one book per month for all the students in her classroom for the 2019-2020 school year.
- **Girls State:** Marge noted that she has now received a second call from a girl interested in attending Girls State.
- **Leadership:** Debi made a brief presentation on how to handle PTSD. Debi has an article she found on Facebook that she will send to Nell to email out to everyone.
- **Legislative:**
- **Membership:** Nell reported that we currently have 19 paid members for 2020 (87% of our goal.) Nell also noted that we handed out membership information for the entire Legion family to all the Veteran families attending the Eastbrook Veterans Day program. Marge also had membership information available at Great Day in the Park.
- **National Security:**
- **Past Presidents Parley:**
- **Poppies:** Marge reported that we gave out Poppies to all the Veteran families at Eastbrook and that she had a booth at Oviedo's Great Day in the Park event to distribute Poppies.
- **Public Relations:** Nell reported that she has filed our application for the Rotary grant.
- **VA & R:** Marge, Cathy, and Nell reported on the Veterans Day program at Eastbrook, the homeless female Veterans project and the Eastbrook Thanksgiving food pantry project.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Fall Conference update – Nell and Marge both agreed that this one was the best one they've attended over the last 10 years. There were lots of great speakers on Saturday and all the classes on Friday were informative. The never-ending District President's and Department Chair reports were missing but not missed this year! Of importance, there is a change in the wording to the Auxiliary Preamble that was approved at the national meeting since the membership eligibility has changed for the Legion. Instead of "great wars", the phrase will read "all wars."

NEW BUSINESS:

- It was agreed that we will meet at Target to help the Post with their Angel Tree shopping and then we will immediately proceed to Costco and Publix to shop for our holiday Veteran food baskets.
- The 6th District meeting is 12/7 at Post 53 in Sanford beginning at 9am (registration opens at 8:30am.)
- Possible speakers for Unit meetings – Nell suggested that beginning after the holidays, we have speakers come to our meetings once a quarter. If we can get them scheduled in time, we can promote the speakers in the Legion family newsletter. Marge reported on a great speaker that presented materials on CBD oil and medical marijuana at the Post 243 meeting recently. Marge will try to get them scheduled for our February meeting so the info can go in the Jan-Feb Post newsletter. Nell reported on another great speaker possibility whose topic is guardianships and how they work and will try to schedule for our April meeting.
- Our December 17th meeting – It was agreed that we will hold our regular meeting but will dispense with most of the regular business items so we can share some snacks and enjoy great holiday fellowship. If you have a favorite holiday snack that you would like to share, please bring it.
- Girls State interviews – We will hold our interviews on the last Sunday in February 2020 (2/23) beginning at 2pm. We need to arrive by 1pm for set up and the girls will arrive by 2pm. Debi will update the letter that is delivered to the schools and will send it to Nell and Marge. Nell will try to solicit candidates from Lake Highland Prep since they are not being served by other units.

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 _____