

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

March 14, 2017

The March general meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112 was called to order at 7:13pm by President, Marge Berrios and opened according to ritual.

Members in attendance included:

Marge Berrios	Aunita Padgett	Thelma Smith
Nell Colbert	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.

Nell Colbert noted that 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. Since we did not have a quorum at the February meeting, minutes from both January and February were discussed. Aunita Padgett moved (seconded by Debi Shannon) that the minutes from both January and February be approved as written. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert gave the Treasurer's Report and made hard copies available at the meeting for review. Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Aunita Padgett) that the Treasurer's Reports from January and February be filed for audit. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert shared items of correspondence received this month including the most recent issue of *The Navigator* Department Communiqué. Items of interest were given to Aunita for inclusion in our scrapbook.

Nell Colbert reported on the Post Executive Committee meeting. Vice Commander Gerry Dress' health continues to improve but he probably won't be back at the Post on a regular basis for a very long time if at all. The Arts and Crafts Yard Sale scheduled for last weekend was cancelled; the monthly breakfasts will continue as planned with S.A.L. member Charles Coleman at the helm. The FRA meeting held at the Post on May 20th will feature a speaker from the Crime Prevention Task Force; everyone is invited to attend the meeting which begins at 9am.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Marge called on the Committee Chairs to give their updates.

- **Americanism:** Nell reported that we received essays from the 4th and 5th grade classes at Eastbrook. The essays were judged after the Girls State selection at the end of February and Nell sent the winning essays to Department.
- **Cavalcade of Memories:**
- **Children and Youth:** Nell reported that she and Marge shopped for the Eastbrook food pantry and delivered about \$350 worth of food to the school. The school was most appreciative. Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Thelma Smith) that we include this project in our budget for 2017-2018 so that we can send food twice each year. Motion carried.

- **Education:** Nell noted that she will be delivering the Scholastic Achievement letters to the elementary schools asking for them to name their recipients of our Scholastic Achievement medals.
- **Girls State:** Marge and Debi reported on the selection committee meeting noting that both our delegate and our alternate have completed their on-line registration. Marge has contacted department about placing our third candidate with another Unit. Marge noted that she will not be able to attend the orientation this year.
- **Leadership:** Debi asked that if anyone uses Amazon, that they sign up for Amazon Smile and pick the Auxiliary as our charity of choice. National receives 0.5% of all sales through Amazon Smile from registered users.
- **Membership:** Nell reported that we are now at 100% of our goal but we still have a few members who have not yet paid for 2017. These ladies will be dropped from our roster in December.
- **Poppies:** Aunita reported that she has booked the Px for 5/27 from 9am – 3pm. Nell reported that we received our usual order for 200 Poppies from Raytheon and marge indicated that she will check with Post 243 to see if they will support us again this year.
- **Public Relations:** Nell noted that even though we do not have an official PR chair, we do have activity in this program area in that we have our website, one Facebook fan page, one Facebook group page, our Twitter account, our participation in the Goldenrod Chamber, and our presentations each year at the Orange County East – Winter Park Rotary. These items need to be included in our annual report.
- **Veterans Affairs and Rehab:**

NEW BUSINESS:

- Ear phones for Aloma Elementary – Nell explained that Aloma Elementary has requested that we provide them with 100 sets of headphones for their second-grade class in lieu of supporting a food pantry. Since Aloma gets food from Second harvest, they do not have a food pantry per se' and do not plan to start one. Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Thelma Smith) that we conduct a fact-finding trip to various dollar stores to research cost; if we can get headphones for \$1 each, we should purchase the requested 100 headphones. Motion carried.
- Nominating Committee – Thelma, Nell, Debi, and Aunita were elected to serve on this year's Nominating Committee. Because the Department Convention falls later this year, we can hold our elections as late as our June meeting. The plan is for the Nominating Committee to meet before (or after) the April meeting so that our proposed slate can be announced in the May-June Post newsletter.

REMINDERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Marge reminded everyone about the 6th District meeting at Lady Lake Post 347 this Saturday. Registration begins at 9am and the meeting begins at 9:30am. Nell noted that she will not be able to attend due to her son's wedding on the 19th.
- Marge announced that she will be out of town for our April meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted



Nell Colbert
Secretary-Treasurer

Minutes approved _____

Nell Colbert, Secretary _____

Marge Berrios, President _____