

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

**November 14, 2017**

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

Members in attendance included:

Marge Berrios

Cathy Diehl

Nell Colbert

Debi Shannon – by phone

Guests in attendance:

Carol Udell, 6<sup>th</sup> District President

Mary Lanoce

Nell confirmed that we have a quorum for this meeting and Marge was granted permission to deviate from the printed agenda. Marge introduced our honored guests, Carol, and Mary.

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. Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Cathy Diehl) that the minutes be approved as written. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert gave the Finance 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:

- Tax Tips from the FL Department of Revenue
- Forms for applying for Girls State delegates
- Letter from FL Department of Agriculture regarding the need to renew our Solicitors Permit

Nell also reminded everyone that the most recent issue of *The Kaleidoscope* Department Communiqué has been posted to the Department website.

Nell Colbert reported on the Post Executive Committee meeting:

- Four Chaplains Service is 2/3/18 at 2pm
- The Legion Family Christmas party is 12/8 at Perkins beginning at 6:30pm; RSVP's are needed by 12/1.
- The Orlando Marathon is 11/11; Auxiliary support was not requested.
- Post got a \$25,000 donation. They will be replacing the sign that faces Goldenrod Road, adding security cameras to the building, and possibly replace the roof.
- The pancake breakfasts for November and December may need to be cancelled as they fall during the holidays and most regular volunteers are not available.

- We have been asked by the Post to remove the collection basket for the food pantry as well as the boxes that collect soda can pull tabs, manufacturers coupons, soup can labels, and Box Tops for Education.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Marge called on the Committee Chairs to give their updates.

- **Americanism:** Marge will deliver the information about our Americanism Essay contest to our high schools in January and Nell will deliver the same information to the elementary schools also in early January. Essays will be due back to us in mid-February so that we can judge the entries after our Girls State selection meeting.
- **Children and Youth:** Nell and Marge did the grocery shopping for the Eastbrook Food Pantry and delivered almost \$500 in non-perishable food items to the school this month.
- **Community Service:** Since we won't have collection boxes inside the Post hall for soda can pull tabs, Nell will include a note in our article in the next Legion newsletter so that those who have been dropping off the pull tabs will know to bring them to the monthly meetings and give them to an Auxiliary member.
- **Constitution and By-Laws:** Nell passed our revised documents to Pat Devine, Department Chair, during the fall conference. We are waiting for the final approval.
- **Education:** Nell shopped for and delivered our annual breakfast goody baskets to our three elementary schools today for national Education Week. Since we won't have collection boxes inside the Post hall for Campbells Soup Can labels and Box Tops for Education, Nell will include a note in our article in the next Legion newsletter so that those who have been dropping off the Box Tops and soup can labels will know to bring them to the monthly meetings and give them to an Auxiliary member.
- **Girls State:** Marge reported that Girls State will take place June 6-14; orientations are set for 4/29/18 at Post 347 beginning at 1pm or 5/5/18 at Post 286 beginning at 1pm. Nell will send in the check for our delegate and Marge will deliver the paperwork to the schools in early January.
- **Membership:** Nell reported that we are currently at 86%; we need three more paid members to reach our 100% goal of 22 members. Cathy Diehl will become our newest member, bringing us to 91%. Thelma is making calls to members who have not paid for 2018 yet.
- **National Security:** Since we won't have collection boxes inside the Post hall for coupons, Nell will include a note in our article in the next Legion newsletter so that those who have been dropping off coupons will know to bring them to the monthly meetings and give them to an Auxiliary member.
- **Poppies:** Aunita broke her arm and wrist so we did not have the Poppy booth at the Px but we got a \$50 donation from Post 243. Nell was allowed to place a Poppy bucket at Seacoast Bank last week and while there were some donations, we did not receive much money.
- **Veterans Affairs and Rehab:** Nell will be contacting the Department TFA office to get the names of Veteran families who could benefit from getting one of our Holiday Food Baskets. The Post has budgeted for a basket so we will again be shopping for the food for their basket.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Fall Conference update – Marge gave an update.
- 6<sup>th</sup> District Update – Marge turned the meeting over to Carol who was in attendance for her official unit visit where she verified that our Unit is compliant with Department requirements. Carol also presented our Unit with two membership awards since we met the first two goals. Carol also emphasized the importance of reporting our activities and shared information about the new Impact forms that national wants all Unit members to complete. Carol would also like to get the names of any female veterans in our Post so that they can be invited to the Unit 347 annual Female Veterans Luncheon that will be held on March 5<sup>th</sup> beginning at 12noon. The female Veterans are free and for anyone else who would like to attend, the cost is \$5 per person. Carol also shared some important district dates

After everyone made their contributions to the AEF piggy bank, Debi Shannon offered the benediction and Marge Berrios adjourned the meeting at 7:55pm.

Respectfully submitted



Nell Colbert  
Secretary-Treasurer

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

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

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