

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

April 12, 2016

The April general meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112 was called to order at 7:07pm by President, Marge Berrios and opened according to ritual. We welcomed 6th District President, Charlotte Bass, candidate for 6th District President for 2017, Carol Pirone-Udell from Unit 347, and Department Secretary Kimberly Sullivan as our guests.

Members in attendance included:

Marge Berrios

Aunita Padgett

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.

Charlotte reported that voting strength will be mailed from Department on 4/21 but we will not have our May meeting in order to elect delegates for the District Constitutional Conference that will be held on May 7th.

Carol introduced herself as a candidate for District President since Charlotte is now at the end of her term and not able to run again per the Department Constitution. Carol asked for our support in the upcoming election.

Nell Colbert reported that the minutes from the last meeting were emailed to all members. Nell had hard copies of the minutes available at the meeting for review by those who had not received them via email. Since we did not have a quorum for the March meeting, Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Aunita Padgett) that the minutes from both the February and March meetings be approved as written. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert gave the Treasurer's Report and reported that the Treasurer's Report was emailed to all members. Nell also made hard copies available at the meeting for review by those who had not received the Treasurer's Report via email. Since we did not have a quorum for the March meeting, Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Aunita Padgett) that the Treasurer's Reports for both March and April be filed for audit. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert shared items of correspondence received this month.

Nell Colbert reported that there was no April Post Executive Committee meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Marge called on the Committee Chairs to give their updates.

- **AEF:** Nell will be mailing a check to Department after this meeting for our 2016 contribution.
- **Americanism:** Marge reported that she participated in the flag retirement held at Post 243. About 30 flags collected by the Post 112 family were delivered to Oviedo for the ceremony. Nell reported that we received 20 essays from the 5th grade classes at Cheney Elementary, one of which was submitted to Department as our entry. Nell shared all the essays with the members. Nell suggested that since there

were two essays that were very close that we should award essay medals to both the 1st and 2nd place writers. Marge and Aunita reported that they will again be placing flags in the cemeteries for Memorial Day and Nell reminded everyone about the Post's Memorial Day service on 5/29.

- **Education:** Nell reported that she has dates for the 5th grade awards ceremonies for two of the three elementary schools. The only school that has not responded yet is Aloma; Nell will follow up to get the date.
- **Girls State:** Marge confirmed that the Girls State orientations are on 5/14 at Pinecastle and 5/22 at Lady Lake. Debi and Marge plan to attend the orientation that our delegates will attend.
- **Legislative:** Aunita reminded everyone to continue to contact our legislators and send to her any correspondence received.
- **Membership:** Nell reported that we have 16 paid to date but that we need 25 to achieve 100%. Nell has contacted the four members left to pay for 2016. She's had no acknowledgement from 3 but one explained that she and her husband have had some major medical issues. Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Aunita Padgett) that the unit pay the national and Department portions of this members' dues so that her membership does not lapse. Motion carried.
- **Poppies:** Aunita announced that we are all set for our booth at the Px on 5/21 and Marge noted that she will handle a booth at Oviedo in the Park on 5/30. If anyone is available to help, please contact Marge and/or Aunita.

LEADERSHIP SEGMENT: For our Leadership segment, Debi led a discussion about how to get not just our inactive members involved in our activities but also how to recruit eligible younger women involved. An item shared with Charlotte, Carol, and Kimberly to pass up the chain all the way to national is the need to get out of the "we've always done it this way" syndrome.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Nominating Committee – Marge, Nell, Debi, and Aunita served as our Nominating Committee and offered the following slate:
 - President – Marge Berrios
 - Vice President – open
 - Secretary-Treasurer – Nell Colbert
 - Chaplain – Debi Shannon
 - Historian – Aunita Padgett
 - Sgt at Arms - open
- Yard Sale – Nell reported that while the day was beautiful and we were able to debut our new banner, the Yard and Craft Sale was a bust; only three vendors showed up. The Unit made \$1.00 from the yard sale items.
- Easter Egg Hunt – Nell reported that there were quite a few children in attendance and everyone had fun.
- District Picnic – Charlotte noted that the picnic brought in about \$2,000 for Girls State/Boys State transportation.
- Bowling Tournament – Charlotte noted that the bowling tournament made about \$180.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Nell and Marge were elected to serve as our delegates to the Constitutional Conference.
- Kimberly reported that the Call to Convention is now on-line and that hard copies have been mailed to 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 _____