

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

December 13, 2016

The December general meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112 was called to order at 7:05pm by President, Marge Berrios and opened according to ritual.

Members in attendance included:

Marge Berrios

Debi Shannon

Nell Colbert

Thelma Smith

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 reported that the minutes from the last meeting were emailed to all members. The minutes were also posted on the Unit's YahooGroups site. Nell had hard copies of the minutes available at the meeting for review by those who had not received them via email. Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Thelma Smith) that the minutes 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 and was posted on the YahooGroups site. Nell also made hard copies available at the meeting for review by those who had not received the Treasurer's Report via email. Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Thelma Smith) that the Treasurer's Report be filed for audit. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert shared items of correspondence received this month including two thank you notes and the catalog from Emblem Sales.

Nell Colbert reported on the Post Executive Committee meeting noting that the Legion family holiday party will be held at Perkins on Thursday, December 15th beginning at 7pm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Marge reported that she sent in a few mid-year reports. Those present reported on their programs:

- **Americanism:** It was noted that the topic for the Americanism Essay contest was incorrect in the Unit Guide. The information has now been corrected on-line and needs to be downloaded before we solicit essays from the schools.
- **Children and Youth:** Nell reported that she spoke with the three elementary schools and they would welcome our assistance with both their food pantries and our proposed project to supply new under garments for students who need them.
- **Constitution and By-Laws:** Nell noted that our recent revision was returned to us for further revisions. Apparently some of the information presented last year was inaccurate; things that we were told needed to be moved to Standing Rules should have remained in the By-Laws. Nell will work on the needed revisions and present when completed.

- **Education:** Nell has not yet been able to look on-line for books for Reading Rockets.
- **Girls State:** Marge gave Nell the form for Girls State and asked that a check be sent to Department so we can send one delegate in 2017.
- **Membership:** Nell reported that we have 15 members paid to date, outing us at 71.43% of our goal of 21.
- **Veterans Affairs and Rehab:** So far, we have only received three names from the Legion Department of Florida for our baskets. Nell and Marge will do the shopping on Thursday, December 15th so the baskets can be delivered the week of 12/19. Since we will not use all of our budget funds for this year's project, it was agreed that the unused funds can be shifted over to our new project of supporting the food banks at the elementary schools.

OLD BUSINESS:

- School Supply Drive – It was agreed that Nell, Debi, and Marge will meet on Thursday, January 5th at 1pm to shop for school supplies and food for the school pantries.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Nell gave an update on the 6th District meeting held in Mt. Dora. Of note, Lois Stachelrod's husband, Rene, passed away and a memorial service will be held at Department headquarters in late January; our 6th District Chaplain has been replaced and Lois will fill out the rest of the year.

After everyone made their contributions to the AEF piggy bank, Debi Shannon offered the benediction and Marge Berrios adjourned the meeting at 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted



Nell Colbert
Secretary-Treasurer

Minutes approved _____

Nell Colbert, Secretary _____

Marge Berrios, President _____