

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

February 9, 2016

The February general meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112 was called to order at 7:14pm by President, Marge Berrios. It was agreed that we would dispense with the formal opening.

Members in attendance included:

Marge Berrios
Nell Colbert
Aunita Padgett

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 and placed on our unit website. Nell had hard copies of the minutes available at the meeting for review by those who had not received them via email. Aunita Padgett moved (seconded by Marge Berrios) that the minutes be approved as written. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert shared the bank statement and apologized for not having the official Treasurers Report ready to present. Discussion on and approval to file for audit was tabled until the March meeting.

Nell Colbert shared items of correspondence received this month including: the letter from the Rotary Club notifying us that we have been approved for funding for 2016, the form from Department confirming our dues for 2017, the form for our 2017 officers once they are elected, and a confidential letter from President Pearl that was passed on to Marge. Nell also reminded everyone that the most recent issue of *The Family Tree* Department Communiqué has been posted to the Department website.

Nell Colbert reported on the Post Executive Committee meeting, noting that there are a few dates for Post activities that were shared:

- 3/12 Yard Sale
- 3/19 Legion birthday open house
- 3/26 Easter Egg Hunt

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Marge called on the Committee Chairs to give their updates if there was any activity this past month.

- **Education:** Nell noted that the essay contest paperwork was delivered to all three elementary schools along with the Scholastic Achievement Award paperwork.
- **Girls State:** Marge confirmed that we only have one candidate as of this date. She will be calling the schools again. Marge noted that almost all of the schools lost the

paperwork that was delivered in November so she had to take the info to them a second time.

- **Membership:** Nell announced that Christine Costello has joined the unit. We also processed one 2016 renewal this month. The next goal is 75% by 2/15 but we won't make it since we only have 15 paid members. Our goal for the year is 25 and we only have 4 left to renew.

OLD BUSINESS:

- There was a discussion regarding the motion that was passed last month about making a donation to Post 55 to help them rebuild. It was felt that since we must rely on donations from our Post, the Rotary Club, and our Poppy donations to fund our programs, we should not be donating money to other organizations. It was noted that Post 112 is not making a donation to Post 55. Aunita Padgett moved (seconded by Marge Berrios) that after further consideration, the motion passed at the January meeting to make a donation to Post 55 should be rescinded. Motion carried. Nell was directed to not mail the check and void it out.

NEW BUSINESS:

- There was a discussion about recognizing the two Posts that support us financially each year, Post 112 and Post 243, by presenting them with a plaque. Marge showed a possible plaque from Emblem Sales. Aunita Padgett moved (seconded by Marge Berrios) that the Unit purchase two plaques from Emblem Sales. Motion carried. Marge will handle ordering the plaques.
- There was a discussion about purchasing a small banner that the Unit can use when we have display booths in the community like at the Goldenrod Fall Festival. Nell noted that we can get a nice banner from United Trophy for about \$50-\$60. Aunita Padgett moved (seconded by Marge Berrios) that the Unit order the United Trophy banner. Motion carried. Nell will place the order.

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

Respectfully submitted



Nell Colbert
Secretary-Treasurer

Minutes approved _____

Nell Colbert, Secretary _____

Marge Berrios, President _____