

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

September 13, 2016

The September general meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112 was called to order at 7:05pm by President, Marge Berrios. It was agreed to forego the usual opening ritual and Marge was granted permission to deviate from the printed agenda should the need arise. Nell confirmed that we have a quorum for this meeting.

Members in attendance included:

Marge Berrios

Nell Colbert

Debi Shannon by phone

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. Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Marge Berrios) 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. Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Marge Berrios) that the Treasurer's Report be filed for audit. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert noted that we received no correspondence this month other than the monthly Department Communiqué that has also been posted to the Department website.

Nell Colbert reported on the Post Executive Committee meeting noting that the 2nd annual Legion Family Membership BBQ will be held on 10/8 at the Post. The Post's November Executive Board meeting will be held on 10/31 and there will be NO Halloween children's activity this year due to the poor turn out the last several years. The Post's 5K run will be held on 11/12 and all volunteers need to be at the Post by 5:30am. The Post is targeting for 12/16 for the Legion Family Christmas party. The party will be held at Perkins beginning at 7pm; everyone will order off the menu and pay their own checks. The Post is getting quotes to replace the air conditioner.

In that this meeting was to be our planning conference and in that Marge did not receive the Program Action Plans until just before tonight's meeting, Nell Colbert moved (seconded by Debi Shannon) that we delay our planning conference until next month in order to give Marge time to review the plans. Motion carried.

There were no committee reports given as there had been no activity over the last month.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 6th District Meeting Update – Nell reported on the 6th District meeting and shared information about a resolution pertaining to transferring members passed at the national meeting. Nell noted that anyone wanting to stay at the hotel during the Fall Conference should make their reservations now, before the room block fills up. Nancy Troxell is the new VA Rep for Lake Nona. Nancy is looking for units to host events like Bingo parties, ice cream socials, etc. for the residents. The Department Finance Chairman shared that the Department is now taking resumes

for anyone interested in applying for either of the two open positions. There was also an update on the sentencing date for our former Department Secretary, Robin Briere.

- Reading Rockets - Noting that the closest Books-A-Million is now in Sanford since the Casselberry store closed a few months ago, it was suggested that we see if we can order what we need on-line and have it delivered to our PO Box.
- Homeless Student Project - There was a brief discussion regarding a project idea suggested by another Auxiliary Unit to aid our schools with homeless students. One Unit delivers items like socks, underwear, t-shirts, and shoes to the schools for their homeless students. Other Units periodically restock the food pantries at the schools. Nell will call our three elementary schools to see if these items would be helpful.
- Signature stamps – Nell reported that our Post uses signature stamps to facilitate getting checks out in a timely manner when a check must be cut locally rather than having the bank send out the check. The Post always has one “live” signature and one stamped signature when the need arises. Nell noted that the use of the signature stamp would allow us to make our payments while not having any checks pre-signed each month, a practice that is not recommended. Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Marge Berrios) that we get signature stamps made for our three signers. Motion carried.

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 _____