

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

April 19, 2022

The April 2022 general meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112 was called to order at 7:03pm by President, Marge Berrios. The meeting was opened according to ritual.

Members in attendance included:

Marge Berrios  
Terry Berrios

Nell Colbert  
Debi Shannon

Guests in attendance were:

Paula Fox, 6<sup>th</sup> District President

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.

Marge introduced our guest, Paula Fox, to the group, noting that Paula was in attendance to conduct her required annual visit where she would inspect several documents that every Unit is required to have. Nell shared her Zoom screen so that Paula could see our IRS 990 acceptance, our State Corporate Report acceptance, our Solicitors Permit, our Florida Tax Exempt certificate, and our updated Constitution and By-Laws. Everything was in order.

The minutes from the last meeting were emailed to all members. Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Terry Berrios) that the minutes be approved as written. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert gave the Treasurer's Report. Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Terry Berrios) that the Treasurer's Report be filed for audit. Motion carried. Nell noted that we have received notification from Orange County East Rotary that our grant application for this year will be funded as requested.

Nell Colbert shared items of correspondence received this month including:

- Department *Conch Charter* newsletter
- Unit membership Credit Report showing a zero balance
- Tax Exempt notification from Emblem Sales for when we place orders online
- Constitutional Conference voting strength and delegate sheet
- Unit Officers and Committee Chairman's list due to department before convention

Nell explained that the Post did not meet last week; their meeting is being held at the Post and on Zoom tonight. There was no Post E-Board meeting tonight.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Marge called on the Committee Chairs to give their updates if there was activity during the month. Marge reminded everyone to send in their written service hour logs.

- **AEF:** No collection currently due to no in-person meetings
- **Americanism:** Our Americanism Essay contest entries have been received by the Department Chair and Nell is preparing the certificates and medals for our winners.
- **Children and Youth:** Debi and Dyke participated in the Child Welfare Find fundraiser golf tournament last weekend. Debi will send Nell some information for the Post newsletter.
- **Community Service:** Terry is registered to participate in several 5K races to raise funds for various organizations. Her upcoming race on 4/23 will benefit families affected by 9/11.
- **Education:** Teacher Appreciation Week is coming in May. Nell will shop for the goodies and deliver to Eastbrook during the week of May 2<sup>nd</sup>. We are also beginning to receive the recipient names for our Scholastic Achievement awards.

- **Girls State:** Our second alternate is waiting to be picked up. Paula will encourage Department to make her a priority because her family only has one car and if they wait until all the girls get checked in at the school, our alternates parents will not be able to get her to Tallahassee.
- **Leadership:** Debi gave a brief presentation about the Child Welfare Fund and where the money goes.
- **Membership:** We still need one member to renew to get to 100% or we need to recruit another new member as quickly as possible.
- **National Security:** Marge clipped more than \$4,000 in coupons last year. Please get the coupon booklets from the newspaper to Marge so she can clip the coupons, or you can clip the coupons and send them to Marge.
- **Poppies:** Our Poppy order for Memorial Day has arrived. Marge is working with Brenda to get our booths arranged. If you can assist with manning a booth at one of the Tijuanna Flats stores, please let Marge know.
- **Public Relations:** Nell will arrange with the Rotary Club to do our presentation and pick up the grant check.
- **VA & R:** Nothing is in the works until the fall.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Nominating Committee report:** Our slate for 2022-2023 is as follows:
  - President – Marge Berrios
  - Vice President – Terry Berrios
  - Secretary-Treasurer – Nell Colbert
  - Chaplain – Debi Shannon
  - Historian – Madelda Thompson
  - Sgt-at-Arms – Brenda Brown

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Teacher Appreciation Week:** The week of May 2<sup>nd</sup> is the National Teacher Appreciation Week. We will deliver breakfast goodies to Eastbrook during that week.
- **School Medals:** Nell noted that while we have names from three schools, we only have dates from two and both of those schools (Dommerich and Lakemont) are set for May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9am. The third school for which we have names is Cheney, but they have not selected a date yet. Nell will send a reminder to the schools for whom we are missing information.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS:**

Marge reminded everyone to send their service hours to both herself and to Nell as we are now into the 2022-2023 program year for reporting purposes.

Debi Shannon offered the benediction and Marge Berrios adjourned the meeting at 7:35pm.

Respectfully submitted



Nell Colbert  
Secretary-Treasurer

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

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

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