

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

June 21, 2022

The June 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:

Bob Colbert, Post 112 Adjutant

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.

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 Marge Berrios) that the Treasurer's Report be filed for audit. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert shared items of correspondence received this month including:

- Department *Conch Charter* newsletter
- Unit membership Credit Report showing a \$14.50 credit
- Marge shared that she had received letters from our Girls State delegate

Bob Colbert reported on the Post Executive Committee meeting:

- The Post budget for 2022-2023 was approved at their June meeting
- The Legion Family installation has been confirmed for July 12, 2022 beginning at 7pm. The installation will also be available on Zoom for those who cannot attend in person.

**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.

- **Girls State:** The letter we received from Sophia indicated that she was only able to stay for a few days because she fell ill. Marge will also contact Kalina and Chelsea to invite them to attend one of our meetings to share their experiences as well.
- **Membership:** Our membership drive for 2022-2023 has begun. Everyone is encouraged to bring their \$36 check to our July meeting. Nell will have 2023 membership cards available.
- **Poppies:** We received \$175 in donations for Poppies during the Memorial Day distributions. Nell has paid the commission due to Department.
- **Public Relations:** Nell will be making a presentation to the Orange County East Rotary to bring them up to date on our activities since last year. We will also receive a check for the grant that we have been awarded.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Klinger book: Debi suggested that we table further discussion on this purchase until we learn how it might fit into the program of our new Department President. The discussion was tabled until our August meeting as we should have additional information after the Department workshop at the end of July.
- Girls State: It was agreed that our Girls State delegates should attend our August meeting to share their experiences.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 2022-2023 Committee Chairs: There was a brief discussion about committee chairs for next year. It was agreed that we should keep our chairs the same as they are for this year. It was noted that we need a Legislative chair.
- Convention Update: There was a lengthy discussion about the events that took place at last weekends' Department Convention.
  - Marge attended the Unit President's class on Thursday and reported that the new president's theme is "Continue the Legacy of Respect."
  - Nell attended the membership session on Thursday and learned that beginning in September, units will be able to pay Unit dues on line rather than sending in Transmittal reports and checks for those unit members who pay their dues by check. This will require that we obtain a debit card for our account.
  - Nell and Marge attended the Pre-convention Finance Committee meeting where the Department budget for 2022-2023 was presented. It was also learned that national is proposing a \$6.00 dues increase for 2024, another \$1.00 increase for 2026, another \$1.00 increase for 2028, and a final \$1.00 increase for 2030. The Department of Florida is proposing a \$2.50 dues increase for 2024. This means that the amount we pay to Department for 2024 membership will increase by \$8.50 over what we currently pay.
  - Nell and Marge also attended the Pre-convention Constitution and By-Laws meeting that covered the resolutions that would be presented on the floor on Saturday. One resolution that was discussed at length was one that would remove the residency requirement for Auxiliary Junior members who live outside the State of Florida when they become eligible for Girls State.
  - The Pre-convention Executive Committee discussed several units whose districts have recommended that their charters be pulled. The 6<sup>th</sup> District had one such unit, Sanford Unit 53, who has no one willing to step up to take on the leadership roles in the unit.
- 2022-2023 Budget: The budget for the upcoming year was reviewed with one addition. Debi suggested that considering the current economy, we should adopt a Per Diem for our delegates that attend convention and fall conference and add that provision to our budget. Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Terry Berrios) that we adopt a \$25 per day Per Diem for our two delegates that attend the Department Convention and Fall Conference based on the number of days they attend. Motion carried. Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Terry Berrios) that this per Diem be added as a line item in the 2022-2023 budget. Motion carried. Terry Berrios moved (seconded by Debi Shannon) that the 2022-2023 budget be approved as amended. Motion carried.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS:**

- Marge reminded everyone to send in their June service hours to both she and Nell, so we have the information for our mid-year and year-end reports.

- Marge also reminded everyone that our installation of officers will be held on July 12<sup>th</sup>, and we will not meet the following week on our usual night.
- Our Girls State update will take place as part of our August meeting.

Debi Shannon offered the benediction and Marge Berrios adjourned the meeting at 7:49pm.

Respectfully submitted



Nell Colbert  
Secretary-Treasurer

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

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

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