

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

August 16, 2022

The August 2022 general meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112 was called to order at 7pm 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.

Marge announced that she had received word from one of our Girls State delegates that she would not be able to attend tonight due to an urgent tutoring session that she could not miss. Kalina asked if she could please make her presentation at our September meeting on 9/20. Sophia will also be invited to attend our September meeting.

The minutes from the last two meetings 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, noting that the financials for both June and July had been emailed to those in attendance at last month's meeting. Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Terry Berrios) that the June and July Treasurer's Report be filed for audit. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert shared items of correspondence received this month including:

- Department *The Florida Canvas* newsletter
- Letter from Seacoast about their revised policies effective 9/1/2022

Bob Colbert reported on the Post Executive Committee meeting:

- The Auxiliary files have been moved to a locking filing cabinet. With the help of Nell, Jim Middlekauff, and Bob, the locking file was cleaned out; many items were trashed while other items were stored in a different location. As the file drawers were emptied, Nell moved the Auxiliary folders, thereby emptying the old 3 drawer non-locking cabinet we have been using for several years and opening it up for Legion and SAL storage.
- It was discovered that the TV at the Post is no longer functioning.
- The next Post meeting will feature updates from the Boys State delegates.
- The Post is trying to get additional activities going at the Post, but they need people to support the activities.
- The Post will probably hold its annual Christmas party at Perkins again this year.

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.

- **Americanism:** Nell encouraged everyone who used Facebook to join the Facebook Groups for the Florida programs. Each chairman has set up a group for their program. It was noted that Unit officers can report their time and money spent carrying out their Auxiliary duties as Americanism hours.
- **Girls State:** There was a brief discussion about the possibility of our Unit recruiting Girls State candidates from Sanford and Lake Mary High Schools since Unit 53 no longer exists and no other Unit is in those areas. Marge mentioned that Oviedo Post 243 is investigating forming an Auxiliary Unit. The Post 243 Commander is going to approach Sanford as well.
- **Leadership:** See below.
- **Membership:** Debi suggested that we look at inviting the members from Sanford Unit 53 to join our unit since their unit turned in its charter. Debi will reach out to Department to see if we can get a list of members to invite to one of our meetings. Nell reported that we are currently at 64% of our membership goal with sixteen paid members.

LEADERSHIP SEGMENT:

Since our Department President's chosen charity for this year is the Gary Sinise Foundation, Debi presented information on two of the foundation's projects: RISE and Release and Resiliency. Debi will present information on the other focuses of the foundation next month. Debi suggested that we consider making a cash donation to the foundation in recognition of President Jane's project.

OLD BUSINESS:

- NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

- Department Treasurer – Nell announced that Brandi Seeber is back as the full-time, permanent Department Treasurer effective July 25th.
- Membership payments on-line – Nell reported that we are ready to participate as soon as national is ready for the system to go live. Keny, the Department Membership/Office Manager, has sent our information to national requesting that we be granted full access. As soon as national turns the program on for everyone, we'll be able to pay dues directly to national without needing to send checks to department.

After Marge reminded everyone to send their service hours to Nell and herself, Debi Shannon offered the Benediction and Marge adjourned the meeting at 7:35pm.

Respectfully submitted



Nell Colbert
Secretary-Treasurer

Minutes approved _____

Nell Colbert, Secretary _____

Marge Berrios, President _____