

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

September 20, 2022

The September 2022 general meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112 was called to order at 7:11pm by President, Marge Berrios. The meeting was opened according to ritual.

Members in attendance included:

Marge Berrios

Nell Colbert

Debi Shannon

Guests in attendance were:

Bob Colbert, Post 112 Adjutant

Sophia LoGalbo, Girls State

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 suspended the regular business meeting at 7:20pm so that our special guest could make her presentation. Sophia told us about her experiences and even though she got sick after only a couple of days and had to leave, she thoroughly enjoyed the prep work she did, including making campaign signs for her run at becoming a city commissioner and writing her bill, which she submitted before going home. Sophia noted that she is currently using all of what she learned at Girls State in her government class at school. Sophia thanked us again for giving her the opportunity to attend Girls State. After her presentation, Sophia was encouraged to attend our meetings in the future should she want to become involved.

Marge reconvened the business meeting at 7:40pm.

The minutes from the last meeting were emailed to all members. Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Marge 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 *The Florida Canvas* newsletter
- Unit Membership Credit Report – now being send via email
- Notice from the Post Office that box rent will be increasing for 2023

Bob Colbert reported on the Post Executive Committee meeting:

- While the Post would like to return to all in-person meetings, because of the age of our members and the current state of Covid, the Post meetings will continue as hybrid.

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.

- **Membership:** Nell has paid for 15 members paid to date. We also received notice that one member paid on-line, and we have been given credit for our one PUFL, so right now, we have 17 paid members, or 68% of our goal of 25.

LEADERSHIP SEGMENT:

Debi shared additional information about the Sno-Ball Express program that is part of the Gary Senise Foundation. It was agreed that we should donate to this program. We need to download the donation form from the Department website. Debi will download the form.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- ALAMIS Full Access - We now have full access to ALAMIS as of 9/7 and have successfully used it several times to pay dues.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Scholastic Books project – Nell contacted Gina at Eastbrook and Gina reported that her students have been thrilled to get a book to keep each month. Nell confirmed that we will continue with the budgeted amount of \$250 to support this one classroom.
- Honorary Life Membership – Nell explained the Honorary Life Membership program, noting that if we ever make a member an Honorary Life member, it is reported to Department and to national and we would be obligated to paying dues for that member until they either pass away or transfer to another unit. There was a brief discussion about whether we wanted to make anyone an Honorary Life member at this time. It was agreed that with funding for the unit not a given from year to year, we would not make anyone an Honorary Life member this year. Nell Colbert moved (seconded by Debi Shannon) that the Unit pay the 2023 dues for Aunita and Virginia due to their ages and their longevity with the unit. Motion carried.
- 2022-2023 Unit Guides – In the past, Department mailed two copies of the current Unit Guide to each unit, and we purchased enough copies for each of our officers. There was a brief discussion about the need to purchase Unit Guides this year. Nell Colbert moved (seconded by Debi Shannon) that the unit purchase three copies of the Unit Guide. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS:

- The 6th District meeting will be held on Saturday, September 24th at Post 63 in Winter Garden. Registration begins at 9:30am and the meeting begins at 10am. Nell is planning to attend to represent the unit.
- Marge reminded everyone to send in their service hours to both herself and Nell.
- Marge gave an update on the progress being made by Oviedo Post 243 to form an Auxiliary Unit. Marge has been asked to attend the luncheon at the Post to share information about the Auxiliary, its programs, and what is expected of Auxiliary Units and their members. Nell offered the power point presentation she has used at the Rotary Club when making our annual grant acceptance. Nell and Bob offered to set up their projector, screen, and laptop to assist with the presentation.
- Debi gave an update on her discussion with Charlotte Bass at National Convention regarding recruiting former Unit 53 members into Unit 112, noting that Charlotte suggested contacting Department for the list of their former members.

Debi Shannon offered the Benediction and Marge Berrios adjourned the meeting at 8pm.

Respectfully submitted

Nell Colbert

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Secretary-Treasurer

Minutes approved _____

Nell Colbert, Secretary _____

Marge Berrios, President _____