

**American Legion Post 112 Auxiliary
General Meeting Minutes**

August 11, 2009

The August general meeting of the Post 112 American Legion Auxiliary was called to order at 7pm by Secretary/Treasurer, Nell Colbert. The members agreed to dispense with the Pledge of Allegiance and invocation. Nell reported that both Nancy and Marian were not feeling well this evening and would not be attending.

Members in attendance included:

Nell Colbert
Aunita Padgett

Nell Colbert provided written copies of the minutes from the last meeting. Since we did not have a quorum, the July minutes could not be approved.

Nell also provided written copies of the Treasurer's Report but because we did not have at least four members present, we could not approve the financial report.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Nell shared the unit's copy of the Goldenrod Chamber of Commerce newsletter that is now being mailed monthly to the Post's post office box.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Membership – Nell reported that for 2008 we had fifteen members, 14 seniors and one junior. However, for 2009, three seniors and our one junior member did not renew, leaving us only ten members for 2009. As of the August meeting, we have received dues for four returning members and one new member, bringing us to 50%. Because we did not make 100% last year, we will need to add additional members this year to bring us back up to 15 members. Our meet and greet luncheon in September should help in this area.
- Community Service – While we do not officially have a Community Service chair, we need to individually be keeping track of the community service activities in which we participate so that when the year end reports need to be submitted, we will have activity to report.
- Children and Youth – Again, Nell reminded everyone that we need to be keeping track of our personal activities so that they can be reported in the areas where they are applicable. Year end reports are always due by April 15th.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Framing of our charter – Nell picked up the frames for the old charter and it was agreed that we can clean up the old frames and place our new charter in the old frames. Nell will take care of getting the frames cleaned up and our new charter framed. Nell worked with the Post Commander to determine where the frames will be hung. Tom has also agreed to allow us to hang our Units Corporation certificate.
- September luncheon – Nell reported that she donated the postcard stock and will handle printing the invitations this week. The Post's Adjutant will provide us with mailing labels for all of the current post members. The invitations should go in the mail by this weekend. Nita agreed to contact the restaurant and make a tentative reservation for 25 people. The invitation will ask for RSVP's before 9/15 so that we can give the restaurant a firm head count.
- Fundraising – Nell reported that the Post's Yard Sale is set for October 17th. We have the opportunity to have a bake sale and craft sale during that day as well as helping the Post with the event. We also discussed the 6th District picnic that will take place again in April. It was suggested that we put together a gift basket that could be raffled off in addition to having another bake sale. We also discussed the possibility of doing a spaghetti dinner as a fundraiser after the first of the year as this is something that a few people could make happen. With a little publicity in the neighborhood, we should be able to raise some much

needed money. The key to all of our fundraising efforts is good publicity in the community and a specific purpose for which the funds are being raised.

NEW BUSINESS:

- School Supply Drive – It was agreed that because this idea was put forth so late, there is not enough time to adequately plan and implement the supply drive. It was suggested that we consider doing a mid-year supply drive and perhaps aim it toward things that teachers need for their classrooms like Kleenex, paper towels, hand sanitizer, etc.
- Other possible service projects – We brainstormed a number of different service projects that we could do with our current membership including a food drive that could be tied into the annual Boy Scout Scouting for Food project in November, as well as assembling gift baskets for both Thanksgiving and Christmas that would include food items needed for a complete holiday dinner to be given to needy vets. We also talked about the possibility of visiting local nursing homes to read to the residents or play card/games with the residents.
- Planning conference – It was agreed that we really need to hold a planning conference as soon as we get work plans from the district so that we can begin having some worthwhile activities that will help us add new members who will want to be active with the unit.
- Installation of Officers – We were approached this evening about serving the dinner for the installation on 9/8. It was agreed that while this would be a great way for us to support our Post, it probably would work because we will all be in dress clothes and will be preparing for our installation as well.

REMINDERS:

- Nell reminded everyone that articles for the Post newsletter are due by August 15th.
- We need to know how many of our members plan to bowl in next week's Bowling for Business activity sponsored by the Goldenrod Chamber. This will be a good way for us to gain some exposure.
- Nell reminded everyone that our installation of officers will take place during our next meeting on September 8th. There will be a dinner served beginning at 6pm. Since the Post is celebrating its 75 year, business casual attire is requested by the Post Commander.
- Nell also noted that the Goldenrod Chamber has a monthly luncheon that always falls on the same day as our unit meetings, the second Tuesday of the month. The luncheons are held at the Goldenrod Station on Goldenrod Road, cost only \$5.00 and begin at 11:30am. This is a great way for us to gain some exposure. The next luncheon will be held on September 8th.
- Nell also reminded us about several events coming in October – the Post's Yard Sale on 10/17 and the Goldenrod parade on 10/24.

With no further business, Aunita offered the closing prayer and Nell closed the meeting at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted



Nell Colbert
Acting Secretary