

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

**November 9, 2010**

The November 2010 general meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112 was called to order at 7:03pm by President, Aunita Padgett. Johanna Langis moved (seconded by Nell Colbert) that we dispense with the formal opening for this meeting. Nell opened the conference bridge but we had no one participate remotely this month.

Members in attendance included:

Nell Colbert

Johanna Langis

Aunita Padgett

Marge Berrios

Nell confirmed that we have a quorum for this meeting. Aunita asked for permission to deviate from the printed agenda should the need arise and everyone agreed.

Nell reported that she has received the membership application from Marge Berrios along with a transfer application from Marilyn Updike. Nell explained that Marilyn is Grafton Day's grandmother and that she is currently hospitalized undergoing cancer treatments. Nell Colbert moved (seconded by Johanna Langis) that the memberships for Marge and Marilyn be approved. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert distributed copies of the October minutes and reported that the minutes were emailed to all members and posted on the Unit's YahooGroups. Johanna Langis moved (seconded by Marge Berrios) that the minutes be approved as written. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert gave the Treasurer's Report showing that we began the month with \$394.02, received income of \$150.28 and had expenses of \$96.34, leaving us with a closing balance of \$447.96 as of the end of the month. Noting that not all of the donations have been counted, Nell reported that we should have about \$100 in additional income from our poppy distribution. Nell also indicated that we have also received membership dues from Marilyn, Marge and Carol Wier that will go into the bank after this meeting. Nell also reported that we will be receiving about \$43 from Post 112 for our portion of the yard sale proceeds. Nell noted that we have had no additional expenses since the first of the month. Nell reported that the Treasurer's Report was also emailed via the Unit's YahooGroups and was posted on the YahooGroups website. Johanna Langis moved (seconded by Marge Berrios) that the Treasurer's Report be approved as written and filed for audit. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert shared items of correspondence received this month including: Nell also read the Secretary's notes from the October Department Communiqué that was received after our October meeting. As soon as the October Communiqué is posted to the Department website, Nell will download it and email it out to the membership. Nell noted that she has scanned the information about the upcoming Department fall conference and emailed it to everyone via the Unit's YahooGroup.

Information from the Post's Executive Board meeting held last week was shared with the members. Of importance was the information about the posts annual Christmas party that will be held on 12/17 at the Orlando Elks Club. The cost is \$17 per person and the deadline for reservations is December 10<sup>th</sup>. All Auxiliary members and their spouse or significant other are invited to attend.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Membership:** Nell reported that we already have ten paid members and that with the one new member and two transfers, we will be at 81% of our 2011 membership goal. Nell noted that she will be mailing reminders to all members who have not yet paid their 2011 dues so that we can be at 100% before the end of the year, concentrating on growth for the remainder of the 2011 year.
- **Community Service:** Nell Colbert gave a summary of our food drive program, noting that the collection boxes will be picked up on Thursday this week and that we will be sorting the

food and delivering it to the Boy Scouts Scouting for Food project on Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10am at the Post.

- **Children and Youth:** Aunita Padgett gave a summary of our proposed National Education Week program noting that she and Liz Padgett are committed to doing a program on bullying for the students on Tuesday afternoon and will check with the school about doing another activity with the students on Thursday afternoon. It was agreed that Nell Colbert would handle getting the fruit basket, bagels, muffins and pastries that will be delivered to the school on the remaining days of the week. We have budgeted about \$75.00 for this project. Aunita will check with Myra to see if she is still available to help with the delivery on Friday since many of us will be attending the fall conference.
- **National Security:** Nell reported that we delivered about 500 coupons totaling about \$400 to the Reserve Center. Nell reminded everyone to cut out their coupons and bring them to the post whenever you come for an Auxiliary or Post event. Aunita also noted that we will again be assembling our annual holiday food gift baskets for the Reserve Center on Saturday, 11/13. Aunita will pick up the two baskets and Nell will purchase the two \$25.00 Publix gift cards that will go into the baskets. The baskets will be delivered to the Reserve Center before Thanksgiving so that one can go out for Thanksgiving and one can go out for Christmas to a reserve family in need.
- **Poppy Distribution:** Aunita Padgett reported that we received about \$90 in donations from the booth at Sam's and that we are scheduled to distribute poppies at Walgreens on Aloma at Goldenrod on Friday, 11/12, from 10am – 3pm. Nell and Aunita will be manning the booth.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Nell reminded everyone to bring their items for the Homeless "Shower" collection to the post before Wednesday, 11/17 as we must take them to the fall conference.

Aunita reminded everyone about our next Friendly's FUNdraiser that will be held on Wednesday, 11/17 from 5-8pm. Nita will again have her puppets and will be doing face painting for anyone who wants to have their faces painted. The Friendly's event netted us more than \$140.00 in September so we are looking for a good showing next week. Post members have also been encouraged to attend. We need members to help greet customers during the evening.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Nell Colbert pointed out the information from the Communiqué that indicated that every Auxiliary Unit must have its own mailing address. Last year, the Post allowed us to use their post office box but the Department has stated that we need to get our own box and that the Secretary is responsible for checking the box and handling all correspondence, distributing it to the proper Unit members. Nell reported that the box will cost us \$60 per year and recommended that we open the box and that the box rent be included in the 2011-2012 budget. Johanna Langis moved (seconded by Marge Berrios) that Nell Colbert be authorized to open a Post Office Box for the unit as soon as possible.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Aunita reminded everyone to continue to collect soda can pull tabs, clip coupons and Box Tops for Education labels along with Campbell's soup labels.

Nell collected the AEF funds.

With no further business, Aunita closed the meeting at 8:26pm.

Respectfully submitted



Nell Colbert  
Secretary-Treasurer

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

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

Aunita Padgett, President \_\_\_\_\_