

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

**April 10, 2012**

The April 2012 general meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112 was called to order at 7:07pm by President, Aunita Padgett. Debi Shannon offered the invocation and Aunita Padgett led the Pledge of Allegiance and Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Members in attendance included:

Nell Colbert  
Aunita Padgett  
Jo Anne Russell  
Deb Shannon

JoAnne reported that Marge is recovering well from her recent surgery and hopes to join us next month.

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 Colbert reported that the minutes from the last meeting that were emailed to all members and posted on the Unit's YahooGroups. Copies were available for review. JoAnne noted that the date for the Girls State orientation given in the minutes was incorrect. Debi Shannon moved (seconded by JoAnne) that the minutes be approved as corrected. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert gave the Treasurer's Report showing that we began the month with \$542.07, received income of \$30.02 and had expenses of \$53.69, leaving us with a closing balance of \$518.40 as of the end of the month. Nell reported that we have received \$7.00 from the Mother's Day gift basket raffle for tickets sold at the Easter Egg Hunt and that a check for \$48.85 was mailed to Emblem Sales for the equipment we approved that are not reflected in the month end balances. Nell reported that the Treasurer's Report was emailed via the Unit's YahooGroups and was posted on the YahooGroups website. Copies were available for review. JoAnne Russell moved (seconded by Debi Shannon) 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: the Goldenrod Chamber newsletter, several flyers about the June Department Convention that were received via email, and a receipt for our donation to the VASH program. Nell shared a copy of this month's Department Communiqué.

Information from the Post's Executive Committee meeting held last week was shared with the members. Nell reported that she asked about the dues check that Cheryl Knapp dropped off at the Post but it has not been located. Nell reported that the Post will allow us to sell tickets for our Mother's Day gift basket at both the April meeting and at the Yard Sale on 4/21. The Post also asked for our assistance with the Yard Sale.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Membership:** Nell reported that we still need one more member to achieve 100%. Nell noted that one of the newer Post members who has also become active with the Sea Cadets expressed interest in having his wife and daughters join our unit. Nell invited the ladies to join us for tonight's meeting but they did not attend.

- **Children and Youth:** Aunita reported that she and Nell helped with the Post's Easter Egg Hunt that saw 35+/- children hunt for eggs and enjoy ice cream after their search.
- **Education:** Nell reported that she has delivered the information about our Scholastic Achievement Award to both Cheney and Eastbrook Elementary Schools and already has the name and program date from Eastbrook.
- **Veterans Affairs and Rehab:** Aunita reported that she took two large boxes of clothing to the VA Clinic earmarked for the VASH program. Nita noted that she has also put the box back in the Post to collect more donations.
- **Poppy Distribution:** Nita reported that she has not had any luck in securing a date at the Walgreens by Winter Park Hospital. Nita also reported that she contacted the Winn Dixie at Goldenrod and University and learned that their company has changed its policies toward vendor's booths, noting that we can now secure permission for booths directly from the store manager without sending a letter to Lakeland. Unfortunately, the store is booked for May. Nell reported that she spoke with the manager at Sam's and he is looking into being able to allow us to have a Poppy booth. JoAnne reported that she has the Oviedo Walgreens covered and that we are set for May 25<sup>th</sup>.
- **Legislative:** Nita reported that she has learned that it is more effective to call legislators at night so that voice mail messages can be recorded. Nita noted that she is working with a local group to make phone calls to registered voters encouraging them to vote.
- **Leadership:** Nell reminded everyone that the last ABC School for this year will be held at Post 10 in Kissimmee on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Check-in opens at 9:30 and the school begins at 10am. Nell encouraged everyone who has not attended an ABC School this year to make a point to attend.
- **Past President's Parley:** Nita announced that our next Tea at the VA Nursing Home will be held on July 7<sup>th</sup>.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- **Post Yard Sale** – After a brief discussion, it was agreed that we would meet at the Post by 8:30am to help with the Yard Sale.
- **Equipment** – Nell reported that a check for \$48.85 was mailed to Emblem Sales for the flag covers and medal certificates that we approved.
- **Mother's Day Gift basket** – Everyone thanked Debi and JoAnne for the beautiful job that they did on creating our fundraising project. Nell reported that we sold a few tickets at the Easter Egg Hunt and Debi reported that we sold about \$50 worth of tickets earlier this evening to Post members as they arrived.
- **Nominating Committee Report** – The Nominating committee announced the following slate for our 2012-2013 officers: President, Marge Berrios; Vice-President, JoAnne Russell; Secretary-Treasurer, Nell Colbert; Chaplain, Debi Shannon; Historian, Aunita Padgett; Sgt.-at-Arms, Johanna Langis. Nell Colbert and Aunita Padgett were nominated to serve as our delegates to the 6<sup>th</sup> District Constitutional Convention and Debi Shannon and JoAnne Russell were nominated as our alternates. Elections will be held at the May meeting on May 8<sup>th</sup>. Nell will send out the official notification of the election via US Mail as soon as possible.
- **Identify Theft program** – It was agreed to table the discussion on scheduling this program until after the June Department Convention.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- **Department Convention** – Nell passed around the flyers that were received via email regarding the Commander's and President's banquet scheduled for Friday night, June 8th,

information about room rates, and the request for units to provide flag bearer's to carry the Units colors during the Parade of Flags at the opening of the convention. No other information is available as yet.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- **AEF Collection** – Everyone placed loose change in the AEF piggy
- **REMINDERS** – Nita reminded everyone about the Yard Sale on 4/21, asking everyone to come out to support the unit and our Post.

With no further business, Debi Shannon offered the benediction and Aunita Padgett closed the meeting at 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted



Nell Colbert  
Secretary-Treasurer

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

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

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