

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

February 12, 2013

The February, 2013 general meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112 was called to order at 7:10pm by President, Marge Berrios. The meeting was opened according to ritual and Marge was granted permission to deviate from the printed agenda as needed.

Members in attendance included:

Marge Berrios

Nell Colbert

Debi Shannon

Nell confirmed that we have a quorum for this meeting.

Nell Colbert reported that the minutes from the last meeting that were emailed to all members. The minutes were also posted on the Unit's YahooGroups site and placed on our unit website. Nell had hard copies of the minutes available at the meeting for review by those who had not received them via email. Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Aunita Padgett) that the minutes be approved as written. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert gave the Treasurer's Report showing that we began the month with \$1213.91, received income of \$0.04 in interest and had expenses of \$394.72, leaving us with a closing balance of \$819.23 as of the end of the month. Nell reported that we received no additional income and had no additional expenses since the first of the month. Nell reported that the Treasurer's Report was emailed via the Unit's YahooGroups and was posted on the YahooGroups site. Nell also made hard copies available at the meeting for review by those who had not received the Treasurer's Report via email. Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Aunita Padgett) that the Treasurer's Report be filed for audit. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert shared items of correspondence received this month including: our national certificate for our 2013 Give 10 to Education project that was presented at last summer's national meeting, the flyer for the Post 112 Yard Sale and the Chamber newsletter. Nell also shared the most recent issue of the Department Communiqué. Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Aunita Padgett) that we purchase a frame for the national certificate so that it can be hung in the Post hall along with our other awards. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert shared Information from the Post's Executive Committee meeting held last week, noting that as of the Executive Board meeting, there are no garage sale items so there may not be a need for any Auxiliary support for that portion of the Yard Sale. The Post can always use our assistance with other tasks, however.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **AEF:** Nell noted that we are collecting AEF funds each month and that we will need to send out second check to the Department by the middle of April for it to count for 2013.

- **Americanism:** Nell reported that no entries for the essay contest have been received to date.
- **Community Service:** Aunita reported that she took a clothes donation to the Salvation Army this month.
- **Education:** Nell reported that she delivered all of the school supplies and food items we've collected to date to Eastbrook Elementary last month, noting that the school reported that they are in desperate need of additional school supplies. Nell also reported that she received a call from Cheney Elementary in response to our inquiry about doing Reading Rockets for them. They are most interested in having packets done for their first grade classes. Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Marge Berrios) that we spend up to \$60 to do the Reading Rockets packets for Cheney Elementary. Motion carried. Nell will order the books and deliver the packets as soon as possible.
- **Girls State:** Marge and Debi reported that only one girl has contacted us about interviewing as of this date. Marge noted that she has called all the schools again to remind them of our deadline.
- **Membership:** Nell reported that Virginia Saunders renewed for 2013 and that we received a check from Carolyn Weir as well. Nell has a call in to Carolyn to discuss whether or not Carolyn wants to renew just for 2013, losing her previous tenure, or wants to send another check to renew for 2012 as well so that she retains her continuous years. With these two renewals, we are at 112%. Carolyn's renewal will not be processed until we hear back from Carolyn.
- **National Security:** Marge reported that she attended a memorial service at Haggarty High School to honor one of their graduates who was a fallen soldier.
- **Past President's Parley:** Aunita reminded everyone that the Valentine's Day tea for the female Veterans at the VAMC is Saturday, 2/16. Since there are only 2 -3 residents who will attend, Debi and Aunita will work the tea along with Linda, one of our Post members.
- **Poppies:** Aunita noted that it is time to order poppies for our Memorial Day distribution. There was a brief discussion about the quantity to order and it was agreed that 500 poppies should be ordered. Nell will place the order.
- **Public Relations:** Nell presented information about flag etiquette materials that can be used for our April Rotary Club presentation. Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Marge Berrios) that we purchase 100 flag brochures for this presentation. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Fundraising - Debi reported that she researched the David Maus Foundation and believes that we could qualify for one of their donations. Debi will write the donation request letter.
- Endorsements – Nell reported that she spoke with the Department and learned that we cannot endorse a candidate who is not a member of our unit.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Nominating Committee – Per our Constitution and By-Laws, our Nominating Committee is elected each March so that the slate can be presented at our April

meeting. Debi Shannon, Nell Colbert and Aunita Padgett were nominated to serve on the Nominating Committee and will be officially elected next month unless there are other members interested in being on the ballot.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Nell passed around the AEF piggy for donations.

After everyone made their AEF contributions, Debi Shannon offered the benediction and Marge Berrios adjourned the meeting at 7:59pm.

Respectfully submitted



Nell Colbert
Secretary-Treasurer

Minutes approved _____

Nell Colbert, Secretary _____

Marge Berrios, President _____