

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

March 10, 2015

The March general meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112 was called to order at 7:06pm by President, Marge Berrios and opened according to ritual.

Members in attendance included:

Marge Berrios

Aunita Padgett

Wyvonne Smith

Nell Colbert

Debi Shannon

Guests in attendance included:

Charlotte Bass, 6th District President

Dianne Koger, Orlando VA Hospital Rep

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.

Nell Colbert reported that the minutes from the last meeting 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 presented the Treasurer's Report noting that that it was emailed to all members and was posted on the YahooGroups site. Nell reported that we received no additional income and had no expenses since the first of the month. 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 the most recent issue of the Department Communiqué has been posted to the Department website.

Nell Colbert attended the Post Executive Committee meeting and reported that we will have a table at the Post Yard Sale. Nell asked everyone to bring useable items that we can sell to help us raise funds for the unit. The Post is also planning a Winter Park Legion Family Pizza Night for the May meeting. Nell shared that May is our election night so the post will work with us so that we can also conduct our business meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Marge called on the Committee Chairs to give their updates.

- **AEF:** For the benefit of our newest member, Nell explained how the AEF program works.

- **Americanism:** Nell reported that we received seventeen (17) essays from Eastbrook. We will determine the winner so that the Essay Award medal can be presented at the schools' upcoming awards ceremony.
- **Constitution and By-Laws:** Nell has the draft that we need to review under new business.
- **Education:** Debi reported that we stuffed and delivered sixty (60) backpacks to the three elementary schools that we support.
- **Girls State:** Debi and Marge reported that we had four great candidates. Our delegate, Mariah, is from Lake Howell High School and our alternate, Heise, is from Oviedo High School.
- **Juniors:** No report
- **Legislative:** Nita reminded everyone to remain proactive in contacting our legislators on issues pertaining to Veterans affairs.
- **Membership:** Nell reported that we are currently at 95% of our goal; we have 21 of our needed 22 members. Nell reminded everyone that we need someone to make phone calls to our members who have not renewed for 2015 yet.
- **National Security:** Marge reported that she is continuing to clip coupons each month and reminded everyone to bring manufacturers coupons to our meetings each month.
- **Poppies:** Nell reported that we ordered 1000 poppies for our 2015 distributions. Nita noted that she has taken booth request letters to the Wal-Mart grocery store and to Winn Dixie. The word she got back from Winn Dixie was that they are now allowing only the Girl Scouts to have booths at their stores. Nell asked for help getting the poster contest letters and poppies out to the elementary schools. Nell also noted that Raytheon needs about 200 poppies for their Memorial Day program and Marge will check with Post 243 to see if they want Poppies again.
- **Veterans Affairs and Rehab:** Marge introduced Diane Koger who shared information about a bib project for the hospital that she is hoping to get Units to take on as a service to veterans.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Rotary grant – Nell reported that the Rotary Club rescheduled our presentation to April 2nd.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Nominating Committee – there was a brief discussion about which officers are elected and Marge called for nominations for the Nominating Committee. Debi Shannon, Wyvonne Smith, and Aunita Padgett were elected to the Nominating Committee; Debi Shannon will serve as chair. The Nominating Committee will present the slate at next month's meeting. Nominations can be accepted from the floor at the April meeting but once nominations are closed in April, no further nominations can be accepted when the elections are conducted in May.
- Review Constitution and By-Laws proposed changes – Nell presented our proposed documents that would bring our documents in line with the new national requirements. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed to accept the proposed changes but to hold off on voting officially on the changes until after the final

approval of the new verbiage for the Eligibility section of the Constitution is approved by the Legion.

After everyone made their contributions to the AEF piggy bank, Debi Shannon offered the benediction and Marge Berrios adjourned the meeting at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted



Nell Colbert
Secretary-Treasurer

Minutes approved _____

Nell Colbert, Secretary _____

Marge Berrios, President _____