

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

**August 11, 2015**

The Unit joined the Post for a joint session to hear our Boys State and Girls State delegates brief the membership on their experiences. Commander Dover called the meeting to order at 7pm and the meeting was opened according to Legion ritual.

After hearing from two Boys State and one Girls State delegate, the Auxiliary members were released to conduct our meeting. Since we had already participated in the joint opening with the Post, the Unit did not conduct our usual opening.

The August general meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112 was called to order at 7:36pm by Vice President, Karlin Gasthoff.

Members in attendance included:

Nell Colbert

Aunita Padgett

Karlin Gasthoff

Debi Shannon

Nell confirmed that we have a quorum for this meeting and Karlin 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 gave the Treasurer's Report and reported that the Treasurer's Report was emailed to all members 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: the most recent issue of the Department Communiqué has been posted to the Department website, information about the scholarship fund, and the Tax Tips info sheet from the Department of Revenue.

Nell Colbert gave an update from the Post Executive Committee meeting noting that since the residents from the Russell Home were unable to attend Christmas in July, the Post donated the school supplies that had been purchased to our supply drive. Nell also reported that the Post will be holding the first annual Legion Family membership BBQ on 9/26. All members who have paid their 2016 dues on or before 9/26 can eat free. All others will pay \$5.00. The Post will also be holding its fall Arts and Crafts Yard Sale on 10/24. The Unit will have a table so we need members to help staff the event.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Karlin called on the Committee Chairs to give their updates if there was activity this month.

- **Education:** Nell reported that our usual supplier of backpacks (Costco) will not be able to provide them for us this year as they are donating directly to the schools that need them.
- **Girls State:** Debi noted that our Girls State delegate asked for applications to join our Unit for herself and her mother.
- **Membership:** Nell reminded everyone that we need to get our 2016 dues paid ASAP.
- **Veterans Affairs and Rehab:** Nell noted that Marge let her know that she has been in contact with the VA and we have a date for our fall event.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Nell reminder everyone about the upcoming Department Workshop and encourage everyone to attend, noting that this is the first year that all Auxiliary members have been invited to attend.
- Nell reminded everyone that our Annual Planning Conference is next month in place of our regular business meeting. We will begin at 6:30pm and plan to be finished about 8:30pm.
- In conjunction with our planning conference, we need to be identifying chairs for our committees. Noting that several of our members currently chair 3-4 different committees, Nell asked everyone to consider chairing a committee so that no one is overburdened.
- Nell reminded everyone again about getting their 2016 dues paid as quickly as possible. Dues paid before 9/26 will be considered as "Early Bird" and get the special stamp on the membership card.

After everyone made their contributions to the AEF piggy bank, Debi Shannon offered the benediction and Marge Berrios adjourned the meeting at 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted



Nell Colbert  
Secretary-Treasurer

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

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

Marge Berrios, President \_\_\_\_\_