

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

October 13, 2015

The October general meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112 was called to order at 7pm by President, Marge Berrios and opened according to ritual. The members offered a moment of silence in memory of Past District President Diane Koger who passed away recently.

Members in attendance included:

Marge Berrios

Karlin Gasthoff

Nell Colbert

Aunita Padgett

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 presented the minutes from the last meeting, noting that they 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. Aunita Padgett moved (seconded by Karlin Gasthoff) 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. Aunita Padgett moved (seconded by Karlin Gasthoff) that the Treasurer's Report be filed for audit. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert shared items of correspondence received this month including: the Call to Conference packet from Department and the Family Tree Department newsletter. Nell reminded everyone that the most recent issue of *The Family Tree* Department Communiqué has been posted to the Department website.

Nell Colbert reported on the Post Executive Committee meeting noting that Vice Commander Jerry Dress was selected to participate in the 10/24 Honor Flight so the Post Yard and Arts & Crafts Sale has been moved to 11/14. This shift causes a conflict for our Unit members as this is both during the Fall Conference as well as on one of our previously scheduled Poppy distribution days at the Orlando PX. Nell noted that the Post has scheduled an open house from 10am – 2pm on 11/11. Commander Dover suggested that the Auxiliary consider contacting the International School on Howell Branch Road and the Geneva School on SR 436 for both Girls State and our Americanism Essay Contest. The Legion Family Christmas party is tentatively scheduled for 12/10 at Perkins.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Marge emphasized that she needs reports from all committee chairs by November 1st and then called on the Committee Chairs to give their updates.

- **AEF:** Nell will be sending in our first collection after our December meeting.

- **Children and Youth:** Nell reminded everyone that we committed last year to run the coloring table at the Goldenrod Chamber Fall Festival and Parade on 10/31. We have plenty of Halloween Safety Coloring Books on hand and the Chamber is providing the table and crayons. We have also arranged to share a membership recruiting table with the Legion and the S.A.L. Everyone needs to be at the Chamber by 9am; we should be finished between 1 and 2pm. The Post Halloween party is also 10/31 from 5-8pm and our help is needed before and during the party to help with set up and hand out the candy.
- **Education:** Marge and Nell will get together after 10/26 to shop for our books. The goal is to deliver the packets to the schools during National Education Week 11/15-20.
- **Girls State:** Marge reported that the 6th District orientation dates have been set: 5/14/16 at Post 286 beginning at 10am and 5/22/16 at Post 347 beginning at 1pm.
- **Legislative:** Aunita reminded everyone to continue to contact our legislators to encourage them to support legislation favoring Veteran issues.
- **Membership:** Nell reported that we are at 50% of our membership goal. To date, we have submitted 13 renewals but we need 25 members to reach 100%. It is hoped that our membership recruiting table at the Chamber will help us pick up a few new members.
- **Poppies:** Aunita reminded everyone about the Poppy distributions on the weekend of 11/13 and 14. Booths will be run from 10am – 3pm both days.
- **Veterans Affairs and Rehab:** Marge explained the Buddy Basket project that we need for Fall Conference, noting that the basket needs to be valued at about \$50. Karlin volunteered to purchase the items we need for the basket and will bring them to the Unit meeting in November.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was a lengthy discussion about chairmanships for our programs and the need for our newer members to join the fun of working a couple of committees. Marge emphasized that we all work as a team for all of the programs and that we have chosen projects that are not labor intensive but do give us a presence in all of the Auxiliary programs. We explained that our philosophy is to actually do something that is visible in the community rather than spending lots of time doing fundraisers so we can simply write checks to support other organizations. The members present agreed on the following:

- Aunita will continue to handle Cavalcade of Memories, Children & Youth, and Legislative, and will co-chair Poppies with Marge.
- Marge will continue to handle Americanism, and National Security, will co-chair Poppies with Aunita, and will co-chair Girls State with Debi. Wyvonne and Karlin will join the Gils State committee.
- Nell will continue to handle AEF and Constitution & By-Laws, will co-chair Education with Debi and Wyvonne, and will co-chair Membership with Karlin.
- Karlin will co-chair Membership with Nell and will be part of the Girls State committee.
- Debi will take over Leadership, will co-chair Girls State with Marge, and will co-chair Education with Nell and Wyvonne.

We will work to get our other members added to committees at upcoming meetings.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business brought before the group.

REMINDERS:

- 10/31 – Chamber Fall Festival and Parade (coloring table & membership booth) – 9am – 2pm
- 10/31 – Post Halloween party – 5-8pm
- 11/11 – Post Veterans Day open house – 10am – 2pm
- 11/13-14 – Poppy booths at the Orlando PX – 10am-3pm both days
- 11/13-14 – Department Fall Conference
- 11/14 – Post Yard/Arts & Crafts Sale – 9am – 3pm

After everyone made their contributions to the AEF piggy bank, Marge offered the benediction and adjourned the meeting at 8:50pm.

Respectfully submitted



Nell Colbert
Secretary-Treasurer

Minutes approved _____

Nell Colbert, Secretary _____

Marge Berrios, President _____