

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

February 16, 2021

The February 2021 general meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112 was called to order at 7:04pm by President, Marge Berrios. The meeting was opened according to ritual.

Members in attendance included:

Marge Berrios

Nell Colbert

Terri Berrios

Debi Shannon

Guests in attendance were:

Bob Colbert, Post 112 Adjutant

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 asked for everyone to keep Jim Middlekauff and his family in their prayers as Clare's brother passed away this week after suffering a massive heart attack.

The minutes from the last meeting were emailed to all members. Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Terri Berrios) that the minutes be approved as written. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert gave the Treasurer's Report. Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Terri Berrios) that the Treasurer's Report be filed for audit. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert shared items of correspondence received this month including:

- Department *Mail Call* newsletter
- Unit membership Credit Report – now being send via email

Bob Colbert reported on the Post Executive Committee meeting:

- The wheelchair was delivered to Vice Commander Benton, thanks to a donation from Aunita Padgett, one of our Unit members. Thanks, Aunita.
- The Post is still closed due to Covid – we want to be extra careful to protect our members.
- Boys State interviews will be done via Zoom on Saturday, 2/27.
- Post elections will be held in June with installations hopefully in-person in July. Nominations are now being accepted. The slate will be presented in April and the election in June.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Marge reminded everyone to send in their written service hour logs. There were no committee reports this month, but there was a lengthy discussion about Girls State under Old Business.

LEADERSHIP SEGMENT:

Debi shared information about the Veterans creative Arts Festival. There is a great article on the national Auxiliary site.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 6th District Meeting – Nell reported that for the first time since the pandemic began, our district leadership has acknowledged the need to offer virtual access to the meetings so that more people will attend as there are still major concerns about the spread of the virus during large gatherings. Nell will email the link to the Zoom meeting as we get closer to the 20th. The meeting will go live at 11:30am for check-in and the meeting will begin at noon. Everyone was encouraged to join the call so that Unit 112 will have a good presence at the meeting.
- Girls State – Marge reported that as of now, we have seven candidates from five different high schools, two of which are outside our service area, because the local units are not sending girls to Girls State this summer. Marge also shared the questionnaire she received from one of the candidates from East River High School – their NJROTC Commander asked all the interested girls to complete the questionnaire that he apparently downloaded from our Department website; the questionnaire uses all the questions that we traditionally ask during our interviews. We will be meeting for interviews on Sunday, 2/28 beginning at 1pm for set-up; the girls will arrive at 2pm. We will conduct the opening and initial orientation outside under the pavilion. Depending on the weather, the girls can go back to their cars to wait until they are called, or they can stay at the tables to wait for their individual interview. Individual interviews will be conducted inside the Post, socially distanced. The announcement of our delegate and alternate will be announced outside under the pavilion after all the interviews have been completed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- NONE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS:

- Marge reminded everyone about the 6th District meeting on Saturday and encouraged everyone to attend on-line.
- Nell announced that she will be emailing all the Americanism essay entries we receive so that each member can review them and choose their favorites so we can vote on our winners to be submitted to Department at our march meeting.

Debi Shannon offered the benediction and Marge Berrios adjourned the meeting at 7:42pm.

Respectfully submitted



Nell Colbert
Secretary-Treasurer

Minutes approved _____

Nell Colbert, Secretary _____

Marge Berrios, President _____