

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

March 16, 2021

The March 16th, 2021 general meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112 was called to order at 7:03pm by President, Marge Berrios. The meeting was opened according to ritual.

Members in attendance included:

Marge Berrios
Nell Colbert
Cathy Diehl
Terri Berrios

Guests in attendance were:

Bob Colbert, Post 112 Adjutant

Marge welcomed everyone to our March meeting, 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.

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

The Treasurer's Report showing February's activity was emailed to all members. Terri Barrios moved (seconded by Cathy Diehl) 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
- Information packet from Department requesting 2022 dues information along with our Officers and Committee Chair lists for 2022.

Bob Colbert reported on the Post Executive Committee meeting:

- Another plumbing issue in the Sea Cadet area has been fixed.
- The Post has voted to go back to in-person meetings beginning in April but only for those members who have been fully vaccinated.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Marge called on the Committee Chairs to give their updates if there was activity during the month. Marge reminded everyone to send in their written service hour logs now since we must do our end of the year reports.

- **Americanism:** We received quite a few essays from four schools this year, including Winter Park High School. We will judge the essays from the elementary schools later during this meeting.
- **Education:** Nell suggested that we consider expanding our medals at the elementary schools to include one 5th grade boy in that the Auxiliary can now have the male spouses of female veterans as Unit members. After a brief discussion,

Cathy Diehl moved (seconded by Terri Berrios) that we add one boy per school. Motion carried. Nell also brought up that we have some schools that are far out of our area, specifically Lake Sybelia and Audubon Park/Baldwin Elementary, and suggested that we drop these schools for medals and add Red Bug Elementary since it is much closer to us. Cathy Diehl moved (seconded by Terri Berrios) that we drop Lake Sybelia and Audubon Park Elementary schools and add Red Bug Elementary, giving us seven schools for Scholastic Achievement awards. Motion carried. Nell will send the information out to the schools before the end of the month.

- **Girls State:** Marge reported that our interviews at the end of February went very smoothly.
- **Membership:** We are still at 100% and would love to have a few more members.
- **Public Relations:** Nell reported that she has filed the grant application with the Orange County East Rotary Club but that we have not heard anything back. Bob Colbert is maintaining our website and Nell posts periodically to our Facebook page and group.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **6th District Meeting Update** – Marge reported that for the first time ever, the District allowed members to participate via Zoom and we have two Unit 112 members present. There was a total of six ladies on the Zoom call and the on-line meeting went very well. We learned more about the Girls State orientations and it was emphasized that the May Constitutional Convention will have no remote availability as units must be present to vote. Paula Fox is running for 6th District President. It was noted that our unit elections must be held no less than 15 days before Department convention and no more than 45 days prior to convention.
- **Girls State** – Orientation is this weekend at Pinecastle Post 286; Marge will be attending. Marge reported that our chosen alternate rescinded her acceptance of the appointment as another opportunity was made available to her. Marge contacted our third choice and she gladly accepted; both girls have submitted all their paperwork and it has been accepted by Department.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Americanism Essay judging** – We received entries from Cheney, Dommerich and Eastbrook Elementary Schools and Winter Park High School. After much discussion, our winners are:
 - There was only one entry from Eastbrook, so our winner is Danica Plummer
 - Our Cheney winner is Ayani Escobar (4th grade)
 - Our Dommerich winner are Leighton Nichols, 3rd grade, and Collins Foglesong (4th grade)
 - Our Winter Park High School winner is Jack Rooth
- **In-person meetings** – There was a brief discussion about going back to in-person Unit meetings beginning in April. Cathy Diehl moved (seconded by Terry Berrios) that we will go back to in-person meetings with on-line Zoom capability beginning

in April. Motion carried. There was also a brief discussion about possibly streaming our meetings to our Facebook page. This will give us better visibility in the community and could help us add more members. Also discussed was the idea of sending the link to the Zoom recording to our members or simply posting that link on the Facebook page. The discussion about streaming to Facebook was tabled until our April meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS:

- Please send your volunteer service hours through March 15th to Marge and Nell so that our annual reports can be completed on time.

Marge offered the benediction and adjourned the meeting at 7:52pm.

Respectfully submitted



Nell Colbert
Secretary-Treasurer

Minutes approved _____

Nell Colbert, Secretary _____

Marge Berrios, President _____