

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

**April 20, 2021**

The April 2021 general meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112 was called to order at 7:05pm by President, Marge Berrios. The meeting was opened according to ritual. This meeting was held with both in-person attendees as well as participants on Zoom.

Members in attendance included:

Marge Berrios	Cathy Diehl
Terry Berrios (Zoom)	Debi Shannon (Zoom)
Nell Colbert	

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.

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

Nell Colbert gave the Treasurer's Report. Cathy Diehl moved (seconded by Debi Shannon) 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
- Bank Statements
- Letter from orange County East Rotary

Nell Colbert reported on the Post Executive Committee meeting:

- Jim is trying to get quotes to replace the carpeting in the meeting hall.
- Jim is trying to get quotes for removing a couple of palm trees from the yard.
- The Post will hold a Memorial Day service at the post under the pavilion on May 31<sup>st</sup> beginning at 10am. The Auxiliary membership is encouraged to attend in person if you have been vaccinated. Masks will be required.
- The Post will hold a Post Everlasting service as part of their May meeting.
- The S.A.L. is hoping to get the breakfasts going again soon.

**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.

- **AEF:** This will be our first collection since the pandemic began over a year ago.
- **Americanism:** Our essays were sent to the Department Americanism chair for judging. We will find out if any of our entries won at the Department convention in July.
- **Community Service:** Terry reported that she has run several Disney sponsored races (5K, 10K, and half-marathon) with the proceeds benefitting local Orlando charities.

- **Education:** National Teacher Appreciation Week is the first week in May. Nell suggested that we do our usual breakfast goodie basket but only for Eastbrook since we know that we can get into the school. All our elementary schools have been notified about the Scholastic Achievement Awards and information is beginning to be received from the schools.
- **Girls State:** Marge received word that the dorms have been changed by the school and one of the pick-up locations has been changed from Winter Haven to Mulberry. This change will not affect our delegates, but Marge will notify them. Our alternate was picked up by a unit in the Tampa area (Unit 252) to go as their delegate; she was thrilled.
- **Leadership:** Debi announced that she has now completed the on-line Auxiliary Academy 101 class and encouraged everyone to take the time to do the class. Debi will do the additional classes and report on their contents.
- **Legislative:** Cathy reported no current activity. Please continue to email your state and federal legislators about legislation supported by The American Legion and send a copy of any responses you receive to Cathy.
- **Membership:** We are at 100%, but we have leads for a couple of new members.
- **National Security:** Marge reported that she sent off about \$2,000 in coupons this year.
- **Poppies:** Marge announced that we received a \$50 donation from Post 243 for our Poppy drive. We will have Poppies available at the Memorial Day service and Marge may be able to arrange booths at Tijuana Flats again.
- **Public Relations:** Nell will be doing a presentation for the Rotary Club in July and she has been keeping our Facebook page and group updated. Bob handles our website for us.

### **LEADERSHIP SEGMENT:**

Debi gave a presentation on the Poppy program, noting that nation-wide Auxiliary units distribute about 3 million Poppies and raise about \$3.5 million each year to support Veteran projects.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Streaming our meetings to Facebook (tabled from last month) – Nell explained what we had been discussing last month, namely not only having our meetings available via Zoom but also streaming them to our Facebook page so that some of our members who are not tech savvy but who are on Facebook could participate in our meetings through that platform. We would also keep Zoom in place. Not only would more of our members be able to participate, but we could also use this as a PR effort to spread the word about our unit to the community and maybe gain a few new members. Cathy Diehl moved (seconded by Debi Shannon) that we begin streaming our meetings to Facebook beginning next month. Motion unanimously passed.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Nominating Committee – Debi Shannon, Cathy Diehl, Nell Colbert, and Terry Berrios were appointed to the Nominating Committee. The committee will meet briefly immediately following our meeting tonight.
- Scholastic Achievement Award presentations – Nell reported that at this time we only have one date (from Red Bug Elementary) and it looks like we will need to record our presentation for them since they are doing the presentations by classroom and the students are in different classes. As we get new dates and times, Nell will keep us informed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS:**

- Constitutional Conference is May 8<sup>th</sup> at Sanford Post 53. Information is being mailed from Department.

After everyone made their contributions to the AEF piggy bank, Debi Shannon offered the benediction and Marge Berrios adjourned the meeting at 7:41pm.

Respectfully submitted



Nell Colbert  
Secretary-Treasurer

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

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

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