

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

August 20, 2019

The August 2019 general meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112 was called to order at 7:15pm by President, Marge Berrios and opened according to ritual.

Members in attendance included:

Marge Berrios
Nell Colbert

Cathy Diehl
Lucy Loveitt

Aunita Padgett
Debi Shannon

Guests included:

Brenda Brown

Grace Maddron

Madelda Thompson

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.

Marge welcomed everyone and asked everyone to introduce themselves. Brenda and Madelda will be joining our unit tonight, and Grace was introduced as our 2019 Girls State delegate.

Marge turned the meeting over to Grace so that she could share her experiences at Girls State. At the end of her presentation, Debi and Marge presented Grace a certificate of appreciation for her outstanding representation of our Unit in Tallahassee.

The minutes from the June and July meetings were emailed to all members. Hard copies of the minutes were available at the meeting for review by those who had not received them via email. Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Lucy Loveitt) that the minutes from June be approved as written. Motion carried. Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Cathy Diehl) that the minutes from July be approved as written. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert gave the Treasurer's Reports for June and July. Cathy Diehl moved (seconded by Debi Shannon) that the Treasurer's Report for June be filed for audit. Motion carried. Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Lucy Loveitt) that the Treasurer's Report for July be filed for audit. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert shared items of correspondence received this month including:

- A letter that we received from Grace thanking us for sending her to Girls State that Marge read to the group.
- Florida Tax Tips dealing with the tax-free weekend.
- The MCR Reports for May and June.
- The first edition of the 2019-2020 *Mail Call* Department newsletter.
- Letter from Department re new ACH process for paying Units for member dues paid on-line. Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Cathy Diehl) that we accept this new process and submit the signed form letter to Department. Motion carried.

Since our Post Adjutant was in attendance, Bob Colbert reported on the Post Executive Committee meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Marge called on the Committee Chairs to give their updates if there was activity during the month. Marge explained the need to track our service hours and our use of the service log book. Marge passed around the service hour log book.

- **AEF:** Nell and Marge explained the Auxiliary Emergency Fund and why we collect loose change at every meeting.
- **Leadership:** Debi reminded everyone that the new 2020 Plans of Action for all the Auxiliary programs are on the Department website (www.alafl.org.)
- **Membership:** Nell reported that as of tonight's meeting, we have 15 paid members towards our goal of 22 (69%.)

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Convention Update – Marge gave an update about the June convention.
- Workshop Update – Nell reported on the workshop and shared some ideas presented, including that the Department President's project for this year is Honor Flight.
- Scholastic Books classroom project - Nell presented an idea that we could use for Give Ten to Education program in lieu of the Reading Rockets project that we had to discontinue a few years ago when our book source closed. Scholastic Books has a new program where for \$10 per child, they will provide one book per month for the entire school year. Since most classes have 25 students, if we cut a check payable to Scholastic Books for \$250, we could fund the program for one classroom for this year. Nell has contacts for teachers that would welcome this support.
- Unit Guide orders – Nell suggested that since the National Unit Guide was recently revised, if we place one order as the unit for all our members who want a revised book, we can save on the individual shipping charges. The books are \$9.95 each plus \$3.95 if ordered individually. If our order is for five books, our total shipping would be \$8.95, reducing the cost per book per person to \$11.75 instead of \$13.90. If you would like to order a book, please bring money to the September meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Marge shared information she received via email regarding upcoming district dates:

- 6th District meetings
 - 9/7 at Post 63 in Winter Garden
 - 12/7 at Post 331 in Orlando
 - 10/5 School of Instruction at Post 347 in Lady Lake

Nell and Marge explained the School of Instruction and encouraged all our members to attend so they can learn more about the Auxiliary programs.

After everyone made their contributions to the AEF piggy bank, Debi Shannon offered the benediction and Marge Berrios adjourned the meeting at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted



Nell Colbert,
Secretary-Treasurer

Minutes approved _____

Nell Colbert, Secretary _____

Marge Berrios, President _____