

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

**October 10, 2017**

The October general meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112 was called to order at 7:30pm by President, Marge Berrios after Unit members attending the Post Everlasting ceremony with the rest of the Legion family.

Members in attendance included:

Marge Berrios  
Nell Colbert

Debi Shannon (by phone)  
Thelma Smith

Guest:

Cathy Diehl

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.

Cathy introduced herself to the membership, noting that she is in the process of joining the Auxiliary and her sons are looking forward to joining our SAL Squadron.

Nell Colbert noted that the minutes from the August meeting were emailed to all members but since the September meeting was cancelled, there were no minutes for September. 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 Thelma Smith) that the minutes be approved as written. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert gave the Treasurer's Report and made hard copies available at the meeting for review. Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Thelma Smith) that the Treasurer's Reports for both August and September be filed for audit. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert noted that the only correspondence received this month was our bank statement and the hard copy of the department newsletter. Nell reminded everyone that all issues of *The Kaleidoscope* Department Communiqué are posted on the Department website.

Nell Colbert reported on the Post Executive Committee meeting reminding everyone about the Early Bird Membership picnic on 10/14. We have been asked to provide side dishes for the event. The following sides will be provided:

- Marge – deviled eggs
- Nell – macaroni salad
- Cathy – baked beans
- Thelma – cupcakes

Nell also reported that the Orlando Marathon will again be hosted by the Post on 11/11 and we have been asked to support the event. The Legion Family Christmas party will be held at Perkins on University on 12/8 beginning at 6:30pm. The Post's Four Chaplains service will be held on 2/3/18 at 2pm. The crime prevention speaker who was scheduled for the September meeting has been moved to January.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Marge called on the Committee Chairs to give their updates only if there was activity this past month.

- **Children and Youth:** Nell noted that we need to schedule a date to do the shopping for the Eastbrook Food Pantry. It was agreed that we will meet at Costco on Tuesday, 10/17.

- **Constitution and By-Laws:** Nell reported that she sent out the revised Constitution and By-Laws to all members so we can review them and possible approve them during this meeting.
- **Girls State:** Marge reported that she received an email from a parent of a student who lives in Oviedo but attends Seminole High School. We may have her interview with us in February. Debi announced that she received a letter of apology from our 2017 delegate apologizing for missing the August presentation meeting.
- **Membership:** Nell announced that we have 16 paid members as of today. Our goal is 22 so we are at 72.3% of our goal.
- **Poppies:** We discussed the idea of including a short note tucked inside an envelope addressed to the unit along with a Poppy attached to the November-December newsletter. Our cost would be \$0.21 per mailed newsletter (about 60.) It was agreed that we want to do this but need to hold off until May because we don't have enough Poppies to do the mailing.
- **Veterans Affairs and Rehab:** Marge reported that she received an email from the VA Hospital Rep who wants to visit one of our unit meetings. Marge will work to schedule her visit for after the beginning of the new year.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 6<sup>th</sup> District Meeting update – Marge and Nell shared the information from the district meeting including information that a dues increase was approved by national for 2019 and that it is anticipated that Department will follow with a comparable increase.
- Constitution and By-Laws – The document was reviewed and a couple of changes were made:
  - Update the dues to reflect the dues increase that we learned about at the last 6<sup>th</sup> District meeting.
  - Move the statements about not having an Executive Committee until we reach 25 active members to the beginning of the paragraphs where the Executive Committee is discussed.

Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Thelma Smith) that the Constitution and By-Laws be approved as revised. Motion unanimously passed.

After everyone made their contributions to the AEF piggy bank, Debi Shannon offered the benediction and Marge Berrios adjourned the meeting at 8:22pm.

Respectfully submitted



Nell Colbert  
Secretary-Treasurer

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

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

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