

American Legion Auxiliary Winter Park Memorial Unit 112 General Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2020

The October 2020 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.

Members in attendance included:

Marge Berrios
Brenda Brown
Nell Colbert

Cathy Diehl
Debi Shannon

Guests in attendance were:

Jim Middlekauff, Post 112 Commander
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. Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Marge Berrios) that the minutes be approved as written. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert gave the Treasurer's Report. Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Marge 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
- Letter of Congratulations from Department for achieving 100% membership for 2020
- Solicitation of donations from the Veterans Creative Arts Festival being held at Bay Pines.

It a brief discussion following the correspondence presentation, it was agreed that we will not contribute to the Arts festival this year.

Jim Middlekauff and Bob Colbert reported on the Post Executive Committee meeting:

- The SAL breakfasts are cancelled until such time as the veterans from the VA can participate
- Due to the pandemic, the Legion has cancelled the annual Legion family holiday party at Perkins in December
- The Legion will be doing a virtual Veterans Day program from the Post on 11/11 at 11am via Zoom and Facebook Live. The links will be coming out soon.
- The Legion will hold a Post Everlasting ceremony for their November meeting. This will be done virtually via Zoom and Facebook Live from the Post with only the Post Commander and Adjutant in attendance.

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.

- **Education:** Nell has been in contact with Eastbrook and it looks like about 40 students are getting backpacks this year. It was agreed that we will meet at the Publix on Goldenrod at University on Monday, November 16 at 1pm. Nell, Marge, Cathy, and Debi will do the shopping and drop off the items at the school immediately following.
- **Girls State:** Marge explained that Post 243 has included her contact information in their Boys State materials and that she has received calls from two eligible young ladies, one from Haggarty and one from Winter Springs high Schools. Nell noted that we now have a

good contact with the NJROTC at Lake Howell and suggested that Marge and Bob visit Lake Howell together.

- **Leadership:** Debi shared a leadership segment on Loneliness due to Social Distancing and isolation due to the pandemic. It was suggested that we do Buddy Checks periodically with our members.
- **Membership:** To date, we have 18 paid members; we need 23 to be 100%. This means that assuming all our 2020 members renew, we will need at least one new member to achieve goal.
- **Poppies:** Marge and Brenda set 11/7 beginning at 11am for our Poppy booth at Tijuana Flats in Winter Springs. Cathy will handle the Oviedo store on the same date. Brenda may be able to handle one of the other stores as well. Marge will contact Cathy and Brenda by phone to set a time to meet to drop off Poppies for the booths. As of right now, we have about 250 Poppies on hand for the Veterans Day distribution.
- **VA & R:** Since one of our Veteran Holiday Food Baskets goes to the VA for the Angel tree project, we need the date when the basket will be due so we can set a date to do our shopping. We also need specific contact information for whomever should receive the basket at the VA.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Lake Nona VA Baby Shower – We never got any additional information, so we did not participate.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Fall Conference – The last word we received was that the face-to-face conference has been cancelled but that Department President Ann King-Smith is looking at providing some classes virtually either as recorded YouTube sessions on live on Zoom. As information is received, it will be shared.
- Mid-Year Reports – Marge reminded everyone to send in their monthly service hours reports as our mid-year reports are due to the District chairs by 12/1. Our reports for November should be sent not later than 11/15 so our chairs have time to get their reports done and sent to Marge before Thanksgiving.

Debi Shannon offered the benediction and Marge Berrios adjourned the meeting at 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted



Nell Colbert
Secretary-Treasurer

Minutes approved _____

Nell Colbert, Secretary _____

Marge Berrios, President _____