

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

February 15, 2022

The February 2022 general meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112 was called to order at 7:05pm by President, Marge Berrios. In that we were expecting our 6th District President to join us for her annual unit visit, we dispensed with the opening ritual.

Members in attendance included:

Marge Berrios

Terry Berrios

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.

Marge asked everyone to keep our Chaplain, Debi Shannon, in their prayers as she was having cataract surgery this afternoon.

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

Nell Colbert gave the Treasurer's Report. Terry Berrios 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 *Conch Charter* newsletter
- Unit Membership Credit Report showing that we have a credit balance as we have been paid for our PUFL membership
- Three thank you notes from the VA for our holiday food gift baskets that were delivered in early December
- Unit Dues Information Sheet that was completed and emailed to Department on 2/4/2022
- Several emails were received
 - Reminder of the 6th District meeting on 2/19 at Post 80
 - Girls State orientation dates
 - Reminder for everyone to complete the online ALA national survey
 - Request for donations to help cover the hotel stay from President Wanda when she visits the district next month.

Bob Colbert expressed regrets from Jim Middlekauff as he was dealing with an emergency at home and could not be present tonight. Bob reported that the Legion currently has two Boys State candidates from Winter Park High School and that he is trying to get candidates from Lake Howell and Lake Highland. The Post does not cover as many schools as the Auxiliary.

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.

- **Americanism:** Essay contest entries are coming in. To date we have received 14 essays from Dommerich and 3 from Cheney. The schools have until 2/25/2022 to get their essays to us.
- **Community Service:** Terry is set to run a 5K, 10K, and half marathon at Disney next week. She is also doing a virtual Polar Bear Plunge at home in NJ.
- **Education:** We will be presenting our Scholastic Achievement awards and medals at our elementary schools at the 5th grade awards ceremonies in May.
- **Girls State:** Marge has called all the schools to remind them to have their girls contact her. To date we have one candidate from Haggarty and two from Winter Park.
- **Membership:** Nell reported that we welcomed a new member last month, Linda Miglionico, the wife of Post 112's 1st Vice Commander, Stephen Miglionico. Welcome Linda! Linda's membership puts us at 96% of our goal. We have one member who has yet to renew for 2022. Both Marge and Nell have spoken with her, and she has promised to renew online. Once her renewal is posted, we will be at 100%.
- **Poppies:** Marge will speak with Brenda about securing a booth at the Tijuana Flats stores. Nell will order more Poppies.
- **Public Relations:** Our Rotary grant application has been received by the club. We should hear something soon.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Essay Contest – We have received entries from two schools and Marge has been promised essays from one of the high schools. Nell scanned and emailed the entries received to date to all members with a request that everyone pick their top three essays from each school and email the names to Nell. This will help streamline the judging on 2/27. Our winning essays are due to Department by 3/15/2022.
- Girls State – As the girls call Marge, she is asking our standard qualifying questions and reminding the girls that a parent must attend the interviews with them. All paperwork is due to Department by April 4th. Our interviews will take place on Sunday, 2/27/22 beginning at 2pm. We need to arrive by 1pm to set up the room. We received an email announcing the orientation dates:
 - 4/9 at Post 286
 - 4/16 at Post 219

NEW BUSINESS:

- Unit elections/nominating committee – Everyone was reminded that since the Department Convention is schedule for June 16-19, our elections should be held in May because our June meeting does not fall within the rules for conducting elections (not less than 15 days prior to convention nor more than 90 days prior to convention.) We will need to elect our Nominating Committee next month since our Standing Rules mandate that this committee must be formed not less than two months prior to our election.
- Scholastic Achievement Awards – Nell will be contacting our elementary schools in early March soliciting candidates (one girl and one boy) for our Scholastic Achievement Awards. We will need help to make the presentations as it is anticipated that the ceremonies will be held live this year with the parents in attendance. Most schools hold their 5th grade awards on the last few days of school and travel time between schools makes it impossible for one presenter to attend more than two ceremonies per day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS:

- 6th District meeting is this Saturday, 2/19, at Post 80 in St. Cloud. There will not be a Zoom option.

Our 6th District President did not join our meeting this month, so there was no annual visit conducted. Nell will contact Paula to reschedule for next month.

Marge offered the benediction and adjourned the meeting at 7:28pm.

Respectfully submitted



Nell Colbert
Secretary-Treasurer

Minutes approved _____

Nell Colbert, Secretary _____

Marge Berrios, President _____