

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

**October 18, 2022**

The October 2022 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  
Terry Berrios

Nell Colbert  
Debi Shannon

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. Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Terry Berrios) that the minutes be approved as written. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert gave the Treasurer's Report. Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Terry Berrios) that the Treasurer's Report be filed for audit. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert shared items of correspondence received this month including:

- Department *The Florida Canvas* newsletter
- Unit Membership Credit Report – now being send via email

Bob Colbert reported on the Post Executive Committee meeting:

- The Post has scheduled the Legion Family holiday party for 12/9 from 6-10pm at the Perkins restaurant near Costco on University Blvd. The annual optional gift exchange will also be available; the gift amount should be \$20.
- The Post will become the chartering organization for ScoutsBSA troops 613 (boy troop) and 4613 (girl troop) as of 12/31/2022. Bob will be the Chartered Organization Rep; e.g., the liaison between the Post and the troops.
- The Post has made donations to the Department of Florida and the Mustard Seed to support Hurricane Ian relief.
- The Post has also confirmed that it will support the Unit projects for the Eastbrook Thanksgiving backpack project and the holiday Veteran food basket project.
- The Post has had an electrician in to install two new outside light fixtures as the old ones had burned out.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

- **Membership:** We remain at 80%; we need three Unit 112 members to pay their 2023 dues and we need to recruit two new members to reach 100%. Marge attended the Post 243 Auxiliary Unit exploration meeting. The Oviedo group did not have enough ladies interested to form a Unit of their own. The Post 243 Commander encouraged those interested in the Auxiliary to join Unit 112. Post 243 might be willing to support an over quota girl for Girls State for Unit 112, but we must be at 100% to qualify for over quota. Debi will contact Department to get the contact information from the former Unit 53 members so they can be invited to join our Unit.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- Scholastic Books – Nell will deliver the check to the Eastbrook teacher ASAP.

- Unit Guides – Nell ordered the guides, and they are here. Nell will bring them to Fall Conference.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 6<sup>th</sup> District Meeting Update – Nell attended the meeting in Winter Garden. The meeting was chaired by Charlotte Bass as Paula Fox was attending a national Girls State training. Department still does not have a permanent secretary-Treasurer but the new membership clerk, a volunteer from Unit 183, was introduced to the group; she starts her new position as of 10/1. The big news from the National Convention was that the \$6 national dues increase for 2024 was approved but the incremental \$1 increases each year thereafter until 2030 was not approved. It is anticipated that the \$1 increases every year until 2030 will come up again at the 2023 national convention. We were reminded that the delegates to the Florida annual meeting approved a \$2.50 increase for 2024 so the dues for 2024 that we pay to Department/National will go up by \$8.50 per member. There was a brief discussion about how we should handle the dues increase. It was agreed that we, as a Unit, cannot afford to absorb the dues increase. As of now, we collect \$36 per Senior member for dues, and we pay \$21.50 to Department/National. For 2024, we will need to pay Department/National \$30 per Senior member, leaving us only \$6 to support our programs if we do not increase our dues to match the Department and national increases. Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Terri Berrios) that we increase our dues by 9.00 for 2024, making them \$45. Motion carried. Nell was directed to update our Standing Rules to show the 2024 dues increase so that we can officially vote the Standing Rules change at our November meeting.
- Eastbrook Veterans Day program – No date yet from the school. Nell will call to get the date and time for the breakfast and program. We will set a date to do the shopping for the Veterans holiday baskets and the Eastbrook backpack project as soon as we have a date from the school. We will also wait to hear about when the Post wants our help with the Giving Tree project for Lake Baldwin.
- President’s project – There was a brief discussion about donating to President Jane’s special project this year. Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Marge Berrios) that the Unit donate \$100 to the SnoBall Express program. Motion carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS:**

- Marge reminded everyone to send in their written service hour logs to both Nell and her.
- The Department Fall Conference is November 18-20. Please attend if you can as there are some great sessions to help newer members learn about the Auxiliary.

Debi Shannon offered the benediction and Marge Berrios adjourned the meeting at 7:49pm.

Respectfully submitted



Nell Colbert  
Secretary-Treasurer

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

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

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