

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

April 19, 2023

The April, 2023 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 Finance Report. Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Terry Berrios) that the Finance Report be filed for audit. Motion carried. During the finance portion of the meeting, Nell mentioned that effective July 1st, postage will be going up again and suggested that we purchase additional stamps. Everyone agreed and Nell will purchase as we get closer to the July 1st date. Nell also noted that she has filed our quarterly sales tax report with the state.

Nell Colbert shared items of correspondence received this month including:

- Department *The Florida Canvas* newsletter
- Unit Membership Credit Report – now being send via email
- Letter from Orange County East Rotary about our grant request
- Letter from Department requesting that we update our bank information for ACH deposits
- Post Office Box rent invoice (\$138.00) due by 4/30
- Website domain renewal invoice (\$34.34) due by 4/30

Bob Colbert reported on the Post Executive Committee meeting:

- The Post is most appreciative of our support throughout the year and especially our help with the upcoming Memorial Day program. By helping with the decorating and providing some side dishes for the picnic, the Post acknowledges that our support will enhance the event. Bob noted that Jim is still working to obtain a speaker for the service. Dustin's BBQ will be providing the main meal as well as drinks and music during the picnic.
- The Legion's alternate Boys State delegate has been picked up by another Post so all the boys we interviewed will be going to Boys State except the one young man who withdrew due to medical issues.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

- **Education:**
 - Nell reported that we are missing ceremony dates and names of the Scholastic Achievement award recipients from only three schools, Cheney, Eastbrook, and Rainbow. Nell has sent reminder emails to the contacts for those schools. To date, presentations are being done on 5/19, Red Bug with two different assembly times; 5/23, at Aloma and Lakemont, both at 9am; and on 5/24 at Brookshire and Dommerich, both at 9am. Once we have dates for the missing three schools, we will work out our presenters via email. Laurel and Marge will handle the presentations at the High Schools. All the medals have been received from Emblem Sales and Nell is working on getting the certificates printed.
 - Nell also brought up National Teacher Appreciation Week coming up 5/8 – 5/12 that she usually handles by herself. This year, she and Bob will be on vacation. Marge and Debi offered to do the shopping on 5/9 and deliver the goodies to Eastbrook. Nell will email a list of items she purchases along with the sign that goes with our spread.
- **Girls State:** Department extended the date for girls to submit their paperwork; our girls had all their paperwork verified before the original deadline. Marge has also been in contact with Paula about getting our alternates picked up. Paula explained that things are being done differently this year and that alternates are being placed within their own districts first based on the date of their paperwork submission. The Girls State orientation is Saturday, 4/22 at Post 286, Pinecastle and Marge has sent reminders to all four of our girls.
- **Poppies:** Marge noted that she will bring our Poppies to the Memorial Day program on 5/29, and she will work with Madelda and Brenda to get additional poppies distributed.
- **Public Relations:** Our presentation for the Rotary Club is on May 18th beginning about 8am. The club offers both in-person and Zoom so anyone who would like to attend via Zoom should let Nell know and she will email them the link. For anyone who wants to attend in-person, the location is Winter Park Presbyterian Church on Lakemont behind Advent Winter Park Hospital. The do a buffet style breakfast that begins at 7:30am. Please let Nell know if you want to attend so she can let the club know how many to expect.

It was noted that all our year-end reports have been submitted but we are waiting on receipt confirmation from the 6th District Chairs for Constitution and ByLaws, Public Relations, and VA & R.

LEADERSHIP SEGMENT:

Debi shared information about the PACT Act and how it affects Veterans and their families who might have been exposed to burn pits, agent orange, etc.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Nominating Committee Update – Debi presented the proposed slate of officers for 2023-2024. There were no nominations from the floor and nominations were officially closed. Our slate includes:
 - President – Marge Berrios
 - Vice president – Terry Berrios
 - Secretary – Treasurer – Nell Colbert
 - Chaplain – Debi Shannon
 - Sgt at Arms – Laurel Ross
 - Historian – Madelda Thompson

NEW BUSINESS:

- 6th District meeting – no one was able to attend, and no information has been shared with Units by the District President/Secretary.
- Girls State delegate update for the Unit – There was a brief discussion about whether we want to do a joint session with the Legion and their Boys State delegates on 8/8 or do our own session the following week with just our delegates. Nell reminded everyone that either way, we need to have an in-person session as we have medals and certificates to present. It was agreed that we will have our delegates come to the Post on 8/8 to be part of a joint Girls State-Boys State update session.
- Good Deed Awards – There was a discussion about the Auxiliary Good Deed/Young Heroes awards. Nell explained that certificates come from National and since our Post sponsors two Scouts BSA troops, one boy troop and one girl troop, both of which are producing Eagle Scouts, we could submit those young people for the good deed award since they must do extensive service projects to earn Eagle rank. We may also find some youngsters in our neighborhoods who perform good deeds or heroic activities that could be recognized as well. It was agreed that we should participate in this program as part of our Children and Youth activities. Nell will get the application and contact the troops for write-ups on their most recent Eagle scouts.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS:

- Send service hours to Marge and Nell
- Unit 112 Elections – May 16 meeting, 7pm via Zoom
- 6th District Constitutional Conference – 5/27/Post 35 - 9:30am reg/10am start
- Legion Family Memorial Day program and picnic – 5/29 – 11am at Post 112
- Dept Convention – 6/15-6/18 Hilton Lake Buena Vista
- Installation of Officers – July 11 at 7pm at Post 112 (in-person & Zoom)
- Girls State delegate updates – August 8, 7pm at Post 112 (in-person & Zoom)

Debi Shannon offered the benediction and Marge Berrios adjourned the meeting at 8pm.

Respectfully submitted



Nell Colbert
Secretary-Treasurer

Minutes approved _____

Nell Colbert, Secretary _____

Marge Berrios, President _____