

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

March 21, 2023

The March, 2023 general meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112 was called to order at 7:02pm by President, Marge Berrios. The meeting was opened according to ritual.

Members in attendance included:

Marge Berrios
Terry Berrios

Nell Colbert
Laurel Ross

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 Terry Berrios) that the minutes be approved as written. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert gave the Treasurer's Report. Terry Berrios moved (seconded by Debi Shannon) 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
- Email from 6th District with updated District Officers list

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

- Jim thanked the Unit for all it does to support the Legion family.
- Jim announced that the Legion is planning a Memorial Day program on Monday, 5/29 at 11am. Jim asked the Auxiliary to support the program. The Legion needs help with decorating and if we have members so inclined, he would welcome side dishes and desserts. Dustin's BBQ will be supplying the main meal and drinks as they have done in the past and the Sea cadets will be assisting with set-up and the flag ceremony. Jim is working to secure the speaker for the ceremony.
- Bob noted that the SAL has moved their meetings back to the first Monday of the month and will begin holding hybrid meetings in April.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

- **Girls State:** Our delegate, Amelia, and our alternate, Emily, are fully approved. Marge has been texting the other two girls to encourage them to get their paperwork submitted before the April 4th deadline.

LEADERSHIP SEGMENT: Because of the lengthy process of judging our Americanism Essays, our leadership segment was by-passed this month.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Americanism Essay Contest judging. We received essays from the following schools
 - Dommerich Elementary – 10 essays / Tucker Bleakley winner (5th grade)

- Rainbow Elementary – 3 essays / Scout Ramie winner (5th grade)
- Lake Howell High School – 23 essays / winners are: Grayson Lunardi (10th grade) & Eric Lin (12th grade)
- Oviedo High School – 1 essay – Talmadge Kanistras winner (11th grade)
- Winter Springs – 1 essay – Esther Hu winner (10th grade)

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS:

- Marge reminded everyone to send in their written service hour logs to both her and Nell.
- 6th District meeting is this Saturday, 3/25 at Post 80
- 6th District Constitutional Conference is 5/27 at Post 35
- Department Convention is 6/15-18 at the Hilton Lake Buena Vista.

Debi Shannon offered the benediction and Marge Berrios adjourned the meeting at 7:45pm.

The regular business meeting was immediately followed by our annual Nominating Committee meeting chaired by Debi Shannon.

Respectfully submitted



Nell Colbert
Secretary-Treasurer

Minutes approved _____

Nell Colbert, Secretary _____

Marge Berrios, President _____