

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

June 20, 2023

The June 2023 general meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112 was called to order at 7:01pm by President, Marge Berrios via Zoom. 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.

We began our meeting with the traditional Charter Draping ceremony in honor of Staci Shannon-Klinger who passed away May 27, 2023. Debi Shannon added that there would be a Celebration of Life for Staci at Cocoa beach on July 15th. More information to come.

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.

Nell Colbert shared items of correspondence received this month including:

- Department *The Florida Canvas* newsletter
- Unit Membership Credit Report – now being send via email
- Thank you note from Angeles Alberty, one of our Scholastic Achievement award recipients from Eastbrook Elementary School.

Bob Colbert reported on the Post Executive Committee meeting:

- The Post has elected their officers for 2023-2024. All current officers were re-elected. The Post now has a new Historian who will work with Nell to get event pictures.
- Our installation of officers will be held on July 11th at the Post beginning at 7pm. The meeting will also be available on Zoom for those not able to attend in person. We will be using the Legion's Zoom account so Bob will send the link to Nell, and she will forward it out to our membership.
- Boys State and Girls State delegates will have the opportunity to share updates about their adventures at the August Post meeting on 8/8. This meeting will be in person at the Post and will also be available via Zoom.
- The Post is continuing its maintenance program; this month focusing on the building alarm system and security cameras.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

- **Girls State:** Both of our alternates were picked up by other units so all four of our selected candidates will be attending Girls State this month. At the Department convention we learned that the 2024 cost for Girls State will remain at \$400 per delegate.
- **Membership:** Our membership drive for 2024 begins July 1st. Nell reminded everyone that our dues for 2024 increased to \$45 for Senior members due to the dues increase from both National and Department. Our Junior dues will remain the same as there was no increase from National or Department.
- **Poppies:** Marge reported that even though we did not have Poppy distribution booths for Memorial Day, we received some donations at the Post's Memorial Day program and a lady purchased 25 Poppies to give to her friends.
- **Public Relations:** Our Unit was recognized at the Department Convention for our PR efforts, specifically for our articles that appear in each issue of the Winter Park Legion family newsletter.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished business left from last month.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 2023-2024 Budget – The draft budget was emailed to our Executive Committee for review. There were no questions or changes suggested. Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Terry Berrios) that the budget be approved as presented. Motion carried.
- 2023-2024 Program Chairs – Since we have some new members who want to get involved with our programs, discussion on our program chairs for next year was tabled until our August meeting. It was agreed that in addition to the Girls State updates on 8/8, we will hold a brief meeting on our regular meeting night, August 15, to solidify our program chairs for next year.
- Review of the 2023 Department Convention – Nell and Marge gave brief updates on the sessions they attended.
 - It was noted that the Department is trying to eliminate postage costs so much of what we receive will be emailed or downloadable from the Department website.
 - Another major change approved at this year's convention was to make the Department Secretary position a voluntary position, appointed by the Department President each year.
 - It was also announced that because so many units are failing to file the necessary paperwork with the state and the IRS, the Department staff will be following up with units that do not have their Florida Solicitor's Permit, their State Annual Corporation Report, and the acceptance of the IRS 990 filing on file in the Department office. All these forms should be sent to the Department Treasurer effective July 1st.
 - Another major change that will be beneficial to all units is that the Department will no longer be holding MCR monies until the end of the year; if a unit has members who pay their dues on-line, the monies due the unit will be paid to the unit by ACH credit about the first of the month following receipt, much like the Legion does for the Posts.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS:

- Send service hours to Marge and Nell
- 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)
- August Unit meeting – August 15th via Zoom – 7pm
- 6th District meeting – September 23, 2023 - Winter Garden Post 63 – Time TBD

Debi Shannon offered the benediction and Marge Berrios adjourned the meeting at 7:39pm.

Respectfully submitted



Nell Colbert
Secretary-Treasurer

Minutes approved _____

Nell Colbert, Secretary _____

Marge Berrios, President _____