

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

September 19, 2023

The September 2023 general meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112 was called to order at 7pm by President, Marge Berrios. The meeting was held via Zoom and opened according to ritual.

Members in attendance included:

Marge Berrios
Terry Berrios
Nell Colbert

Laurel Ross
Debi Shannon

Guests in attendance were:

Bob Colbert, Post 112 Adjutant
Kin Kinard

Al Schroeder
Lorraine Holland

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.

Our special guests were Kin, Al, and Lorraine, from MOAA who spoke about their program *Veterans Healing Through Expression* and asked for our partnership to assist them in obtaining a national Auxiliary grant for their program. To proceed with the grant application, they would need agreement from our unit members agreeing to the partnership along with contact information for Marge and Nell along with the Unit's EIN and confirmation that we are a 501C-19 organization. This would be an annual grant, and, if granted, the funds would come to the Unit to be forwarded to MOAA. Marge thanked our guests for their valuable information and assured them that we would further discuss and vote on their request later in our meeting. After their presentation, Kin, Al, and Lorraine logged out of our meeting.

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

Nell Colbert gave the Finance Report. Laurel Ross moved (seconded by Debi Shannon) that the Finance Report be filed for audit. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert shared items of correspondence received this month including:

- Department *Liberty Bell* newsletter
- Unit Membership Credit Report

Bob Colbert reported on the Post Executive Committee meeting:

- The Post will be having dinner at the Post during their meetings beginning in October assisted by Nell.
- The Scout troops sponsored by the Post are doing very well
- The Commander is looking at doing a Veterans Day program this year
- Home depot has gotten a new manager so the Post will have to submit their paperwork again

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

- **Children and Youth:** Nell will contact Eastbrook about the school's food pantry so we can plan for shopping before Thanksgiving
- **Education:** Nell will arrange with the teacher at Eastbrook to deliver our check for \$250 to support the Scholastic Books project.
- **Girls State:** Our delegate, Mary Frances, who could not attend the update at Post 112, has agreed to attend the Post 243 meeting in September so share her experiences. Marge will also attend to present her certificate and medal. Marge will also contact Paula about the discrepancies Debi reported in Girls State orientations from one district to another.
- **Membership:** To date, we have 19 paid members (73.08%). Our goal for the year is 26. We need to be at 75% (20 members) before 12/1 and 100% before 12/31.
- **Poppies:** Marge indicated that we have enough Poppies to cover what we give out at Tijuana Flats and Oviedo' Great Day in the Country.

LEADERSHIP SEGMENT:

Debi shared information about the Legion's Indy 500 car that is branded in the legion's "Be the One" theme. The goal is to promote reaching out to Veterans who might be contemplating suicide to help reduce veteran suicide. Debi shared some of the signs of suicide.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- MOAA project – There was a lengthy discussion about partnering with MOAA to assist them with their quest for an Auxiliary grant to support their Healing Through Expression project. Laurel Ross moved (seconded by Terry Berrios) to move forward with the proposed MOAA partnership. Motion approved unanimously. Nell will contact the MOAA reps to supply the information they need.

NEW BUSINESS:

- NONE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS:

- Send service hours to Marge and Nell
- The 6th District meeting is 9/30 at Post 63, Winter Garden. Registration is at 9:30am, meeting begins at 10am
- Next Unit meeting is 10/19 via Zoom.

Debi Shannon offered the benediction and Marge Berrios adjourned the meeting at 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted



Nell Colbert
Secretary-Treasurer

Minutes approved _____

Nell Colbert, Secretary _____

Marge Berrios, President _____