

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

**October 17, 2023**

The October 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.

Nell Colbert shared items of correspondence received this month including:

- Department *The Florida Canvas* newsletter
- Unit Membership Credit Report

Bob Colbert reported on the Post Executive Committee meeting:

- Bob thanked Nell on behalf of the Post for handling the dinner for the October Post meeting.
- The Legion Family Holiday party will be held at Perkins on 12/8 starting at 6:30pm. Spouses are always welcome, and we will have our traditional gift exchange (\$15-\$20 max)

**6<sup>th</sup> District September Meeting Update:**

Nell gave a lengthy report on the information received at the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter District meeting, noting that the joint Legion-Auxiliary opening was well received.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

- **Children and Youth:** Eastbrook has about 15 youth who get weekly backpacks. We agreed to do our shopping on 11/6 at 1pm. We will meet at the Publix on Goldenrod at University. The plan is to deliver the food to the school on 11/10 after their Veterans Day program.
- **Constitution and By-Laws:** There is no Department chair so any modifications should be sent directly to the Department Secretary after unit approval.
- **Education:** The teacher who usually receives our Scholastic Books check is out on sick leave. Her substitute will accept the check and get the program started for the kids in the classroom.

- **Girls State:** Marge reported that there is a scripted orientation program that all Districts are supposed to follow. The 2024 Girls State program will run 6/20 – 6/28 2024. We agreed to hold our selection on 2/25/2024. Nell noted that we can apply this year for an over quota girl even if we are not at 100%. Our application for over quota would be held until all the requests from 100% units are filled and then taken on a first come-first served basis.
- **Membership:** We have 21 paid members to date (81%.) Terry will send in the paperwork for her daughter.
- **Poppies:** We were not able to order more Poppies. Marge is working with Madelda and Brenda to set up booths at Tijuana Flats in Oviedo for 11/11.
- **Public Relations:** Nell is working on the Rotary grant application.
- **VA & R:** We will shop for our VA holiday food baskets on 11/28, meeting at Costco at 2pm.

**LEADERSHIP SEGMENT:**

Debi's quote for the evening: "A manager does things right; a leader does the right things."

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- MOAA grant paperwork has been sent to the MOAA reps so the grant can be finalized and submitted to national.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Unit Quarterly meetings – Nell suggested that we think about holding quarterly hybrid meetings at the Post and include a light dinner. It was agreed that this is a good idea, and we will implement it in 2024 – probably February.
- December Business meeting – It was agreed that we will use the holiday party as our December meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS:**

- Send service hours to Marge and Nell

Debi Shannon offered the Benediction and Marge Berrios adjourned the meeting at 8:04pm.

Respectfully submitted

*Nell Colbert*

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Secretary-Treasurer

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

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

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