

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

April 16, 2024

The April 2024 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
Maria Santiago
Debi Shannon

Guests in attendance were:

Bob Colbert, Post 112 Adjutant
Penny Kanbara, 6th District President

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.

Marge introduced Penny, who praised our Unit for being one of the few in the District with 100% reporting. Marge and Nell reported that several of our District Chairs do not confirm receipts of reports. Penny will address this at the May District Constitutional Conference. Penny noted that she has our 2003 100% membership plaque that she will bring to the May meeting that will be held at Mount Dora post 35 on May 11th. Registration begins at 9:30am and the meeting begins at 10. Penny reported that the recent 6th District picnic went very well and raised about \$1500 for Girls State/Boys State transportation. There was a brief discussion about Penny getting hard copies of all the reports we have already sent to Department. Our leadership stood firm and offered to email the emailed confirmation receipts from Brandi for all the reports that Penny wants. After her remarks, Penny left the meeting.

The minutes from the last meeting were emailed to all members. Laurel Ross 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 Maria 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
- Letter from Orange County East Rotary
- District Constitutional Conference Voting Strength letter and delegate sheet

Bob Colbert reported on the Post Executive Committee meeting:

- The windows in the Sea cadet area are being replaced.

- Billy Dover is chairing the Post's memorial Day event scheduled for 5/27 at 11am. Billy is working on the program and will contact Marge with whatever he would like the Auxiliary to do.
- Post and SAL elections are next month
- Bob will try to get our installations set for July when he attends the Legion's District Constitutional Conference. He will keep us posted.
- The new sink should be installed before the Memorial Day program.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

- **Americanism:** Only one school sent in entries on time. Nell did receive an email this week from another school asking if it was too late to submit entries. Our winner was sent to the Department Americanism Chair last month.
- **Education:** Invitations to submit names for the Scholastic Achievement Award have been sent to all eight elementary schools. Red Bug Elementary replied that they will not have any awards from outside organizations this year due to all the new rules and regulations and the challenges associated with screening the presenters. To date, we have dates from four schools and there are three presentations on the same day. Marge will handle the presentation at Rainbow. As soon as we get other dates, Nell will reach out to get additional presenters as needed.
- **Girls State:** Department has acknowledged that all paperwork has been completed. Both delegates are good to go, and our alternates will be eligible to be placed with other units if they attend an orientation session. Marge will text the girls about Saturday's orientation at Post 286.
- **Membership:** We are 100%.
- **Poppies:** Marge will work with Sharon and Madelda to get booths set up for Memorial Day. We will definitely need more Poppies for Veterans Day and the program at Eastbrook.
- **Public Relations:** The grant presentation at the orange County East Rotary meeting is set for April 25th beginning at 7am. If anyone would like to attend, please let Nell know. They still have the Zoom option available if anyone who can't be there in person would like to attend remotely. Let Nell know and she will get the link.

LEADERSHIP SEGMENT:

Debi shared information about April being the month of the Military Child and why the color purple was chosen as April's color. #PurpleUpForMilitaryKids

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Nominating Committee – Debi presented our slate of officers for 2024-2025. There were no nominations from the floor. Our elections will take place at our May meeting.

- Unit Banner – Nell obtained a quote from Perfect Printing to produce our banner of \$84. We need to obtain approval from national before we can proceed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Election of Delegates to the District Constitutional Conference – Marge and Nell were elected as our delegates. As no other members will be available to attend, there were no alternates selected. Nell will bring the completed paperwork.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS:

- Send service hours to Marge and Nell
- 6th District Constitutional Conference is May 11th at Post 35 in Mount Dora.

Debi Shannon offered the benediction and Marge Berrios adjourned the meeting at 7:52pm.

Respectfully submitted



Nell Colbert
Secretary-Treasurer

Minutes approved _____

Nell Colbert, Secretary _____

Marge Berrios, President _____