

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

**February 20, 2024**

The February 2024 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 - Zoom

Nell Colbert

Laurel Ross

Maria Santiago - Zoom

Debi Shannon - Zoom

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. Laurel Ross moved (seconded by Debi Shannon) that the minutes be approved as written. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert gave the Finance Report. Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Maria Santiago) 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:

- Boys State selection will be this Saturday, 2/24, starting at 2pm. There are 4 candidates, all from Winter Park High School.
- The sink provided by Home Depot still needs to be installed. The Post is looking for a plumber who can do the job.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

- **Americanism:** We have 8 essays to judge later in this meeting.
- **Education:** Nell will be contacting our elementary schools in early March about our Scholastic Achievement awards and the dates for their 5<sup>th</sup> grade graduation ceremonies.
- **Girls State:** We have 9 girls to interview Sunday, 2/26, starting at 2pm (set up begins at 1pm.) 2 girls are from Haggerty; 3 from Trinity Prep, 3 from Winter Park, and one is coming from Winter Garden. The orientation sessions for 6<sup>th</sup> District will start at 9:30am (registration at 9am) and will be held at:
  - 4/20 at Post 286, Pinycastle
  - 5/5 at Post 219, Fruitland Park
- **Membership:** We need two more members to reach 100% and be guaranteed our over quota delegate for Girls State. Brynlee will be born on 2/23 so after she is registered, we will need one more.

- **National Security:** Marge let everyone know that coupons can be no more than two months expired with the recent rule change. It was suggested posting on neighborhood newsletters and Facebook groups requesting that coupons be dropped off at Unit members' homes.
- **Poppies:** Marge will talk with Brenda about using Tijuana Flats again. Our booth will be on May 24<sup>th</sup>, National Poppy Day.

**LEADERSHIP SEGMENT:** Debi reported that a documentary about Girls State and Boys State will be presented as part of the Sun Dance Film Festival and should be available for streaming.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- Four Chaplains Ceremony – This year's ceremony was cancelled due to the passing of Chaplain Dover's wife.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- MOAA project recap – Nell and Marge attended the appreciation luncheon that followed the "Veterans Healing through Expression" art show that was held at the Museum of Military History in Kissimmee on 2/11. We presented MOAA with a check for \$2500 that we received from the National Auxiliary Foundation for the funding of the MOAA grant request.
- Nominating Committee – Debi, Terry, Maria, Laurel, and Nell were elected to the Nominating Committee that will determine our slate of officers for 2024-2025. The committee will meet on Zoom following our March Unit meeting.
- Americanism Essay Contest – Everyone shared their top 3 picks for the winner of our contest. After careful review and consideration, Delaney Dickey's essay was determined to be our winner. Nell will complete the paperwork and send the needed information to the Department's Americanism Chair.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS:**

- Send service hours to Marge and Nell
- 6<sup>th</sup> District meeting is March 2<sup>nd</sup> at Post 347, Lady Lake, beginning at 9am for registration.
- Girls State selection is Sunday, 2/25. Set up is at 1pm and interviews begin at 2pm.

Debi Shannon offered the Benediction and Marge Berrios adjourned the meeting at 7:46pm.

Respectfully submitted



Nell Colbert  
Secretary-Treasurer

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

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

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