

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

August 20, 2024

The August 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	Maria Santiago (Zoom)
Terry Berrios (Zoom)	Debi Shannon
Nell Colbert	

Guests in attendance were:

Carol Marques, Girls State delegate	Bob Colbert, Post 112 Adjutant
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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 Carol to the group, noting that Carol is from Trinity Prep and was one of our Girls State delegates this year. Carol shared her experiences at Girls State and thanked us for the opportunity to attend. At the conclusion of her update, Carol was excused and left the meeting.

The minutes from the June and July meetings were emailed to all members. Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Terry Berrios) that the minutes from both meetings be approved as written. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert gave the Finance Report showing June and July activity. Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Terry Berrios) that both Finance Reports be filed for audit. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert shared items of correspondence received this month including:

- Letter from Deberah May's (Cathy Diehl's sister)
- Thank you note from Meghna Vikram, Girls State Delegate
- Thank you note from Carol Marques, Girls State Delegate
- Flyer re 6th District School of Instruction

Bob Colbert reported on the Post Executive Committee meeting:

- The Post will hold a Patriot's Day celebration on 9/11 at the Post with a short ceremony starting at 10am followed by refreshments and chat from 10am until 2pm.
- The Post sponsored Girl Scouts BSA troop will be meeting at the Post until November while the church where they usually meet undergoes some renovations.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

- **Americanism:** The Americanism Essay contest is scheduled for November-December. Nell will contact the schools with the information this fall with essays being due by mid-February so we can judge them at our February meeting.

- **Children and Youth:** Nell will be contacting Eastbrook after labor Day to see how many students are receiving the weekly backpacks so we can plan for our November Thanksgiving shopping.
- **Constitution and By-Laws:** There is supposed to be new information coming out at the national convention this month. As soon as we have the latest information, we will need to review our documents to be sure they are in compliance.
- **Education:** We need to find another teacher at Eastbrook that uses Scholastic books in their classroom or look at Dommerich to see if they have a teacher using the program since our regular check recipient is our on medical leave indefinitely. Nell will contact Eastbrook after Labor Day.
- **Girls State:** Two girls have given their updates so far. Our final delegate is scheduled to speak at post 243 at their September meeting.
- **Membership:** Our goal for 2025 is 29. This uses our end number for 2022-2023 plus 1. As of today, we have 23 paid, including our PUFL, with three current members left to pay. If all three members left to pay, do pay, we will need to recruit 3 new members to make our 100% goal.
- **Poppies:** Nell learned at the Department Workshop that the Veterans at the medical centers who used to make poppies for the Auxiliary are not making them anymore, so they are in very short supply. As soon as we are notified that there is a supply available, Nell will order some for the Unit.
- **Public Relations:** Nell continues to update our Facebook group and page, and Bob keeps the website up to date

LEADERSHIP SEGMENT:

Debi shared information about President Charlotte's project for this year, Operation 300. Marge Berrios moved (seconded by Debi Shannon) that we donate \$100 to Operation 300 at the June convention's Parade of Checks. Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

- Department Workshop update – Nell and Bob gave a brief update on the information presented at the workshop held last month. Both found the event informative, and they encouraged everyone to attend next year. The workshop is held at the Altamonte Hilton each year. Nell emphasized that while it is fun to stay at the hotel, it is not necessary. Many attendees came just for the day and quite a few brought their own lunch and snacks to avoid the high cost of hotel food.
- School of Instruction – no one attending this meeting attended. We will bring it up again next month.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS:

- Send service hours to Marge and Nell
- The next 6th District meeting will be held on 9/14 at Winter Garden Post 63 beginning at 9:30am.
- Fall Conference is 11/21-23

Debi Shannon offered the benediction and Marge Berrios adjourned the meeting at 7:44pm.

Respectfully submitted

Nell Colbert

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Secretary-Treasurer

Minutes approved _____

Nell Colbert, Secretary _____

Marge Berrios, President _____