

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

January 21, 2025

The January 2025 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
Terry Berrios	Debi Shannon
Nell Colbert	

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 Maria Santiago) that the minutes be approved as written. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert gave the Finance Reports for both November 1-30 and December 1 – 31. Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Maria Santiago) that both Finance Reports be filed for audit. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert shared items of correspondence received this month including:

- Department *The Florida Tool Box* newsletters for Dec & Jan.
- Unit Membership Credit Report
- Thank you note from lake Baldwin VA for our gift baskets
- Unit Dues Info Sheet
- FL Tax Info Tip Sheet

Bob Colbert reported on the Post Executive Committee meeting:

- The Post will be sponsoring the Four Chaplain's Service on 2/2 at the Winter Park Baptist Church beginning at 2pm. Debi has been asked to participate as one of the Chaplains.
- Our holiday party was a tremendous success. The Post is exploring holding the party during the afternoon to accommodate those members who do not like to drive at night.
- The Post sponsored ScoutsBSA troops are meeting again at the church.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

- **AEF:** We received \$9 in donations to our AEF house at the holiday party.
- **Americanism:** Information has gone out to all our elementary schools requesting submissions not later than 2/10. Nell will send out reminders towards the end of the month.
- **Children and Youth:** Information about the Good Deed and Young Hero awards has been sent out to Dommerich and Eastbrook. We also have a Good Deed

candidate as one of the girls in ScoutsBSA Girl Troop 4613 has just finished her eagle project.

- **Girls State:** post 243 has confirmed that they will be supporting our efforts to send an over-quota candidate to Girls State. We should have their check soon. So far, we have four girls confirmed for interviews with at least two more coming from Winter Park. Marge confirmed that she has received our delegate/alternate packet. Nell will mail the over-quota check and paperwork to Department this week, so it arrives before 1/31. Our interviews are set for 2/23 at 2pm; the set-up will start at 1pm.
- **Legislative:** Nell has sent emails to Cory Mills and Rick Scott regarding issues being promoted by the legion; she has received several responses from both legislators. Nell encouraged everyone to sign up for the Legislative emails.
- **Public Relations:** Nell confirmed that the Rotary Club has received our grant application. We should hear something by March or April.

LEADERSHIP SEGMENT:

Debi shared information about the National veterans Creative Arts Festival video that received an Emmy nomination. Debi also continued with her session dealing with communications.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Donation to the Child Well-Being Fund – Complete – our check for \$30 has been mailed.
- Poppy order – complete – we should have our order soon.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Update on Fall Conference – Nell, Marge, and Debi reported on the sessions they attended and shared the excitement in meeting our National President and hearing her very motivational talk.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS:

- Send service hours to Marge and Nell
- Nell shared that the Department Children & Youth Chair has announced a January 29th Zoom session dealing with Special Olympics.
- Marge shared a request from Laurel to garner support for retaining the Veterans committee that the City of Winter Springs is considering disbanding. Nell emailed the information out to all Unit members.

Debi Shannon offered the benediction, and Marge Berrios adjourned the meeting at 7:47pm.

Respectfully submitted



Nell Colbert
Secretary-Treasurer

Minutes approved _____

Nell Colbert, Secretary _____

Marge Berrios, President _____