

Minutes of S. Gus Alexander, Jr. Memorial American Legion Post 111
Department of Texas
Meeting
4 January 2012

Regular Meeting called to order at 1900 hours.

Roll Call of Officers:

S.A. LeJune, Commander – Present & Presiding

Gary Smith, 1st Vice Commander – Present

Paul Cervantes, 2nd Commander – Unexcused

Larry Clark, Adjutant – Present

Financial Officer – Willie Dean Smith (Appointed) - Present

Charles Nations, Chaplain – Present

Gary Poplin, Judge Advocate – Present

Ed Jones, Historian – Unexcused

Jerry Adams, Service Officer – Excused

Jim Swafford, Sergeant at Arms – Present

Pat McEnroe, Trustee Chairman – Present

Jan Cloud, Trustee – Present

Willard Hampton, Trustee – Present

Officers Present	10
Other voting members present	0
Total voting members present	10
Guests Present:	1
Michelle McElroy	
SAL	0
AL Auxiliary	0
Total Present	11

Opening ceremonies were held. Chaplain gave opening prayer. Commander LeJune led the Pledge of Allegiance and Preamble. The meeting was opened and colors were presented.

Gary Poplin moved to waive the reading of the December minutes and seconded by Gary Smith and was passed.

Financial Report was given by Willie Dean Smith. Willie handed out a financial sheet as of Dec. 31, 2011. S.A. asked Willie to talk about what is meant by Non-Profit Organization. Mr. Smith then discussed receiving all rents in Dec. There was a discussion of Post trailer license and of \$75.00 fee to the State. Willie also discussed doing a monthly financial plan for the upcoming year. Willie also will have a revised recommendation for administrative procedures for APO5 and APO6. Gary Poplin made discussion on the national policies and stated that Post has to follow all acts by State Legion. Willie stated that all posts can have rules, but Post has to follow rules by the state. Motion was made by Gary Poplin to approve financial report subject to audit and Willard Hampton seconded, membership voted and passed.

Membership report by Gary Smith. The Post currently has 97 new/renewed members. We are at 77.6%, 2nd in District. S.A. read application by Mr. James Campbell. All paperwork was in order. Motion by Gary Smith, was seconded and passed.

Judge Advocate Report – Nothing to report.

Service Officers Report – None.

Trustees Report – None

Webmaster Report – Gary Smith stated that the Post's website is now being hosted by Go Daddy.

Building Report - S.A. announced that Suites 104 and 105 are not leased yet, but upstairs is all leased out.

Sick Report - Gary Smith stated that Angela O'Neal is still being treated for cancer.

Unfinished Business

- Membership Drive
- Sign
- Larry Clark and Paul Cervantes are to install lights on Post sign when time permits.

New Business

- S.A discussed Suites 202 and 203 are not leased and asked for a motion to pay him for expenses spent on suites at Home Depot and on a carpet bill totaling \$377.00 for costs of all materials. Motion made by Willard Hampton and seconded by Gary Poplin. After discussion, vote was taken and passed.
- S.A. reported roof leaks at the Post and requested an estimate of repairs and found it to cost \$5,000.00. Since the repairs are so expensive, S.A. asked if the members would do the repairs ourselves. After discussion, a motion was made by Gary Poplin, seconded by Jim Swafford and passed. Work is to be done on Saturday, Jan. 28.
- S.A. announced next month there will be an election for Financial Officer.
- S.A. asked Pat McEnroe and visitor, Miss McElroy, to be escorted by the Sergeant at Arms to the podium. At which time Pat McEnroe introduced Miss McElroy to the membership. Miss McElroy, being a senior at Duncanville High School will be in competition at State. She gave us her speech that she will present at the competition and is hopeful at winning the State Scholarship. Gary Smith reported that a senior at Cedar Hill High also plans to enter the same competition.
- S.A. discussed a window problem at the Post which was repaired by Jan Cloud and S.A. S.A. requested a motion to have a glass company replace the glass in the window. Gary Poplin made the motion and Gary Smith seconded and motion was passed.
- Gary Smith reported that Post 453 will host the District Oratorical Contest at 1 p.m. this coming Saturday.

- Gary Smith is working with a trucking company that is interested in leasing our back lot.
- S.A. read resolution of endorsement for Bryan D. Coleman.

For the Good of the Legion – S.A. announced that there is a debit card on a Post 111 bank account. S.A. could not find in the minutes that the debit card was voted on and accepted by the Post. S.A. wants to know what the membership wants to do about the debit card. Gary Poplin said at 1 time there was a full-time building manager and the card was for his use. Gary Poplin then asked S.A. what he wanted to do about it. S.A. felt like this could be a drain on Post finances and would like the membership to decide to keep it or do away with it. Larry Clark made a motion to close out the debit card. No second was made and no action taken.

The closing prayer was given by Chaplain.

The Commander adjourned the meeting at 2035L.

The meeting minutes were recorded and transcribed by Larry Clark, Adjutant, and approved by S.A. LeJune, Commander.

_____ Date: _____

Minutes approved as read by Membership: _____