

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

9 January 2008

Regular Meeting Called to Order at 1905L

Roll Call of Officers

Jeff Perkins, Commander – Present and Presiding  
Gary Smith, Vice Commander – Present  
Gary Poplin, Judge Advocate, Acting Adjutant – Present  
Pat Sansom, Finance Officer - Present  
Jim Swafford - Sergeant at Arms – Present  
Jerry Adams, Acting Service Officer, Trustee - Present  
Historian - Vacant

Charles Nations, Chaplain – Excused

Pat McEnroe, Trustee – Present  
Jim Beachler, Trustee – Present  
Frank Brown, Trustee - Present

Officers Present:	8
Other voting members present:	6
S.A. LeJune	
Charles Miller	
William “Hawk” Hawkins	
Ed Jones	
Sherman Swafford	
Dennis Egbert (New Member)	
Total voting members present	14
Guests Present:	0
SAL	0
AL Auxiliary	0
Total Present:	14

Opening ceremonies were held. S.A. LeJune filled in for the Chaplain.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jeff Perkins.

The minutes from the December 2007 were read and reviewed by Gary Poplin. SA LeJune introduced a motion that the minutes be approved as published. Frank Brown seconded the motion. Charles Miller interrupted the call for vote to voice his objection to the delay in implementing the no smoking policy. Jeff Perkins tabled the discussion to complete the Minutes motion. A vote was called and the motion carried.

Dennis Egbert was introduced by Gary Smith as a new member applicant. SA LeJune made a motion to accept Dennis as a member of Post 111. The motion was seconded by Jim Swafford. A vote was called and the motion carried.

The Commander called for the Committee reports.

The Sick Call report included an update on Chaplin Charlie Nations by Jerry Adams. He is at home, but not doing too well. Gary Poplin informed the members that it was his understanding that Charlie Williams has been in the Walter Reed VA hospital for the past six months. Jerry Adams will check on this and provide status.

Pat Sansom presented the finance report. The report is contained in the official post records, but not attached to these minutes. Motion to approve was introduced by SA LeJune, seconded by Gary Smith. The motion carried.

Unfinished Business: The Commander stated that the window repairs for Office 205, but the carpet still needs to be replaced. The soda machine has also been moved. The Post is still looking at obtaining a candy machine.

Mid-Winter DEC call was announced by the Commander. DEC will be held on January 24-27, 2008 in Austin. Documents regarding the meeting were made available to all at the meeting. Primary hotel is already full. The Post will pay the registration fees for attendees.

The Commander selected William 'Hawk' Hawkins as a nominee to replace and fill the remainder of Jerry Adams acting term as a Trustee since Jerry currently serves as the Service Officer. This action was taken to comply with the Post's Constitution and By-Laws. Motion was made by SA LeJune to accept Hawk, seconded by Jim Swafford. The motion carried. The Commander confirmed that Jerry Adams had already resigned the Trustee position.

Jim Beachler announced his resignation as Trustee effective immediately due to hardships of travel and other personal reasons. His long service and time given to the Post was recognized and applauded. A break in the meeting was called by the Commander at 19:31 hrs local so he could have a personal discussion with a potential candidate. The meeting reconvened and the Commander announced Sherman Swafford as the nominee to replace Jim Beachler and serve out his term as Trustee. Motion was made by Jim Swafford to accept Sherman, seconded by Gary Smith. The motion carried.

The membership report was given by Gary Poplin. There are still many members that need to pay their dues. Gary Poplin will get with Gary Smith after the meeting to discuss specifics.

For the Good of the Legion: SA LeJune called for members to consider monthly/periodic donations to the Post. Pat Sansom suggested a clean-up date be specified for a spring cleaning of the Post – preferably in January or February. A date will be set at a later time. Pat also suggested that the Post have a regular food event. April 12 is being considered for the next Post 111 Steak Night to be held at Post 511.

Pat McEnroe stated that we will have 3 new candidates for the Oratorical competition. Competition will be held this Sunday in Richardson. A couple of vans will meet at the Post around 11:00 am Sunday to take interested parties to the competition.

Charlie Miller stated a concern for the lack of front lighting for the Post. The Commander stated that this issue was being addressed.

Charlie Miller restated his concern that the 'no smoking' policy was not implemented immediately after the last membership meeting instead of on January 1, 2008. The Commander stated that it was a decision he made to give the tenants some notification before the new policy was implemented.

Gary Poplin announced his resignation as Adjutant and Building Manager effectively immediately following the meeting. His service to the Post was recognized and applauded.

The closing prayer was given by SA LeJune.

The Commander adjourned the meeting at 1955L.

This meeting was taped by Gary Poplin, Adjutant  
The meeting minutes were transcribed by Gary Smith, Vice Commander

Minutes approved by Jeff Perkins, Commander

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes approved by Membership: \_\_\_\_\_

Note 1: Prior to nominating Sherman Swafford as a Trustee candidate to replace Jim Beachler, the Commander met with Trustee Chairman Pat McEnroe during the break in the meeting to discuss the forthcoming nomination and gain agreement.

Note 2: Following the regular membership meeting, the Commander met with the Board of Trustees and selected Jim Swafford to be the new Building Manager.