

Minutes of S. Gus Alexander, Jr. Memorial American Legion Post 111
Department of Texas
Meeting
1 February 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 – Open

Charles Nations, Chaplain – Present

Gary Poplin, Judge Advocate – Present

Ed Jones, Historian – Unexcused

Jerry Adams, Service Officer – Present

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	3
Luis Santana	
Pat Sansom	
Sandy Hudson	
Total voting members present	13
Guests Present:	4
Jim Fleming – State V. Cmdr	
Jeff Perkins - 5th District Cmdr	
Mike Phelan – Past 5 th District Cmdr	
Carolyn Adams	
SAL	1
David Schneider	
AL Auxiliary	0
Total Present	18

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.

The Commander introduced our visitors.

S.A. announced that we would vote for financial officer position with Willie Smith. S.A. asked for a motion from the membership, no motion was made. Gary Smith said that we needed to decide on a cash basis or accrual basis for the Post. S.A. made a statement he was not happy with the way the membership is handling this and discussed Willie Smith's record. Gary Smith made a motion to vote on the Post doing a cash or accrual basis, seconded by Gary Poplin. Poplin made comments on the subject in that the Post has been on a cash basis forever. Also the accrual system is harder than the cash basis. He also said that the membership will decide. Willie Smith said no due to IRS rules. Gary Poplin said he protests the IRS ruling. Willie said we have to follow the IRS principles. Poplin asked for more explanation after Willie gave his interpretation and S.A. gave his interpretation on the two basics of finance. Then S.A. again asked for a motion for Willie Smith to be voted in as Financer, but at that point Willie Smith said no, he is withdrawing himself from the position. His statement from his action was that he refuses to go against the laws as pertaining to this subject matter. Gary Poplin made a motion and was seconded that the Post operates on a cash basis. With a few abstained votes, the majority passed.

Gary Poplin brought up how long S.A. has been Commander.

S.A. discussed executive board meeting of Suite 106 having no lease. S.A. explained the past contract with MOTE Realtors and the involvement with Suite 106. S.A. also explained that the Post officers did vote to accept a check from Gary Poplin as rent. S.A. said this is an illegal transaction. Gary Poplin made a motion to accept the minutes of the executive board meeting. After several abstained votes, majority passed.

S.A. then called for a report on new members and read an application from Carl Finn Clark. Motion was made by Gary Smith and seconded by Jim Swafford to accept. Then S.A. read application from Larry Parks. After discussion, motion was made by Jim Swafford and seconded by Gary Smith and was passed.

Judge Advocate Report – Nothing to report.

Membership report by Gary Smith. 99 new or renewals putting us 80% toward goal; still 2nd in district. Gary Smith reminded the membership of the Dallas Stars game – Veterans Night, if 100 tickets are sold, we can set up a table to recruit members.

Service Officers Report – None to report.

Trustees Report – Pat McEnroe and Jan Cloud had a meeting with MOTE and agreed not to show a suite if occupied. Gary Smith wants to review contracts before signing. S.A. wants a motion to renew with MOTE.

Webmaster Report – None to report.

Building Report - S.A. discussed Suite 104 , 105 and 106 were vacate. All suites upstairs are occupied. Motion was made by Gary Smith to let Gary Poplin stay and seconded by Pat McEnroe, but after several abstained votes by S.A. , Larry Clark, and Charlie Nations it passed. S.A. stated that he has cleaned the building for the past two years and has been in

communication with a cleaning service and would like to have other bids. A cleaning service is willing to clean for five hours for \$16.00 an hour. Gary Poplin made a motion, seconded by Gary Smith and passed.

Sick Report - Angela O'Neal is still being treated for cancer.

Unfinished Business

- Membership Drive – Nothing to report.
- Holes to be filled.
- Gary Smith discussed trimming fence line around back lot. Will try to work Saturday.
- Also, renter got his vehicle stuck. Gary Smith recommended we purchase crushed concrete to be laid in back lot. Eight to nine yards of crushed concrete is \$187.00. It should take 2 loads. Gary Smith made a motion, Gary Poplin seconded and passed.

New Business

- None

For the Good of the Legion – S.A. said thank you to the visitors. S.A. has made arrangements with H&R Block to do income tax for Post members at \$25.00. Gary Poplin mentioned we need to clarify new contract with MOTE including what's best for the Post. Charlie Nations then spoke that he was very unhappy with the membership actions; that we need to get back to a unity. If not, then some kind of action will have to be taken. S.A. stated that April will be for new officers.

The closing prayer was given by Chaplain.

The Commander adjourned the meeting at 2012L.

***Commander's Note**

For non-profit organizations a quorum for voting must be 15% of membership present. This meeting had 14 members including officers and 15% of 99 members are 14.85 or 15 members. So any motions voted on during the meeting are null and void by IRS Rules & Regulations.

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: _____