

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

4 February 2009

Regular Meeting Called to Order at 1901L

Roll Call of Officers

Gary Smith, Commander – Present and Presiding

S.A. LeJune, Vice-Commander - Present

Adjutant - Vacant

Pat Sansom, Finance Officer - Present

Charles Nations, Chaplain – Present

Gary Poplin, Judge Advocate – Present

Steve Kennedy, Historian - Present

Jerry Adams, Service Officer - Unexcused

Jim Swafford - Sergeant at Arms – Present

Pat McEnroe, Trustee Chairman – Present

William “Hawk” Hawkins, Trustee – Unexcused

Frank Brown, Trustee – Present

Fourth Trustee Position - Vacant

Officers Present: 9

Other voting members present: 2

Clarence Baker

Ed Jones

Total voting members present 11

Guests Present: 0

SAL 0

AL Auxiliary 0

Total Present: 11

Opening ceremonies were held. Charles Nations gave and led the opening prayer. Gary Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guest introductions were called for. No guests were present.

S.A. LeJune introduced a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes from December 2008 and to accept the minutes as published. Jim Swafford seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried.

The Commander called for the Committee reports.

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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 S.A. LeJune, seconded by Gary Poplin. A vote was called and the motion carried.

A Financial Audit is scheduled to be held on February 21 at 8:00 a.m. at the Post.

S.A. LeJune presented the Membership report. Currently 118 of the 2009 renewals have been received and processed, bringing the Post to approximately 63.8% of its annual membership goal.

Gary Poplin presented the Judge Advocate report. The Post Constitution was reviewed and modified on January 10, 2009. Gary provided a high level overview of some of the changes that were made. A review of the Post By-Laws will also be done in February on a date that is yet to be selected.

No Service Officer report was available.

Pat McEnroe presented the Trustee report. He stated that there is nothing new to report regarding the sale of the Post building.

Gary Smith presented the Webmaster status report. Sample biographies will be sent to Frank and S.A. The new website design was implemented.

Building Manager Status Report – Jim Swafford presented the current status of the Post building. One of the tenants had to cancel their lease. The deposit will be retained. Ed to let Gary P. know when they can get together to finish the front door. The commodes backed up on February 1. Jim, S.A., and Gary S. helped clean and vacuum after the sewer pipe was repaired. The repair cost \$2,252. Gary P. suggested that maybe the economy may play in our favor when it comes to leasing the offices because our rates are generally cheaper.

Sick Call – Ed Jones recently had an operation, but is recovering nicely.

Unfinished Business:

Matthew Gray, sponsored by Post 111, competed in the Division Oratorical contest. Unfortunately, Matthew wasn't selected as the winner. Pat M. will present him with a colored challenge coin.

S.A. brought up the need to have activities at least twice a month. Game Night will be held on the last Saturday of the month at 5:00 p.m. starting in March. Hot dogs, hamburgers and beverages will be sold at the event. Assorted games including cards, dominoes, darts, etc. will be available.

Family Night will be held on the second Saturday of the month at 4:00 p.m. starting in March. The idea is to bring covered dishes to share and to also use the event as a fund raiser.

New Business:

Gary S. will contact the insurance agent to see if any part of the sewer problem is covered under our policy.

5th District Notes:

- Coffee tour will be held on 3/7/09.
- Oratorical Scholarships still need to be presented to Justin Gifford and Matthew Gray.
- Certificates for JrROTC can be obtained from Ed Magers. S.A. stated that he would donate the cost for all 5 medals.
- Boys/Girls State will be held June 6-12. Bus will leave from Post 453. Ed advised to give the kids a printout from the website, get to the kids and interview early so the bus reservations can also be made early. The cost will be \$275 for the tuition fee, \$50 for spending and \$50 for the bus for a total of \$375 per individual. No date has been set for Orientation, but will probably be held in April or May. The members agreed that we will only sponsor 2 kids this year. Candidates must be High School Juniors.
- The 5th District now has the approval for a Legion Baseball team and the District will provide the initial funding.
- The Fisher House is now open at the VA Hospital. If you would like additional information, contact Teresa Hill at Post 424. Another contact is Lydia Henderson at 214-857-2574.
- The 5th District Fall Convention will be held on April 18 & 19 at the Radisson Hotel and Suites located at 1241 W. Mockingbird and I-35 (northbound side). Rooms will be \$79 + tax and reservations must be made by April 17. Cut-off for convention registration is April 4. Registration fee is \$5 for meeting and \$30 for dinner and meeting or \$35 at the door. Gary S. has already sponsored one veteran from the VA Hospital to attend. The Post will suspend paying for delegate attendance until the Post is better off financially.
- The 1st Division Convention will be held April 25 – 26 in Sherman, TX. An IRS Form 990 (charitable entities) workshop will be provided.
- Post 511 is holding a benefit with band on 2/21 for Bob Splawn, who suffered a stroke. The benefit will help the family offset the medical expenses they have and will occur.

The Commander has asked that all members sign the Log when entering the building.

Official Status of Unit 111 Auxiliary – The Unit 111 Auxiliary Charter is o.k., but is no longer recognized by Post 111 until Unit 111 is organized again with Officers and memberships are current. Auxiliary members cannot use Post facilities or equipment until the above conditions are satisfied.

Sons of the American Legion – The officers have been certified and the paperwork sent to Department and District.

For the Good of the Legion: Nothing noted.

The closing prayer was given by Charles Nations.

The colors were retired.

The Commander adjourned the meeting at 2009L.

The meeting minutes were recorded, transcribed and approved by Gary Smith, Commander

_____ Date: _____

Minutes approved by Membership: _____