

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

5 February, 2019

The regular meeting was called to order at 19:05 by Commander, Jan Cloud.

Roll call of officers:

Commander, Jan Cloud---present
Vice Commander, Bob Betik---present
Adjutant, Bob Betik---present
Judge Advocate---vacant
Finance Officer---vacant
Sergeant-at-Arms, Pat McEnroe---present
Chaplain, Charlie Nations---excused
Service Officer, Johnny Lewis---present
Historian--vacant
Trustee Chairman (2016), Gary Poplin---present
Trustee (2017), Pat McEnroe---present
Trustee (2018), Johnny Lewis---present

Officers present	5
Other voting members present	0

Total voting members present	5
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Guests present:	1
- Pat Flores, Financial Consultant	
SAL	1
- Ramon DeMaria, SAL Commander	

Total present	7
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Commander Jan Cloud conducted the opening ceremony. The Colors were posted and the opening prayer was recited by SAL Chaplain and Commander Ramon DeMaria.

Roll call was held and the results are indicated above and a quorum was established.

A motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the meeting of December 4, 2018 was made by Johnny Lewis and seconded by Gary Poplin. The minutes are posted on the Post 111 website. The motion passed.

Bob Betik advised Commander Jan Cloud that he would be absent from the March 2019 meeting and advised the Commander of the need to designate a substitute to record the minutes of the March 2019 meeting.

Finance Report: Financial Consultant Pat Flores presented two finance reports.

1. Dec, 2018: (no meeting in January). Total assets and liabilities are \$250,439.35, Because our 2018 gross revenue is less than \$50,000 for the 2018 tax year, Post 111 qualifies for filing the IRS EZ short tax form. The end-of-year reports reflect the income and expenses of the Post 111 SAL chapter, as required by the IRS.
2. Jan., 2019: Total assets and liabilities are \$250,792.34, which includes net income for the month of \$352.99. The main sources of income are office rentals, membership dues, donations, and liquidation of "garage sale" items.

Gary Poplin made a motion to accept both reports as presented, was seconded by Johnny Lewis and the motion passed.

Membership Report: Adjutant Bob Betik reported that the Post membership stands at 138, of which 22 members have not yet paid their 2019 dues. From the 2018 Post roster, 3 members have deceased. 1 member transferred out. Bob Betik divided the 22 unpaid members into 4 groups and gave out a list of those unpaid members to be called to urge those members to bring their dues to current status. A motion to accept the membership report was made by Gary Poplin and seconded by Johnny Lewis. The motion passed.

Judge Advocate Report: This is a vacant position since August of 2018. With a lack of interest in filling the position with a volunteer from the membership, Commander Jan Cloud appointed Gary Poplin as Acting Judge Advocate.

Gary Poplin stated that the oversight in following procedure for approval of funds for the parking lot have been resolved, as the parking lot repair and pavement was needed for the betterment of the property. The Executive Committee was formed consisting of the officers of the post. The Executive Committee functions as an advisory and recommendation unit to the Post Commander.

Service Officer Report: Johnny Lewis reported that he had met with several individuals who had left messages on the Post phone requesting monetary assistance. After discussion, It was agreed that Post 111 has limited resources and is not a financial assistance entity for any and all who request such assistance. Post 111 provides services, not necessarily financial, first, to Post 111 members. All other veterans' inquiries are referred to the government agencies who are staffed and funded to assist in providing such financial assistance. It was also noted that there are individuals who attempt to extrude monies from Post to Post, using the same modis operandi. It was agreed that it would be prudent to share such suspected scams with other AL Posts in the area. Gary Poplin motioned to approve the report, seconded by Pat McEnroe and the motion passed.

Trustee Report: Gary Poplin reported that one of our tenants, Moten Insurance, has erected his business sign illegally in the Highway 67 State right-of-way. The lease contract was examined to confirm the stipulations and the sign was removed from the right-of-way this evening.

Boys/Girls State Report: Johnny Lewis reported that he has received minimal to no response from Cedar Hill HS staff in the selection of candidates. Bob Betik said that he would contact the Superintendent of Red Oak HS and present the program to him, in hopes of receiving a more positive response to the program.

Oratorical Report: Pat McEnroe and Johnny Lewis reported that there was little interest from Cedar Hill HS staff to participate in the Oratorical program. Because of a lack of interest from the public schools, the program should be offered to the charter schools.

Jr. ROTC Report: Pat Flores advised that ROTC medals should be ordered now so as to arrive in time for presentation to Cedar Hill HS Jr. ROTC students in May. A motion was made by Gary Poplin to order two sets of medals, due to the cost of shipping, The motion was seconded by Pat McEnroe, and the motion passed. Johnny Lewis agreed to order the medals and also present them to the winners at the ceremony in May.

Webmaster Report: No report.

SAL Report: Membership is at 16 members. The next Meeting is Thursday, 7 Feb.

AL Riders: Still at 2 members.

Building Report:

1. The exterior painting of the building has started and is approximately 60% completed.
2. There are no tenants in rent arrears at this time.
3. Gary Poplin brought up for discussion the need for the clean-up of the exterior and interior of the Post property. He stated that he has an offer of \$100 to purchase the rebar steel located in the rear area of the property. A possibility exists for the prospective buyer to purchase other items out of the same pile at garage sale prices. A motion was made by Pat McEnroe that we authorize the sale. The motion was seconded by Bob Betik and the motion passed.

Unfinished Business:

1. The Executive Committee was formed at this meeting.

New Business:

1. Bob Betik made a motion to waive the 30 day election notice, due to lack of membership interest in filling the position, and elect Gary Poplin as the Judge Advocate of Post 111 for the remainder of the period which ends with the installation of new officers in June 2019. The motion was seconded by Johnny Lewis and the motion passed.

2. Gary Poplin brought up for discussion the sale of 2 side-by-side cemetery plots located at Restland in North Dallas. These plots were gifted to Post 111 several years ago. Previous attempts to sell them at market-or-below prices has failed. Gary Poplin has proposed to buy them at a total of \$500 for both, and will assume all legal and title transfer fees. A motion to draft a resolution approving the sale was made by Bob Betik and seconded by Johnny Lewis.
The resolution will be voted on at the March 2019 meeting.

3. There is an upcoming District 5 meeting scheduled for Sun 24 Feb at 1400 hrs. The Auxiliary will meet concurrently. SAL and ALR will meet prior to the AL meeting.

Sick Call:

Charlie Nations called in prior to the meeting saying his back was hurting too severely to attend the meeting.

Gary Poplin returned to tonight's meeting after a long absence due to health issues.

Bob Betik's cataract eye surgery went well and he is recovering well.

For the Good Of the Legion:

1. The 2018 Christmas party was a success and a delight! Thanks to the SAL and ALR for the decorations and set up. Thanks to Commander Jan Cloud for the bulk of the food prep. It was delicious! The only thing missing was more members and their families to enjoy the feast!

2. Ramon DeMaria drew the name of Rodrick Rodriguez for the \$140 meeting attendance jackpot. Mr. Rodriguez was not present to collect the prize; therefore, the jackpot prize increases to \$150 for the meeting scheduled for 05, March, 2019 at 7p here at the Post 111 meeting hall.

Closing ceremonies were conducted and the meeting was adjourned at 20:29.

These meeting minutes were transcribed by Bob A. Betik, Adjutant, and approved by:

Commander, Jan Cloud _____ Date _____

Minutes approved by membership _____