

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

6 February 2008

Regular Meeting Called to Order at 1900L

Roll Call of Officers

Jeff Perkins, Commander – Present and Presiding
Gary Smith, Vice Commander – Present
Adjutant - Vacant
Gary Poplin, Judge Advocate – Present
Pat Sansom, Finance Officer - Present
Jim Swafford - Sergeant at Arms – Present
Jerry Adams, Service Officer - Present
Historian - Vacant
Charles Nations, Chaplain – Present
Pat McEnroe, Trustee Chairman – Present
William “Hawk” Hawkins, Trustee – Present
Frank Brown, Trustee – Present
Sherman Swafford, Trustee - Present

Officers Present:	11
Other voting members present:	6
S.A. LeJune	
Charles Miller	
Ed Jones	
Total voting members present	17
Guests Present:	0
SAL	2
Joe O’Neal	
Jim Duncan	
AL Auxiliary	1
Angela O’Neal	
Total Present:	20

Opening ceremonies were held. Charles Nations gave and led the opening prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jeff Perkins.

The minutes from the January 2008 were read and reviewed by Jeff Perkins. Gary Poplin introduced a motion that the minutes be approved as published. Pat Sansom seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried.

Joe O'Neal was recognized and spoke about the SALs concern regarding the "no smoking" rule and asked whether or not the membership would consider an exception for their poker nights. Pat Sansom asked about the lack of SAL's participation in the cleaning of the Post each month. Joe responded that they would try to do better in the future.

Charles Nations was recognized. He expressed his grateful, heart-felt thanks to those who came to visit him during his illness and stay in the hospital. He expressed how much the Legion means to him. Everyone was very happy to see Charles back.

The Commander called for the Committee reports.

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 Gary Smith, seconded by Jim Swafford. The motion carried.

Gary Smith presented the membership report. Since the last meeting, 8 additional members have paid their 2008 dues and 1 person has transferred to Post 111. SA mentioned that Pat Bova has requested that Joe Bova's DD214 be returned to him. He has decided to join Post 81. Gary will follow up and return the DD214.

Jerry Adams presented the Service Officer's report. No new information was available. Gary Poplin brought up the matter of Charles Williams and the fact that he was still in the Walter Reed VA hospital. Jerry Adams will check on this and provide status.

For the Good of the Legion: Pat Sansom stated that she could no longer coordinate a steak night. Members are still interested in having monthly functions at Post 111. Jeff stated that Post 111 wanted \$300 for their hall rental if we want to sponsor another steak night at Post 511. Jeff stated that he would negotiate further.

Gary Poplin made a motion to pay Charles Williams dues for 2008 since he has been hospitalized. Motion to approve was introduced by SA, seconded by Jim Swafford. The motion carried.

SA brought up a concern about the tenants leaving. Jeff explained the current situation.

SA brought up a concern about the lock codes to the upstairs office being change without giving officers access. Jeff stated that what he heard was not the complete story. Jeff explained the current situation.

SA made a motion allow Legion, SAL, and AUX members and hall renters to smoke during meeting nights, poker games and special events. Discussion followed and Legion meetings will remain non-smoking and move to room 205. Conditions were outlined as follows:

1. The room must be aired out during and/or after use.
2. Ash trays must be emptied and cleaned.
3. Smoking must be confined to the Sam Jackson Hall.
4. Air purifiers must be used.
5. Door between the Sam Jackson Hall and middle office area must be closed.
6. Violation of the above rules will be cause to revoke smoking privileges herein described.

SA revised his motion to reflect the rules stated above. Motion to approve was introduced by Sherman Swafford, seconded by Gary Smith. The motion carried. Jeff will inform the SAL.

Jeff Perkins made a motion to pay for the JROTC drill team trophies. The motion limited the payment to \$100. SA stated he would match the Post donation of \$100. Motion to approve was introduced by Gary Poplin, seconded by Ed Jones. The motion carried.

Gary Poplin needs to get together with Jim Swafford and order the JROTC medals.

Gary Smith brought up the need for a better recording machine. Hawk has an analog recorder that he will donate.

Frank will coordinate an “eat out” night on the 4th Saturday of each month.

The closing prayer was given by Charles Nations.

The Commander adjourned the meeting at 1956L.

The meeting minutes were taken and transcribed by Gary Smith, Vice Commander

Minutes approved by Jeff Perkins, Commander

_____ Date: _____

Minutes approved by Membership: _____