

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

6 February 2013

Regular Meeting Called to Order at 1900L

Roll Call of Officers

Gary Smith, Commander – Present and Presiding
 Steve Kennedy, Vice Commander – Excused
 Gary Poplin, Judge Advocate, Adjutant – Excused
Pat McEnroe, Finance Officer - Present
 Jim Swafford - Sergeant at Arms – Excused
Charles Nations, Chaplain – Present
Jerry Adams, Service Officer – Present
 Historian, Vacant
Jan Cloud, Trustee – Present
 Willard Hampton, Trustee – Unexcused
 Larry Clark, Trustee - Excused

Officers Present:	5
Other voting members present:	3
S.A. LeJune	
Luis Santana	
Tom Olson	
Total voting members present	8
Guests Present:	3
Cyndi Miller, Department Historian	
Jeff Perkins, 5 th District Commander	
Holly Heatly, 5 th District AUX President	
SAL	1
David Schneider	
Total Present:	12

Opening Ceremonies were held.

Roll Call was taken and the results are indicated above.

Guests were introduced and asked if they would like to speak to the membership. Cyndi Miller indicated she has moved to Grand Prairie and visiting various Posts in the area to see which one she would like to be a member of. Jeff Perkins briefed the membership on actions taken at the Mid-Winter DEC, the recent Job Fair held at Post 511 and indicated that he was interested in being the 1st Division Commander for 2013-2014. Holly Heatly thanked the Legion for what they do and recognizing her as a guest.

At this time, the Commander deviated from the agenda for a Draping of the Charter ceremony to recognize and honor those members that have passed away in 2012: Robert Coursey, Larry Park, James Campbell and Donald Benge. May the rest in peace! The Post Charter will be draped for 1 month in their honor.

Motion by SA LeJune to suspend with the reading of the December 2012 minutes because they had been published on the web site for some time was seconded by Jerry Adams. The motion carried.

The Finance report was given by Pat McEnroe for the month of December. SA LeJune made the motion to accept the report and was seconded by Charlie Nations. The motion carried.

The Finance report was given by Pat McEnroe for year end 2012. SA LeJune made the motion to accept the report and commented on the negative General Fund amount and the motion was seconded by Luis Santana. The motion carried.

The Finance report was given by Pat McEnroe for the month of January, 2013. Jerry Adams made the motion to accept the report and was seconded by Jan Cloud. One nay was cast by SA LeJune. The motion carried.

The membership report provided by the Commander and indicated that Post 111 was 85%. We are currently behind in our stated goal for February. There is a discrepancy in the reporting. Our Post show 92 members and Department shows 91 members. The Adjutant will need to get with Department to see where the disparity is. The SAL Squadron is also at 85% of goal.

Judge Advocate had Nothing To Report (NTR)

Service Officer had NTR

Trustees had NTR

Web Master had NTR

JROTC had NTR

Boys State – The Commander stated that our Department’s quota for Boys State has been reduced to around 800 boys this year – University of Texas took one dorm floor away from our program. It was suggested by the Commander that we sponsor 3 boys this year. LTC Greg Walker, who is in charge of the Cedar Hill High JROTC program has been reminded of this year’s program.

Oratorical – The Post Chair reported that the District only had one candidate to participate and that we need to get our schools involved toward the end of the school year so they can be prepared for the program’s official started on October 1. Gary Smith and Pat McEnroe both attended the 1st Division contest in Denton on Feb. 3rd. There were 4 contestants and the winner and the runner-up were both home schooled.

SAL had NTR

ALR had NTR

The status of leases and building maintenance was reviewed by Commander Smith. The outdoor status had no significant changes. Painting was discussed, but is on hold for improved weather. The big tree in front on the south side was trimmed back by Jan Cloud. Volunteers were called for to help carry the cut branches over to the dumpster. Jan said he could work Saturday, Feb. 9. The big ice machine needs several parts and may be cost prohibitive to repair it. The soft drink machine is now working. It was suggested that we move it to the lobby where it will have more visibility to our tenants. The refrigerator that was donated to the Post by Pat & Myrna McEnroe needs to be moved into the hall and the old one moved to the tool room. Volunteers were requested.

The need to repair/replace the legion owned lawn mower was discussed with no action taken.

Locating the documents for the bank note mortgage release was discussed. SA and Gary Smith will work this item.

Sick Call – Again, James Campbell’s passing away was reported to the membership. In addition, Judy Swafford is in Charlton Methodist Hospital located in Duncanville.

Unfinished Business – The Estate of Mary Julius was paid monies that have been held in escrow until an Administrator was determined by the Courts. Karl Julius was named Administrator and information has been received for setting up direct deposits of future payments if the Post so desired. A motion was made by SA LeJune to set up a direct deposit and seconded by Luis Santana. The motion passed. Pat McEnroe will set up the direct deposit.

Locating the documents for the bank note mortgage release was discussed again. SA will hunt for it and will have the bank issue another if it cannot be found.

New Business – Cub Scout Pack 89 from Cedar Hill has requested the Post to provide a meeting space for the Pack. The Post is able to do this only if the alcohol is secured. A motion was made by SA LeJune to accommodate the Pack and seconded by Jan Cloud. The motion passed. SA LeJune will get the locks and secure the alcohol.

2013 Department Convention sponsorship was discussed. It was tabled for a later meeting.

2013 Department Convention merchandise that is for sale was discussed. The Commander stated that hat pins are \$3, hats are \$10, coffee mugs are \$10 and shirts vary in price depending on style and the information placed on them. The Commander can provide items if wanted.

The next 5th District Coffee Tour is scheduled for March 2. The Commander will be putting out a schedule in the near future.

Closing ceremonies were held and the meeting was adjourned at 2023L.

This meeting was transcribed by Gary Smith, Commander
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Minutes approved by Gary Smith, Commander

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