

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

2 March 2011

Regular Meeting Called to Order at 1901L.

Roll Call of Officers:

S.A. LeJune, Commander – Present & Presiding

Vice-Commander – Vacant

Gary Smith, Adjutant – Present

Pat Sansom, Finance Officer – Present

Charles Nations, Chaplain – Excused

Gary Poplin, Judge Advocate – Present

Ed Jones, Historian - Present

Jerry Adams, Service Officer - Unexcused

Willard Hampton - Sergeant at Arms – Present

Ed Jones, Trustee Chairman – Present

Jim Swafford, Trustee – Present

Luis Santana, Trustee – Present

Officers Present: 8

Other voting members present: 5

Pat McEnroe

Tommy Sorrell

Larry Clark

Paul Cervantes

Jan Cloud

Total voting members present 13

Guests Present: 1

Jeff Perkins

SAL 1

Joe Trevino

AL Auxiliary 0

Total Present: 15

Opening ceremonies were held. ALR Director Jan Cloud gave the opening prayer and Commander LeJune led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken by the Adjutant and a quorum of members was present.

The Commander introduced Jeff Perkins who is running for the office of 5<sup>th</sup> District Commander. Jeff solicited the members for their vote and support.

The Commander presented Larry Clark as a new member applicant transferring from Post 81. Gary

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Poplin made a motion to accept Larry as a new member and Pat Sansom seconded the motion. The motion carried and Larry was presented his new membership card. The Commander appointed Larry Chairman of the Honor Guard Committee. Larry will also be the electrician for the Post.

Since the meeting minutes are posted on the Post's website and bulletin board, reading of the minutes will only be on request. Gary Poplin made a motion to waive the reading of minutes and Ed Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Jim Swafford made a motion for the Post to support Jeff Perkins' in his bid for the 5<sup>th</sup> District Commander's position at the convention. Pat Sansom seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Gary Poplin made a motion for the Post to support Mike Phelan in his bid for the 1<sup>st</sup> Division Commander's position at the convention. Pat Sansom seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The Commander called for the Committee reports.

Finance Report: The December 2010 Finance report was given by the Finance Officer, Pat Sansom. Gary Poplin made a motion to accept the report as read pending audit and Ed Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried. The 2010 Audit report was covered by the Finance Officer. Gary Poplin made a motion to accept the 2010 Audit report so that the 2010 taxes can be done and Ed Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried. The January 2011 Finance report was given by the Finance Officer. Gary Poplin made a motion to accept the report as read pending audit and Jim Swafford seconded the motion. The motion carried. The February 2011 Finance report was given by the Finance Officer. Gary Poplin made a motion to accept the report as read pending audit and Luis Santana seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Membership Report: The Adjutant gave the report. The Post currently has 112 renewals and new members to put the Post at 84.2% of goal. The Post also has had several members transfer in.

Judge Advocate Report: No report available.

Service Officer Report: No report available, but the Adjutant stated that a new 650 capacity parking garage will open at the VA Hospital in August. Another 500 capacity parking garage is slated for next year.

Trustee Report: No report available.

Webmaster Report: The Webmaster, Gary Smith, stated that a link to The American Legion Burn Pit, a news publication, is now on the Legion Links page. Also, the Post's and the 5<sup>th</sup> District's websites will be entered in this year's contest in April.

Building Report: The Post had water pipes burst and repair was made by the Commander. The Adjutant also diagnosed an electrical problem that blew one of the main 200 amp breakers. The main breaker was replaced. Tara utility rates were discussed. Gary Poplin made a motion to give authority to a 3 member panel comprised of the Commander, Adjutant and Finance Officer to sign a new contract the Post's electric utilities. Ed Jones seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Sick Call: Charles Nations is currently not feeling well and undergoing treatments for cancer. Kim Molder is also undergoing treatment for a brain tumor.

#### Unfinished Business:

- Entertainment: The Commander urged members to come to Game Night which is held every Wednesday except for the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month. Also, the Commander is sponsoring a St. Patrick's Day party on March 17<sup>th</sup> and corned beef and cabbage will be served. Dress in green and the first beverage is on the house.
- Most of the outside painting has been completed and Jan will complete when weather is better.
- The Commander asks for all members to carry membership applications on their persons and make an effort to recruit a new member this month.
- Post elections will be in April at our monthly meeting. Nominees can be sent to the Commander, Adjutant or Finance Officer.

#### New Business:

- District Convention will be held at Post 81 on April 9<sup>th</sup>. Posts have been invited to sponsor a special vet to the convention. Elections for the new District and selections for the Division and Department officers will be held.
- The Division Convention will be held on May 14<sup>th</sup> at Post 321 in Plano, TX.
- The Department Convention will be held June 22-26 in Odessa, TX. The Convention will be held in Houston in 2012 and Irving in 2013.
- S.A. LeJune, Gary Smith, Pat Sansom, Gary Poplin and Jim Swafford were identified as 5<sup>th</sup> District delegate candidates. Gary Poplin made a motion to elect these persons as delegates to the 5<sup>th</sup> District Spring Convention. Ed Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- S.A. LeJune and Gary Smith were identified as 1<sup>st</sup> Division delegate candidates. Gary Poplin made a motion to elect these persons as delegates to the 2011 1st Division Convention. Ed Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- S.A. LeJune, Gary Smith, Pat Sansom and Gary Poplin were identified as Department Convention delegate candidates. Gary Poplin made a motion to elect these persons as delegates to the 2011 Department Convention. Ed Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- JrROTC graduation ceremony will be held on April 30 at Cedar Hill High School. The medals have been purchased.
- Boys State will be June 5-10 and Legion Night will be on Monday night. Cost remains the same this year: \$275 for Boys State, \$50 for bus transportation, and \$50 for pocket money. Gary Poplin made a motion that if the funds are available, that it be pre-approved for checks to be written to sponsor more than 1 person. Jim Swafford seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- Gary Poplin made a motion to keep the 2012 yearly dues at \$35.00. Ed Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried.

For the Good of Legion: Gary Poplin reported the Memorial Day service at the D-FW National Cemetery will be on May 30<sup>th</sup> and start promptly at 11:00 a.m. Pat McEnroe stated that today was the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Independence of Texas. A Mardi Gras party is scheduled on March 5<sup>th</sup> at Post 111. A party to honor WWII vets will also be held on June 4<sup>th</sup> at Post 511. The Commander also announced the passing of the last WWI veteran at the age of 110. The person who travels with the

Liberty Bell has developed pancreatic cancer. Gary Poplin stated that Gene Sloan's wife died a month ago and that Gene is also very sick. Gary Smith solicited a new/used PC for Post 53. Ed Jones volunteered to upgrade their PC. Gary Poplin volunteered to pick the PC up and deliver to Ed.

The closing prayer was given by the Jan Cloud.

The colors were retired.

The Commander adjourned the meeting at 2015L.

The meeting minutes were recorded and transcribed by Gary Smith, Adjutant, and approved by S.A. LeJune, Commander.

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Minutes approved as read by Membership: \_\_\_\_\_