

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

3 March 2010

Regular Meeting Called to Order at 1905L.

Roll Call of Officers:

Gary Smith, Commander – Present & Presiding

S.A. LeJune, Vice-Commander – Present

Steve Kennedy, Adjutant - Present

Pat Sansom, Finance Officer - Present

Charles Nations, Chaplain – Present

Gary Poplin, Judge Advocate – Present

Steve Kennedy, Historian - Present

Jerry Adams, Service Officer - Present

Jim Swafford - Sergeant at Arms – Present

Pat McEnroe, Trustee Chairman – Present

Ed Jones, Trustee – Present

Luis Santana, Trustee – Excused

Officers Present: 10

Other voting members present: 3

Tommy Sorrell

Frank Brown

Willard Hampton

Total voting members present 13

Guests Present: 0

SAL 0

AL Auxiliary 0

Total Present: 13

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

The Adjutant presented Paul Cervantes for transfer into the Post from Post 345 in Austin. Gary Poplin introduced a motion to approve the membership transfer. Ed Jones seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried.

Gary Poplin introduced a motion to suspend the reading of and approve as published the minutes from the regular post meeting held on 3 February 2010. 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 for February. Check was received from the insurance company for the stolen air conditioning unit. The Post has a -\$189.37 cash flow for the year. Gary Poplin introduced a motion to accept the Finance reports as published for February. Ed Jones seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried.

S.A. LeJune provided the Membership Report. The Post is currently at 108 paid members for 2010, including PUFLs. This is currently at 57% of membership goal. S.A. LeJune will continue to call on renewals.

Gary Poplin gave the Judge Advocate report. An updated post constitution has been distributed that changed rules associated with membership of expelled members and added verbiage about an American Legion Riders Chapter. The Commander read the revised sections of the constitution. Gary Poplin introduced a motion that the updated post constitution be adopted and forwarded to Department for approval. Ed Jones seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried. A letter has been prepared for the tenant who vacated her office without paying past rent. The letter will be mailed in the coming week.

Jerry Adams provided the Service Officer Report. The Commander discussed a recent query that was fielded for financial assistance. The family was counseled on what was required, but they have not taken the required action.

Pat McEnroe presented the Trustee report. No change from last month.

Gary Smith provided the Webmaster Status. Post policies and procedures are now available on the website. Gary Smith stated that he is now also responsible for the district website.

Jim Swafford presented the Building Manager Status Report. The post has continued improvements on exterior security, including vehicle barriers to prevent unauthorized access to the rear of the building. Still looking at additional security lights. There have been some recent rental inquiries, but no follow up action. Wireless router has been installed and is operational.

The Post Commander asked for Sick Call Report inputs. Frank Brown offered that Clarence Baker has been sick.

#### Unfinished Business:

- The post yard sale is scheduled for 10 April 2010. Will discuss final details at April meeting.
- For the February family night, 11 people attended. Post 511 donated approx 10 pounds of hamburger patties.
- Follow up discussion on American Legion baseball program opportunity. To date, there has been no interest in leading this effort.

#### New Business:

- The next family night is scheduled for 13 March at 1600. The Post Commander will solicit menu items by email.

- The Commander reviewed items from the 5<sup>th</sup> District meeting.
- The 5<sup>th</sup> District convention will be held on 17-18 April 2010. Gary Poplin introduced a motion that Gary Smith, S.A. LeJune and Gary Poplin be the post delegates to the convention. Pat Sansom seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried.
- The Division convention will be held on 24-25 April 2010 in Tyler. Pat Sansom introduced a motion that Gary Smith be the post delegate for the convention. S.A. LeJune seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried.
- Post 275 is having a yard sale on 6 March. Post 511 is having a fish fry on 27 March.
- Officer nominations are due by the May post meeting. Elections will be held at the June meeting.
- The Post has been solicited to support JROTC with five medals. Gary Poplin introduced a motion for the post to provide the medals. Ed Jones seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried. The Finance Officer solicited donations to cover the costs of the medals.
- The Commander will be out of town 17-28 March.

For the Good of Legion:

- S.A. LeJune encouraged members to come up with ideas to assist with post income.

The closing prayer was given by Charlie Nations. Charlie Nations also encouraged the membership to remember our troops in prayer as they go into harm's way.

The colors were retired.

The Commander adjourned the meeting at 1952L.

The meeting minutes were recorded and transcribed by Steve Kennedy, Adjutant, and approved by Gary Smith, Commander.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes approved by Membership: \_\_\_\_\_