

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

4 March 2009

Regular Meeting Called to Order at 1902L

Roll Call of Officers

Gary Smith, Commander – Present and Presiding

S.A. LeJune, Vice-Commander - Present

Adjutant - Vacant

Pat Sansom, Finance Officer - Present

Charles Nations, Chaplain – Excused

Gary Poplin, Judge Advocate – Present

Steve Kennedy, Historian - Present

Jerry Adams, Service Officer - Unexcused

Jim Swafford - Sergeant at Arms – Present

Pat McEnroe, Trustee Chairman – Present

William “Hawk” Hawkins, Trustee - Present

Frank Brown, Trustee – Unexcused

Fourth Trustee Position - Vacant

Officers Present: 8

Other voting members present: 3

Luis Santana

Ed Jones

Willard Hampton

Total voting members present 11

Guests Present: 0

SAL 0

AL Auxiliary 0

Total Present: 11

Opening ceremonies were held. SA LeJune gave and led the opening prayer. Gary Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guest introductions were called for. No guests were present.

S.A. LeJune introduced a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes from February 2009 and to accept the minutes as published. 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. The report is contained in the official post records, but not attached to these minutes. Motion to approve was introduced by Gary Poplin, seconded by SA LeJune. A vote was called and the motion carried.

Purchase of a new printer was discussed. Pat S. will look at what is available and make a purchase.

SA LeJune asked about the Post's ability to setup a regular monthly donation from members. The Post can support such a process.

S.A. LeJune presented the Membership report. Currently 124 of the 2009 renewals have been received and processed, bringing the Post to approximately 67% of its annual membership goal.

A Financial Audit was held on February 21 at 8:00 a.m. at the Post and a signed report by the Post Judge Advocate was provided to the Commander. No inconsistencies were identified. Motion to approve was introduced by Gary Poplin, seconded by Jim Swafford. A vote was called and the motion carried.

Gary Poplin presented the Judge Advocate report. The Post By-Laws were partially reviewed and modified on February 28, 2009. Gary provided a high level overview of some of the changes that were made. A follow-up meeting to review the rest of the Post By-Laws is scheduled for March 7 at 9:00 am.

No Service Officer report was available.

Pat McEnroe presented the Trustee report. He stated that there is nothing new to report regarding the sale of the Post building.

Gary Smith presented the Webmaster status report. A Memorial page for deceased Post members has been added to the website. Details are needed for some of the past members. Still need biographies from Frank, and S.A.

Building Manager Status Report – Jim Swafford presented the current status of the Post building. Ed, Jim Duncan and Gary P. worked on the door today. Pat S. and Jim will check into availability of other possible installers and their price. SA indicated that he can lay tile as long as somebody else can cut the tile. Gary P. stated he could cut the tile.

Sick Call – None mentioned.

Unfinished Business:

- Gary S. checked with the insurance company and the repair to the sewage pipe is not covered.
- Again, District 5 Spring Convention is to be held April 18 and 19 at the Radisson Hotel and Suites near Love Field. Cut-off for registration is 4/4 and the Commander has asked that those who plan to attend to let him know by 3/15.
- Division 1 Convention is scheduled for April 25 and 26 at the Stone Bridge Hotel in Sherman, TX.
- Family Night is March 14 (Saturday) at 4:00 pm. SA will provide the lasagna, Pat S. will provide the garlic bread, Jim will provide the salad, and Gary P. will make the tea. Cost will be \$7.00 for adults.
- Game Night for adults is March 28 at 5:00 pm. Hamburgers and fries will be served for \$5.00. Beverages will be sold at the event. Assorted games including cards, dominoes, darts, etc. will be available. SA will provide the meat and buns. The Post already has the fries. SA and Jim will setup the horseshoes.

New Business:

5th District Notes:

- Membership Coffee Tour will be held March 7 starting at 11:00 am. The first Post will be 275 followed by 81, 424, 453 and 597.
- Don Cecil was nominated for the position of District Chaplain. Don stated that his Chaplain services are free and he is available 24/7.
- Bill Husky is running for Vice Commander of the Department.
- American Legion Riders are asking \$150 for Post sponsorship of their annual Bridge Party scheduled for April 1. Sponsorship will get the Post's name on the t-shirts.
- Still need donations for the Fisher House. \$20 gas cards are needed.
- Donations are still needed for the 5th District Convention to fund dinners for VA patients and the Hospitality Room.
- Boys State will be held June 6-12. Girls State cannot be supported this year by the Post. Bus will leave from Post 453. Ed Magers advised to give the kids a printout from the website, get to the kids and interview early so the bus reservations can also be made early. The cost will be \$275 for the tuition fee, \$50 for spending and \$50 for the bus for a total of \$375 per individual. No date has been set for Orientation, but will probably be held in April or May. The members agreed that we will only sponsor 2 kids this year. Candidates must be High School Juniors. Gary Smith, Steve Kennedy and Pat McEnroe have volunteered to interview the candidates on April 5.
- Post 511 is holding a raffle for framed memorial plaque. Drawing to be held Memorial weekend. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.
- The Department Convention will be held June 24-28 in McAllen, TX. A full page ad will be taken out for the District and will include the SAL.

The Post elections will be held on May 6. If members wish to run for Post office, please let the Nominating Committee know (Steve Kennedy, SA LeJune & Gary Poplin). Also write your name and the position you are running for on the blackboard.

For the Good of the Legion: Nothing noted.

The closing prayer was given by SA LeJune.

The colors were retired.

The Commander adjourned the meeting at 1950L.

The meeting minutes were recorded, transcribed and approved by Gary Smith, Commander

_____ Date: _____

Minutes approved by Membership: _____