

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

**5 March 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 – Absent  
Frank Brown, Trustee – Absent  
Sherman Swafford, Trustee - Present

Officers Present:	9
Other voting members present:	2
S.A. LeJune	
Dennis Egbert	
Total voting members present	11
Guests Present:	1
Carl Dimoush	
SAL	0
AL Auxiliary	0
Total Present:	12

Opening ceremonies were held. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jeff Perkins. Charles Nations gave and led the opening prayer.

SA introduced a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes from the January 2008. Jim Swafford seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried.

SA introduced a motion that the minutes be approved as published. Jim Swafford seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried.

Pat McEnroe introduced his guest, Carl Dimoush, from a Blue Springs, MO post. Carl wishes to transfer to Post 111. Gary S. will follow-up with the transfer request.

The Commander called for the Committee reports.

Gary Smith presented the membership report. The Post is tied for last place in the District regarding renewal percentage to goal with a total of 125 members having paid their 2008 dues. Since the last meeting, 1 additional member has paid his 2008 dues. Over 40 letters requesting members to pay their 2008 dues were sent out since the last meeting. Only 1 member has responded with his dues and 5 letters were returned that could not be delivered. More letters will be sent out to cover the rest of the late paying members. Gary P. asked if anyone has responded to Charles Henderson about his membership dues. Gary S. will follow-up.

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. The motion carried.

Jeff requested an update on the By-Laws. Gary P. is still working on them, but will be ready to review the Articles with the membership starting with the April member meeting. The By-Laws will be reviewed article by article and approved by the membership.

Sick Call – Gary P. brought up Charles Williams again. The Post did pay for his 2008 dues. Jerry Adams will try to find out Charles' status.

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.

Unfinished Business:

JROTC awards were purchased. Awards will be presented May 3. All are welcome to attend.

Girl Scouts would like a donation for cookie purchases.

Cedar Hill Fire Department would like a donation. Jerry will approach the Fire Department to see if he can get some new AL members. Gary P. made a motion to provide a donation equal to last year's donation, seconded by Charles. The motion was amended by Gary P. to table the discussion until next month, seconded by Charles. Pat Sansom will check to see what was donated last year.

District Convention will be held April 19-20 in Carrollton, TX. Gary S., Gary P. (Sunday), Jeff and SA will attend. SA will attend dinner - Jeff and Gary S. are not sure. Gary P. introduced a motion that the above named individuals be the elected delegates to attend the District Convention. Pat seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried.

Gary S. stated that no new member candidates have been identified, but there is a transfer request in process.

Gary P. requested a facilities status. Deposits of the tenants were discussed. The status was provided by Jeff. At this time, the members were invited to inspect the office areas.

Charles requested the members donate magazines and other things to read to the veterans at the VA Hospital. Charles will be glad to collect the materials and take them to the hospital. Charles also recognized Jerry for his services to the veterans.

Jeff announced that he selected Dennis Egbert as his new Adjutant effective immediately.

The overall building status was given by Jeff. Details of the discussion are not recorded here, but status can be obtained from Jeff directly if members are interested.

The closing prayer was given by Charles Nations.

The Commander adjourned the meeting at 1957L.

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

Minutes approved by Jeff Perkins, Commander

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

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