

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

6 March 2013

Regular Meeting Called to Order at 1904L

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 – Excused

Historian, Vacant

Jan Cloud, Trustee – Present

Willard Hampton, Trustee – Present

Larry Clark, Trustee - Unexcused

Officers Present: 5

Other voting members present: 6

S.A. LeJune

Luis Santana

Rod Dunham

Willie Young

Cliff Parker

Ernest Evering

Total voting members present 11

Guests Present: 5

Cyndi Miller, Department Historian

James Lee

Willem Chalko

Trey Bender

Ron Hall

SAL 0

Total Present: 16

Opening Ceremonies were held.

SA LeJune led a prayer for Judy Swafford who is recovering from cancer and a viral infection due to low white blood cell count.

The Charter was undraped.

Roll Call was taken and the results are indicated above.

Guests were introduced.

SA LeJune made a motion to accept the following veterans as new members: Willie Young, Cliff Parker, Tyler Moore, Leroy Taylor, Tom Farrell and Ernest Evering. The motion was seconded by Willard Hampton. The motion carried.

SA LeJune made a motion to accept the following veterans as new members on the condition that DD-214s or other acceptable documentation is submitted by the applicants: Cyndi Miller, Willem Chalko, Arthur Sparks, Neil Loney, Raymond Brown, Leslie Tacke, John Smith, Roderick Rodriguez, Walter Stephens, Richard Reed, Ben McLemore, Alexandria Vargas, Sergio Casanova, John Krcmar, Eddie Sikes, William Purcell, Charles Davis, Edward Murray, Kenneth Hanks, Tony Bradley, James Rider, Harry Hawkins, Garry Wolford, Roy Narmour, John Idar, Emmanuel Crawford, Garnell Oliver, Kirk Douglas, James Morrison, William Bethard and James Lee. The motion was seconded by Luis Santana. The motion carried.

Motion by SA LeJune to suspend with the reading of the February 2013 minutes because they had been published on the web site for some time was seconded by Willard Hampton. The motion carried.

Motion by SA LeJune to suspend with the reading of the Finance Report and seconded by Luis Santana. The motion carried.

The membership report provided by the Commander and indicated that Post 111 was 88.8% of goal, but that we are currently behind in our stated goal for March. Our Post now has 95 renewed and new members. The SAL Squadron is still at 85% of goal.

Judge Advocate - Nothing To Report (NTR)

Service Officer - NTR

Trustees - NTR

Web Master - NTR

JROTC – The awards are scheduled to be presented on May 4 at 6:00 pm at Cedar Hill High School. Additional medals need to be purchased. SA LeJune made a motion to purchase the additional medals. The motion was seconded by Rod Dunham. The motion carried. The membership also supported contacting other high schools serviced by our Post for their involvement in the program.

Boys State – The Commander provided an overview of the program and also stated that forms need to be submitted by April 1.

Oratorical – It was announced that the winner of the 1st Division contest was also the State winner and will go to National to compete. Pat McEnroe and the Commander gave an overview of the program.

SAL had NTR

ALR had NTR

The status of leases and building maintenance was reviewed by Commander Smith. The Commander thanked SA LeJune for installing the locks on the small refrigerator and one cabinet. Robert Franklin from SAL Squadron 511 came and made a list of the items for the ice maker. He will research the cost for the items and get back to the Commander.

Sick Call – Judy Swafford is out of the hospital and has fully recovered from her infection.

Unfinished Business:

Pat McEnroe is working on setting up the direct deposit for the Estate of Mary Julius.

Locating the documents for the bank note mortgage release was discussed. SA and Gary Smith will meet on March 14 at 10:00 am to locate the document in the office.

The Commander will meet with Scout leadership on May 11 at 7:00 pm to discuss conditions for Cub Scout Pack 89 from Cedar Hill to hold their meetings within the Post.

2013 Department Convention sponsorship and page ads were discussed. A motion was made by SA LeJune to take out a full page ad costing \$200. The motion was seconded by Charlie Nations. The motion carried.

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.

New Business:

The District visit by the National Revitalization Team was discussed. The Post has gained 6 members and has conditionally approved 31 others upon condition that DD-214 or other acceptable documents can be provided.

The Commander reminded the members that Post officer and Committee selections will be conducted at our meeting in May. Nominations will be conducted at our meeting in April. The Commander stated that he will not run again for the position of Commander. Participation in Post affairs was encouraged.

The Commander reminded everyone of the 5th District Spring Convention to be held on April 6 at Love Field Post 453. District officers will be elected at this convention.

Resolutions were read for Steve Watkins, candidate for Department Judge Advocate and Ron Hall, candidate for 5th District Chaplain. SA LeJune made a motion to table the resolution for Steve Watkins. The motion was seconded by Charlie Nations. The motion carried. SA LeJune made a motion to endorse Ron Hall. The motion was seconded by Rod Dunham. The motion carried.

Charlie Nations recognized the service of veterans and recognized the birthday of The American Legion. Charlie also made a Chaplain's statement on freedom of religion and belief in God.

Closing ceremonies were held and the meeting was adjourned at 2031L.

This meeting was transcribed by Gary Smith, Commander

Minutes approved by Gary Smith, Commander

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Minutes approved by Membership: _____