

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

6 March 2018

Regular meeting called to order at 19:00 by Commander, Jan Cloud.

Roll call of officers:

Commander, Jan Cloud---present
Vice Commander---vacant
Adjutant, Bob Betik--present
Judge Advocate---vacant
Finance Officer, Gary Smith---present
Sergeant-at-Arms, Bob Montalvo---absent
Chaplain, Charlie Nations---excused
Service Officer---vacant
Historian---vacant
Trustee Chairman (2015), Rod Dunham---excused
Trustee (2016), Gary Poplin---excused
Trustee (2917), Pat McEnroe---present

Officers present:	4
Other voting members present:	0
 Total voting members present	 4
 Guests present:	 0
SAL	0
 Total present:	 4

Commander Jan Cloud led the opening ceremonies.

Roll call was held and the results are indicated above and a quorum was established.

A motion was made by Gary Smith, seconded by Bob Betik and passed by the membership to waive the reading of the minutes of the meeting of 6 February, 2018

Finance Officer Gary Smith presented a Statement of Income & Expenses and a Balance Sheet for January and February. A motion was made by Pat McEnroe to accept the finance report as presented, was seconded by Bob Betik and the motion passed.

A discussion was initiated by Gary Smith to audit the Post 111 accounting books, not only to catch up the delinquent audits of past years, but to also audit this year's books as well. A motion was made by Bob Betik to audit the books after the elections in May and after any changes of officers through the year. The regular audit would be conducted each year after the meeting in May, with the audit meeting to be set apart from any regular monthly meeting. The motion was seconded by Gary Smith and the motion passed.

Membership: The goal set for Post 111 is 127 total members by 1 July., 2018. Post 111 is in 1st place in the District with 113 members, which is 89.98% of our goal of 90% for the month of March. Our Division is currently in first place.

Oratorical report: The schedule and protocol of the Oratorical program was discussed by the membership. The Oratorical speech competition is available to any high school student, with the topic being the U.S. Constitution. Respect for the flag is also an integral part of the competition. The Post level competition is held in December, with the winners moving up to the district, division, department and national levels at succeeding time intervals. The competition consists of a 8-10 minute speech and a short speech of 3-5 minutes. There are monetary awards at the lower levels; however, the number 1, 2, and 3 national winners receive scholarships of \$18K, \$16K, and \$14K respectively. We will be soliciting participants from the local schools for this year's competition.

Jr. ROTC report: We have on hand, a supply of medals to be awarded close to graduation time in May. There are 2 awards given: 4 for military excellence at each grade level and 1 for academics.

SAL report: SAL received a \$50 check from Dept. of Texas for achieving their 100% membership goal by December 31, 2017 with a potential of adding 2 or 3 new members in the near future.

Building Report:

- Painting of the building exterior still needs to be completed.
- Security camera system still needs to be installed.
- Gary Smith reported that we will need to upgrade the lighting in Suite 201 because some of the fixtures lights keep going out.

Unfinished business:

1. Johnny Lewis is heading up the Boys/Girls State program, with 2 young ladies already selected and 3 more individuals (up to 5 total) to be selected.
2. Post 111 had anticipated investing \$5K into a CD that would have earned 3%. Banking regulations prevent an entity from buying a CD. The owner of the CD must have a SSAN, which is not issued to an entity, such as an American Legion post. Instead, the Post will transfer the \$5K from the checking account to the regular savings account.
3. Post 424 was sent \$400 for Jim Swafford's after-funeral luncheon and ceremony. Post 424 was most gracious in accommodating Post 111 with the use of their facilities. Mr. Swafford's family gave the American Legion, Post 424, and Post 111 very positive and appreciative comments.
4. The flagpole installation at Life School, Cedar Hill. is set for Sat., 10 March, 2018 at 9a. Post 111 members had installed the concrete base earlier this year. The flagpole will arrive at the school on Saturday morning. We will assemble the hardware and raise the pole and set it into its base. The actual dedication and raising of the first flag ceremony is set for Tues, 20 March, at 10:30 am.

New business:

1. National American Legion published an article in the Digital Dispatch about audio "conference from home" for American Legion meetings. A survey will be taken to find out how many members would be interested. An action plan was presented for Gary Smith to research the equipment needed and cost.

2. Election of delegates to upcoming conventions:

The District 5 convention will be held on 21 April, 2018 at Post 424 , Dallas Tx.. Gary Smith, Jan Cloud and Johnny Lewis have volunteered to be district delegates. A motion was made by Pat McEnroe to approve these individuals as delegates, was seconded by Bob Betik and the motion passed.

The Division convention will be held on 5 May, 2018 in Haltom City, Tx. Gary Smith has volunteered to be one of the delegates. The second delegate will be determined at the April 2018 regular meeting. A motion to approve Gary Smith as a delegate to the Division convention was made by Pat McEnroe and seconded by Bob Betik. The motion passed.

3. Tenant in arrears:

One of our tenants is 3 months in arrears. There will be a \$300 expense to hire an attorney to file an eviction notice with the court. A motion was made by Gary Smith to proceed with the eviction proceedings. The motion was seconded by Bob Betik and the motion passed.

For the Good of the Legion:

A "Draping of the Charter" ceremony was conducted in honor of our departed brother and member, Jim Swafford. A black linen cloth was placed over the Charter plaque and will remain in place until the next regular meeting.

The attendance drawing was held with Edward Murray's name being drawn. Mr Murray was not present; therefore, the monetary prize increases by \$5 to \$105 for the drawing at the April meeting.

Closing ceremonies were conducted by Commander Jan Cloud and the meeting was adjourned at 20:53.

These meeting minutes were transcribed by Bob A. Betik, Adjutant and approved by Jan Cloud, Commander. _____ Date: 3/12/2018.

Minutes approved by membership: _____.