

Minutes of S. Gus Alexander, Jr. Memorial American Legion Post 111
Department of Texas
Meeting
7 March 2012

Regular Meeting called to order at 1903 hours.

Roll Call of Officers:

S.A. LeJune, Commander – Present & Presiding

Gary Smith, 1st Vice Commander – Present

Paul Cervantes, 2nd Commander – Unexcused

Larry Clark, Adjutant – Excused

Financial Officer – Open

Charles Nations, Chaplain – Present

Gary Poplin, Judge Advocate – Excused

Ed Jones, Historian – Unexcused

Jerry Adams, Service Officer – Present

Jim Swafford, Sergeant at Arms – Present

Pat McEnroe, Trustee Chairman – Present

Jan Cloud, Trustee – Present

Willard Hampton, Trustee – Excused

Officers Present	7
Other voting members present	3
Luis Santana	
Pat Sansom	
Sandy Hudson	
Total voting members present	10
Guests Present:	0
SAL	1
David Schneider	
AL Auxiliary	0
Total Present	11

Opening ceremonies were held. Chaplain gave opening prayer. Commander LeJune led the Pledge of Allegiance and Preamble. The meeting was opened and colors were presented.

The Commander read the minutes from the February 1st meeting, but no copies have been available or published. Pat McEnroe moved to accept the minutes as read pending any corrections that may be noted once the minutes are published. Jim Swafford seconded the motion and it was passed.

Financial Report was given by the Commander. SA handed out a financial sheet as of Feb. 29, 2012. Motion was made by Gary Smith to approve financial report subject to audit and Jim Swafford seconded, membership voted and passed. IRS Form 990EZ has been completed and will be sent out today.

Membership report by Gary Smith. The Post currently has 101 new/renewed members. We are at 80.8%, 5th place in District.

Judge Advocate Report – Nothing to report.

Service Officers Report – Larry Parks is in the hospital. It was announced by Gary Smith that Wayne Duckworth has passed away. At one time he was a member of Irving Post 218.

Trustees Report – Pat McEnroe stated that the contract was split into two parts – Rental and Building Sale. Explanations of the leases were given. Motion was made to approve of the Lease Agreement by Pat McEnroe and seconded by Gary Smith. The motion carried. Motion was made to approve of the Building Sales Agreement by Pat McEnroe and seconded by Sandy Hudson. The motion carried.

Webmaster Report – Nothing to report.

Building Report - S.A. announced that Suites 104, 105 and 106 are not leased yet. The tenant who had leased office 104 has broken the lease agreement by canceling payment on the check that the tenant gave us as payment. Jim Swafford made a motion to take the tenant to small claims court. The motion was seconded by Pat McEnroe and the motion carried.

Sick Report – The Commander stated that Angela O’Neal is still being treated for cancer.

Unfinished Business

- Membership drive has slowed considerably. Unless we get new members in, the Post will not make its membership goal.
- JROTC medals have been purchased and received.

New Business

- The Heat/AC unit in 106 needs to be fixed or replaced before we can rent the office.
- The Department Convention will be held in Houston July 11-15. Sandy Hudson nominated SA LeJune and Gary Smith to be the delegates to the Department Convention. Jim Swafford seconded the motion and the motion passed.
- The District Convention will be held on March 24 at Post 424. Sandy Hudson nominated Jim Swafford and Gary Smith to be the delegates to the District Convention. Luis Santana seconded the motion and the motion passed.
- Pat Sansom made the motion for the Post to write a letter to the Department Vice Commander Fleming, 5th District Commander Perkins, Post 81 Commander Mike Phelan and Guest Carolyn Adams to apologize for inappropriate behavior at the podium (excessive cursing). The motion was seconded by Gary Smith and the motion carried. Commander LeJune stated that he would not write or sign the letter.
- The Commander announced the candidacy of Dan Corbin for Department Commander. Gary Smith stated that Bob Roberts was also running for Department Commander. The Commander announced the candidacy of Bryan Coleman for

- Gary Smith made a motion to have officer positions who handle money be bonded, The motion was seconded by Pat McEnroe and the motion carried.
- The Commander will sign the contracts with the realtor.
- Commander LeJune announced a program by H&R Block that could benefit the Posts in the District.
- Gary Smith updated the members on the status of the back lot. The back lot project is now completed. Gary recognized the efforts of Jim Swafford, Paul Cervantes, Jan Cloud, David Schneider, Larry Clark and Joe O’Neal for their support and efforts. A&B Trucking donated \$50 for the help we gave in spreading crushed concrete at Post 511.
- Gary Smith updated the members on the status of the Stars Hockey game.
- The Commander recognized Jan Cloud for resurfacing the flat roof over the meeting room. A second coat on the roof will be given in April.
- Jan Cloud stated that the 1st Division ALR has started a “Rider Down” fund for those Riders that have an accident. Since Chapter 111 is participating in the program, Jan has put a contribution box on the wall to accept donations for the program.
- Gary Smith will head a Committee to recommend Officer nominations for the upcoming Post elections. Pat McEnroe will also be on the Committee.

For the Good of the Legion

- The Commander announced that the Post was contacted by the Cinemark Theater in Cedar Hill to participate in the opening of the movie “Act of Valor” and distribute American Legion literature. Commander LeJune and 1st Vice Commander Smith participated on Saturday and the Commander again participated on Sunday. Many prospective members inquired about and showed interest in joining The American Legion.
- Gary Smith also mentioned a program that Tom Thumb has that could also be of benefit to the Post.

The closing prayer was given by the Chaplain.

The Commander adjourned the meeting at 2033L.

The meeting minutes were recorded and transcribed by Gary Smith, 1st Vice Commander, and approved by S.A. LeJune, Commander.

_____Date: _____

Minutes approved as read by Membership: _____