

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

1 April 2009

Regular Meeting Called to Order at 1906L

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 – Present

Gary Poplin, Judge Advocate – Present

Steve Kennedy, Historian - Present

Jerry Adams, Service Officer - Present

Jim Swafford - Sergeant at Arms – Excused

Pat McEnroe, Trustee Chairman – Present

William “Hawk” Hawkins, Trustee - Unexcused

Frank Brown, Trustee – Present

Fourth Trustee Position - Vacant

Officers Present: 9

Other voting members present: 0

Total voting members present 9

Guests Present: 0

SAL 0

AL Auxiliary 0

Total Present: 9

Opening ceremonies were held. Charlie 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 March 2009 and to accept the minutes as published. Gary P. seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried.

The Commander called for the Committee reports.

The Finance report was tabled until next meeting. However, the billing options for the electric utilities needs to be renewed and selected by April 24. The options will be reviewed after the meeting.

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S.A. presented the Membership status. The Post has 131 members and is currently at 70.8% of the membership goal for 2009.

Gary Poplin presented the Judge Advocate report. One more meeting will be required to finish up the Post By-Laws.

Jerry Adams presented the Service Officer report. Ms. Alexander has been in and out of the hospital.

Pat McEnroe presented the Trustee report. He stated that there is nothing new to report regarding the sale of the Post building. Boys State applicants will be interviewed on April 4. Steve, Gary S. and Steve will interview the candidates. The Post can only afford to send one candidate this year. S.A. will try to find another sponsor so that we can send 2 boys.

Gary Smith presented the Webmaster status report. The Post's website has been entered into the Department and National competition. Still need biographies from Frank, and S.A.

Building Manager Status Report – Gary S. stated that the front door is now online.

Sick Call – None mentioned.

Unfinished Business:

- Gary S. sent the registration in for the District Convention. Gary S., Gary P. and S.A. were nominated as delegates to the District Convention. Gary P. introduced the motion to accept the nominated delegates. S.A. seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried.
- Division 1 Convention is scheduled for April 25 and 26 at the Stone Bridge Hotel in Sherman, TX. Nobody plans to attend.
- Family Night was held March 14 (Saturday) at 4:00 pm. The turnout was pretty good and the Post made \$200.
- Game Night for adults was held March 28 at 5:00 pm. The turnout was very poor. If the activity is not better attended, it will be discontinued. S.A. donated the horseshoe set and it was installed by S.A. and Jim.

New Business:

5th District Notes:

- Services will be held at the National Cemetery on May 25 at 11:00 a.m. The main speaker will be Barney Barnum, retired Marine Corps Colonel and Medal of Honor recipient and acting Deputy Secretary of the Navy.
- Eyeglasses from the VA are free if you have a vision disability of 50% or greater.
- Pat Mars entered the VA hospital on March 18.
- Boys State deadline is April 15.
- American Legion baseball tournament will be held in Grand Prairie in 2010.
- A chili cook-off will be held by Post 453 on May 2.

Dues for 2010 were discussed. A motion was made by Gary P. to keep the dues at \$35.00. Pat M. seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried.

AFJROTC awards will be presented May 2 at 6:00 p.m. at Cedar Hill High School. Gary S. has already purchased the 5 medals and Ed Magers is printing the certificates.

Gary S. has implemented a "Donated Items" log. Any member that donates assets or other items, please inform Gary S. so it can be documented.

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. A motion was made by S.A. to have this year's officer installation ceremony at Post 111. Gary P. seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried. Installations will be held on June 3.

A follow-up meeting to finish the By-Laws was scheduled for April 4 at 8:00 a.m.

For the Good of the Legion: Horseshoes are installed and ready to be used. New flights have also been put on the darts.

Needed food donations for the next Family Night were discussed. The menu was decided donations identified. Gary S. will send out an email documenting who is bringing the specific items.

The closing prayer was given by Charlie Nations.

The colors were retired.

The Commander adjourned the meeting at 1956L.

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

_____ Date: _____

Minutes approved by Membership: _____