

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

2 April 2008

Regular Meeting Called to Order at 1902L

Roll Call of Officers

Gary Smith, Acting Commander, Vice Commander – Present and Presiding
Dennis Egbert, Adjutant - Present
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 – Present
Frank Brown, Trustee – Present
Sherman Swafford, Trustee - Present

Officers Present:	11
Other voting members present:	
S.A. LeJune	
Carl Dimoush	
Ed Jones	
Sandy Hudson	
Steve Kennedy	
Total voting members present	16
Guests Present:	0
SAL	0
AL Auxiliary	0
Total Present:	16

Opening ceremonies were held. Charles Nations gave and led the opening prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Gary Smith.

SA introduced a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes from March 2008. Gary Poplin 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.

The Commander called for the Committee reports.

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.

Gary Poplin presented the Judge Advocate report. Issues about the Constitution and By-Laws were mentioned and it was stated that the Commander and Judge Advocate will meet before the meeting to finalize information to be presented to the membership. The Commander tabled this report until the May meeting.

Gary Smith presented the membership report, stating that Post 111 is in last place in District 5 post rankings. Mailings to those who have not yet paid 2008 dues have been completed. Charles Henderson sent in his paperwork but forgot to include payment. Gary S. stated that Charles' wife will ensure that the check is in the mail. Bobby Crockett sent in his completed transfer form, which Dennis will process. S.A. made a motion to accept the transfer. Gary Poplin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Gary Smith presented the Webmaster report. He has entered the Post 111 website into the TXALPA annual contest. Officers' pictures were taken for the website. Biographies from officers/trustees that are not currently on the website are requested to be sent by E-mail to Gary Smith by April 16th.

Pat McEnroe presented the trustee report. The report is contained in the official post records, but not attached to these minutes.

Sick Call – Gary Smith noted that everyone is glad to see those who have been sick back at the meeting.

Jerry Adams presented the Service Officer's report. No new information was available. Gary Poplin brought up the matter of Charles Williams. Jerry Adams has not yet been able to follow-up but will check on this and provide status. Gary Poplin will bring in smaller boxes for the books to be taken to the V.A. Hospital.

Unfinished Business:

Girl Scouts would like a donation for cookie purchases. This issue is being dropped without action due to the status of Post finances.

District Convention will be held April 19-20 in Farmer's Branch, TX. Gary S., Gary P. (Saturday daytime and Sunday), and SA will attend. SA and Gary S. will attend dinner. Jeff will not now be attending.

Cedar Hill Fire Department would like a donation. Due to the status of Post finances, Gary Poplin withdrew his motion from March that Post 111 make the same donation as last year. S.A. seconded the withdrawal of the motion.

Gary S. brought up the issue of an eat-out night. Frank Brown stated that he has a tentative menu. A discussion followed regarding pricing, ticket sales goals, scheduling, and other suggested menu items. Gary Poplin mentioned that it might be a good idea to schedule a breakfast for the individuals who will post flags at the National Cemetery on May 17th, Armed Forces Day. Further discussion was tabled until after the meeting.

New Business:

Gary S. announced that Jeff Perkins has resigned as Post 111 Commander, effective April 1st. An E-mail was circulated that Jeff sent, announcing his resignation. Gary Smith will be the Acting Commander until an election to fill the unexpired term can be held. Jeff has transferred to Post 511. Five days notice must be given to the membership regarding the election. Gary S. and Dennis will accomplish this. The election will be held at the regular May meeting.

The Texas Rangers sent mail regarding discount tickets for Post members. Gary Poplin stated he will get information on free tickets that he knows about.

The Greater Dallas Veterans Council sent a request for membership renewal. Gary Poplin stated that he does not see any real value in continuing this membership. Pat Sansom made a motion to opt-out of this membership. Jim Swafford seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Pat McEnroe announced that the date for the annual Cedar Hill H.S. JROTC Awards Ceremony has been changed from April 26th to May 3rd at 6 p.m. at the Cedar Hill High School Performing Arts Center. RSVPs must be received by April 18th.

Frank asked about any plans for the future of the Post building. Gary S. responded that if no further word on a possible sale is received, steps must be taken to rent out the vacant offices. A workday will be held on April 5th for any who are able to make it. An Executive Committee meeting will be held on April 9th at 7 p.m. to discuss the building.

A discussion ensued about the Post being open for weekday activities. Gary S. stated that the Post is open to everyone who is a member and that anyone who does not have a code for the alarm system should see Jim for one. Gary S. also stated that individuals should organize activities that they are interested in as they are more likely to be successful if someone takes charge of the particular activity. Gary Poplin mentioned that it would be a good idea for members to attend the SAL Poker Nights as well to help improve the relationship between the Post and the SAL.

The closing prayer was given by Charles Nations.

The Commander adjourned the meeting at 2004L.

The meeting minutes were recorded and transcribed by Dennis Egbert, Adjutant

Minutes approved by Gary Smith, Acting Commander

_____ Date: 4/15/2008

Minutes approved by Membership: _____