

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

**2 April, 2019**

The regular meeting was called to order at 19:14 by Commander, Jan Cloud.

Roll call of officers:

Commander, Jan Cloud---present  
Vice Commander, Bob Betik---present  
Adjutant, Bob Betik---present  
Judge Advocate, Gary Poplin---present  
Finance Officer---vacant  
Sergeant-at-Arms, Pat McEnroe---present  
Chaplain, Charlie Nations---present  
Service Officer, Johnny Lewis---present  
Historian--vacant  
Trustee Chairman (2016), Gary Poplin---present  
Trustee (2017), Pat McEnroe---present  
Trustee (2018), Johnny Lewis---present

Officers present	6
Other voting members present	0
 Total voting members present	 6

Guests present:	1
- Pat Flores, Financial Consultant	
SAL	1
- Ramon DeMaria, SAL Commander	

Total present	8
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Commander Jan Cloud conducted the opening ceremony. The Colors were posted and the opening prayer was recited by Chaplain Charlie Nations.

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

There was no official meeting in March 2019, as a quorum was not present for that meeting. A motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the most previous official meeting held on 5 February, 2019 was made by Gary Poplin and seconded by Johnny Lewis. The minutes are posted on the Post 111 website. The motion passed.

**Finance Report:** Financial Consultant Pat Flores presented 2 financial reports, one thru the end of February and the other thru the end of March 2019. As of 31 March , 2019, total assets are at \$252,434.89 and combined checking/savings is at \$11,212.24.

Post 111 did not maintain its tax exempt status and was required to pay \$3161.84 in property taxes.

This significantly impacted our cash levels in the bank. A discussion was held as to formulate a procedure to keep this negative event from occurring in the future. Primarily, Post 111 must regain its tax exempt status. Pat Flores has filed the necessary forms with the taxing authority.

Johnny Lewis brought up for discussion the size of the monthly phone bill and has accepted the task of reviewing the phone bill with the phone company to see where a reduction in cost could be made.

A motion to accept both financial statements as presented was made by Gary Poplin and seconded by Johnny Lewis. The motion passed.

**Membership Report:** : Bob Betik presented the membership report. The 2019 starting roster is at 139 members, including transfers-in and new members. From that number, 2 are known to be deceased, 1 transferred out and 19 have not yet paid their 2019 dues, yielding Post 111 with 117 paid-up members thus far for 2019. In February, Bob Betik divided the list of unpaid members into 4 groups with each member to be called by Pat McEnroe, Jan Cloud, Johnny Lewis and Bob Betik

From this effort, several members brought their dues to current status and are included in the count of 117 paid-up members. A motion to accept the membership report as presented was made by Johnny Lewis and seconded by Charlie Nations. The motion passed.

**Judge Advocate Report:** No report.

**Service Officer Report:** No report.

**Trustee Report:** No report.

**Webmaster Report:** No Report.

**Oratorical Report:** No report

**Boys/Girls State Report:** Financial support for 2 Boys State candidates was discussed. A motion to approve 2 slots at \$500 each for 2019 Boys State was made by Bob Betik and seconded by Gary Poplin. The motion passed. Bob Betik will offer the 2 slots to Red Oak HS, as Cedar Hill HS shows no interest.

**Jr. ROTC Report:** The medals have arrived. There will be 3 medals awarded to Cedar HS ROTC members during the end-of-school-year ceremonies in May. The medals will be awarded by Johnny Lewis.

**SAL Report:** SAL Commander Ramon DeMaria reported that 1 member has been added for a total of 17 members.

**AL Riders:** No report.

**Building Report:** Exterior painting still needs to be completed.

Obsolete electronic equipment is gradually being removed from the building and storage areas. The dumpster is emptied each Tuesday. A discussion was held for members to meet at the Post on Modays to fill the dumpster by removing clutter from both inside and outside of the property.

**Unfinished Business:**

1. The resolutions for the sale of the 2 Restland-Dallas cemetery plots to Gary Poplin was signed and filed.

**New Business:**

- 1. The District 5 convention will be held on April 14 at Post 453.
  - 2. The 1st Division convention will be held on April 27.
- Anyone interested in being a delegate is to contact Jan Cloud.

**Sick Call:** No one reported.

**For the Good Of the Legion:**

- 1. Bob Betik and wife Barbara had lunch with Gary Smith in Tuscon, AZ. on March 8. Gary sends regards and best wishes to all at Post 111.
  
- 2. Gary Poplin reported that the Memorial Day ceremony at DFW National Cemetery will be held on May 27.
  
- 3. Johnny Lewis drew the name of William Chalko from the pool of paid-up members for the attendance jackpot prize of \$150. Mr. Chalko was not present at tonight's meeting to collect his prize; therefore, the jackpot prize will increase to \$155 to be drawn for at the 7 May, 2019 meeting.

Closing ceremonies were conducted and the meeting was adjourned at 20:15.

These meeting minutes were transcribed by Bob A. Betik, Adjutant, and approved by:

Commander, Jan Cloud \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes approved by membership \_\_\_\_\_