

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

3 April 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---unexcused
Chaplain, Charlie Nations---present
Service Officer---vacant
Historian---vacant
Trustee Chairman (2015), Rod Dunham---excused
Trustee (2016), Gary Poplin---excused
Trustee (2917), Pat McEnroe---present

Officers present:	5
Other voting members present:	0
 Total voting members present	 5
 Guests present:	 0
SAL	0
 Total present:	 5

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 Bob Betik and seconded by Charlie Nations to waive the reading of the minutes of the meeting of 6 March, 2018, as they are posted on the Post website and no corrections were forwarded. The motion passed.

The Finance Report was presented by Finance Officer Gary Smith. A motion to accept the Finance Report as presented was made by Pat McEnroe and seconded by Charlies Nations. The motion passed.

Membership Report: The membership report was presented by Adjutant Bob Betik. There are 21 AL posts in District 5. Post 111 is currently in 5th place in District 5. with a 91.34% of goal (116 members) toward the goal of 127 members by the end of June, 2018.

Oratorical report: At this time, it is too late to enter competitors for this year. The next session of the oratorical competition will begin in October, 2018. Johnny Lewis volunteered to make the presentation to the area High Schools to select their candidates.

Boys/Girls State Report: The Boys/Girls State program was brought up for discussion. In a previous meeting, Post 111 voted to send 5 individuals. Two slots for Girls State have been filled. Johnny Lewis has been in contact with the Cedar Hill HS counselors for the selection of their Boys State candidates and they are to get back with him by 4 May, 2018.

Jr. ROTC report: The presentation of this year's awards to ROTC students at Cedar Hill HS will take place on 5 May, 2018 at 18:00. Johnny Lewis will represent Post 111 at this award ceremony.

SAL report: Nothing new to report.

AL Riders: Nothing to report.

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.
- One tenant was evicted in March due to non-payment of rent. The Post is out \$1,300.00--- \$1,050 for unpaid rent and \$250.00 for legal fees. However, \$350 in security deposit was retained. Net loss to the Post was \$950. Also, the eviction forms can be reused should an eviction be necessary in the future.

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. The transfer of \$5000 was transferred to the savings account.
3. The flagpole installation was completed and the dedication ceremony was held on March 20th with city dignitaries in attendance.
4. Gary Smith sent out a survey to members asking if they would be interested in the Post being able to hold a virtual meeting at the same time as the regular meeting. The survey only had 5 responses , but they were all positive. Gary will proceed with testing before rolling out to members.
5. District 5 convention delegates were reaffirmed. Jan Cloud, Gary Smith, and Johnny Lewis are delegates to the 5th District convention to be held at Post 424, Dallas, on 21 April, 2018.
6. The Division convention is to be held in Haltom City on 5 May, with Gary Smith being the only delegate from Post 111.

New business:

- 1. The District Commander sent each post in the district, a resolution for consideration. The resolution asked if non-service male spouses of female military (AL qualified) personnel should be allowed membership into the SAL. After much discussion, the resolution was turned down by the members present at tonight's meeting.
- 2. A Department of Texas resolution was read for consideration. This would allow 345 (unassigned) members to be selected by zip code and forwarded to the District Commander for assignment to the post closest to their home address. Charlies Nations made a motion to approve the resolution, was seconded by Pat McEnroe and the motion passed.
- 3. Commander Jan Cloud brought up for consideration the purchase of name badges for each of the Post 111 officers and the display of a picture board of the officers in the meeting hall. A motion to approve was made by Johnny Lewis and seconded by Pat McEnroe. The motion passed. These name badges and picture board will be acquired after the Post elections in May.
- 4. Post 111 needs volunteers to fill the vacant officer positions. If any members is interested in holding any of the Post's officer positions, please contact Bob Betik, Adjutant, via e-mail, at twoczechs30@gmail.com.
- 5. Post officer elections will be held during our general membership meeting in May.**

For the Good of the Legion:

A thank you note sent to Post 111 by the family of Jim Swafford was read by Charlie Nations. The family was most appreciative of Post 111 for the honors and ceremonies presented to Jim at his funeral. An undraping ceremony was held at tonight's meeting. removing the black linen cloth that was draped over the AL Charter at last month's meeting. A final salute to Jim was made.

The attendance drawing was held with Ben McLemore's name being drawn. Mr McLemore was not present; therefore, the monetary prize increases by \$5 to \$110 for the drawing at the May meeting.

Closing ceremonies were conducted by Commander Jan Cloud and the meeting was adjourned at 20:54.

These meeting minutes were transcribed by Bob A. Betik, Adjutant and approved by Jan Cloud, Commander. _____ Date: 4/10/2018.

Minutes approved by membership: _____.