

**Minutes of S. Gus Alexander, Jr. Memorial American Legion Post 111**  
**Department of Texas**  
**Meeting**  
**4 April 2012**

Regular Meeting called to order at 1900 hours.

Roll Call of Officers:

S.A. LeJune, Commander – Present & Presiding

Gary Smith, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander – Present

**Paul Cervantes, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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	10
Other voting members present	2
Luis Santana	
Larry Parks	
Total voting members present	12
Guests Present:	0
SAL	1
David Schneider	
AL Auxiliary	0
Total Present	13

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 March 7th meeting. Gary Poplin 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 – The Commander presented the report for March and reported two flags were stolen from the front of the Post. Financial sheets as of Mar. 31, 2012 were handed out. Motion was made by Gary Poplin to approve financial report subject to audit and Gary Smith seconded, membership voted and passed.

Membership report by Gary Smith. The Post currently has 104 new/renewed members. We are at 83.2, 6<sup>th</sup> place in District.

Judge Advocate Report – Gary Poplin indicated nothing important to share, but did talk about revisiting the by-laws. He also talked about that the Department does not need to approve the Post By-Laws.

Service Officers Report – Jerry Adams was asked to communicate with a lady about a funeral.

Trustees Report – Nothing to report.

Webmaster Report – Nothing to report.

Building Report - S.A. stated that Suites 104 and 106 are being looked at at this time. Gary Poplin has paid his rent for the month of April. He wants to stay through May and would like to give a check tonight. If his space is rented, he will move. Motion made by Jim Swafford to agree and seconded by Pat McEnroe. Motion carried and check was received.

S.A. inquired on the sign in front of the Post. Larry Clark and Paul Cervantes are still working on it.

S.A. and Larry Clark replaced faulty light bulbs through-out the Post.

Sick Report – Nothing to report.

#### Unfinished Business

- Membership Drive - Nothing to report.
- Gary Smith asked where we were with bonding of officers. S.A. said I need more information. Gary Smith to provide the information.
- S.A. explained a problem with renter's banner on building. There was a discussion on the signage. The signage has to come down on April 17; if not Jan Cloud is asked to remove the sign.
- Audit Report – No progress, audit hasn't been scheduled yet.

#### New Business

- S.A. asked how many boys the Post would be willing to support to Boys State . We have one for sure and possibly another. Gary Poplin made a motion for the Post to support only two for financial support. Pat McEnroe suggested we should only support one boy, but the original motion stood. It was seconded by Jim Swafford and was passed.
- S.A. reported on the cost of the crushed concrete for the back lot.
- S.A. read a resolution and endorsement for Bryan Coleman for the office of Department Judge Advocate.
- S.A. discussed Country Day on the Hill. Gary Smith stated that the funeral home had been sold, but the previous agreements would stay in place for the handicap parking

per Jimmie Ruth White. Gary Poplin made the motion that we participate in CDOTH and Gary Smith seconded and the motion was passed.

- Gary Poplin made a motion to add his name to be a delegate to the Department Convention in July. The motion was seconded by Charlie Nations and was passed. Gary Smith and SA LeJune were previously chosen as delegates in the March meeting.
- Gary Poplin made a motion to add his and Gary Smith's name to be delegates to the 1<sup>st</sup> Division Convention in May. The motion was seconded by Gary Smith and was passed.
- Information on the Department's re-Districting Plan was given by Gary Smith.
- S.A. brought up that next month was election for new officers. Gary Smith has been asked to be the Commander and Gary Poplin volunteered to be Adjutant. No nominee for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Commander. Charlie Nations for Chaplain. Gary Poplin for Judge Advocate. Jerry Adams - Service Officer. Jim Swafford - Sergeant at Arms. Trustees, Jan Cloud and Larry Clark

### **For the Good of the Legion**

- Gary Poplin moved to suspend the July meeting due to conflict of interest. It was seconded & passed.
- Charlie Nations made several statements about the upcoming officer elections.

The closing prayer was given by the Chaplain.

The Commander adjourned the meeting at 2006L.

The meeting minutes were recorded and transcribed by Larry Clark, Adjutant, and approved by S.A. LeJune, Commander.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes approved as read by Membership: \_\_\_\_\_