

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

6 April 2011

Regular Meeting Called to Order at 1905L.

Roll Call of Officers:

S.A. LeJune, Commander – Present & Presiding

Vice-Commander – Vacant

Gary Smith, Adjutant – Present

Pat Sansom, Finance Officer – Present

Charles Nations, Chaplain – Present

Gary Poplin, Judge Advocate – Present

Ed Jones, Historian - Present

Jerry Adams, Service Officer - Excused

Willard Hampton - Sergeant at Arms – Present

Ed Jones, Trustee Chairman – Present

Jim Swafford, Trustee – Present

Luis Santana, Trustee – Unexcused

Officers Present: 8

Other voting members present: 5

Pat McEnroe

Frank Brown

Larry Clark

Paul Cervantes

Jan Cloud

Total voting members present 13

Guests Present: 1

JT Smith

SAL 1

Joe O'Neal

AL Auxiliary 0

Total Present: 15

Opening ceremonies were held. Chaplain Charlie Nations gave the opening prayer and Commander LeJune led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken by the Adjutant and a quorum of members was present.

The Commander introduced JT Smith, Alex Gonzaba and Donald Escamilla as new member applicants. Gary Poplin made a motion to accept the 3 individuals as new members pending the submittal of DD-214s. Ed Jones seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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Since the meeting minutes are posted on the Post's website and bulletin board, reading of the minutes will only be on request. Gary Poplin made a motion to waive the reading of and publish March minutes subject to any grammatical corrections. Ed Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Commander called for the Committee reports.

Sick Call: Jerry Adams is not feeling well and unable to make the meeting. Alex Gonzaba's sister passed away and he is attending her funeral. Jimmie Ruth White, Coordinator of Country Day on the Hill, is currently being treated for cancer.

Finance Report: The March 2011 Finance report was given by the Finance Officer, Pat Sansom. Gary Poplin made a motion to accept the report as read pending audit and Jim Swafford seconded the motion. Gary Poplin made a motion to amend his previous motion to include the correction/verification of the Post's deposit obligations. Jim Swafford seconded the motion. The motion carried. Pat also stated that the Post is in need of monetary donations and exhorted members to donate. Joe O'Neal, SAL Commander, stated they plan to host a Meet and Greet on May 14 to help raise money for the Post. It was decided to also have the Garage Sale on April 23. Gary Poplin stated that he will donate a commode and urinal from Texas Stadium. He will get a letter signed stating that the items are from Texas Stadium. It was recommended that the items be put on eBay.

Membership Report: The Adjutant gave the report. The Post currently has 115 renewals and new members to put the Post at 86.5% of goal. The Commander challenged all members to recruit one new member.

Judge Advocate Report: Nothing to report. However, after the Department conventions Gary Poplin plans update the Post's Constitution and By-Laws.

Service Officer Report: No report available.

Trustee Report: Nothing to report.

Webmaster Report: The Webmaster, Gary Smith, will be entering the Post's and the 5th District's websites in TEXALPA's and NALPA's contests in April.

Building Report: Some indoor and outdoor painting is required along with the repair of the office which had water leaks.

JROTC Report: The medals and certificates have been purchased and made. The graduation ceremony will be April 30 at the Cedar Hill High School. Members are welcome to attend.

Boys State Report: The JROTC has submitted one candidate to the Legion and the SAL is trying to get a couple of candidates.

Unfinished Business:

- Entertainment Night: The Commander urged members to come to Game Night which is held

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every Wednesday except for the 1st Wednesday of the month.

- Most of the outside painting has been completed and Jan will complete when weather is better and also paint the outdoor sign. Larry Clark will run additional power for the sign light. Also need help in mounting the lighting fixture.
- Post elections will be in May at our monthly meeting instead of April. Nominees can be sent to the Commander, Adjutant or Finance Officer.

New Business:

- Jimmie Ruth White is looking for WWI memorabilia to display at Cedar Hill City Hall for about 90 days. Gary Poplin indicated that the Post has a couple of items from that era.
- Gary Smith submitted a Resolution calling for a change in the Division Commander's residency requirement currently in the Department's Constitution and By-Laws. Gary Poplin made a motion to adopt the Resolution. Pat Sansom seconded the motion and the motion carried. The Resolution will be submitted to the 5th District, Division and Department for approval.
- Pat McEnroe has asked to be a delegate to the 5th District Convention on April 9. Gary Poplin made a motion to elect Pat McEnroe as a delegate to said convention. Jim Swafford seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- SAL Activities: The painting of the Cedar Hill Food Bank was cancelled, but may be rescheduled. A lady has come forward and would like her house worked on. The activity will be discussed at the next SAL meeting. Gary Smith stated that he has made contact with 2 local newspapers that are willing to consider the posting of our community activities. Also, Joe stated that we are still in the running for the Make a Difference Day contest. Commander LeJune recognized Joe and the SAL for the work they have been doing in the community. Joe and the SAL were also recognized for their membership growth and are expected to be 1st in the District.
- ALR Activities: Jan Cloud stated they participated in an outing this past weekend and are preparing for the Meet and Greet planned at Post 111 for May 14. All Legion family members and their guests are encouraged to attend.
- A catfish fry will also be held on April 23 – same day as the Garage Sale. Frank Brown will do the cooking. Catfish fry will be \$10 per plate and held from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.
- Officer Nominations:
Commander – SA LeJune
Vice Commander – Gary Smith
Finance Officer – Pat Sansom
Judge Advocate – Gary Poplin
Historian – Ed Jones
Chaplain – Charles Nations
Sergeant at Arms – Jim Swafford
Service Officer – Jerry Adams
3 Trustees – Willard Hampton, Jan Cloud, Pat McEnroe

More individuals are invited to participate in the management of the Post by running for office or volunteering for committees.

For the Good of Legion: If any body wants to know more about the Texas National Cemetery

Foundation (TNCF), please see or contact Gary Poplin.

The closing prayer was given by the Chaplain.

The colors were retired.

The Commander adjourned the meeting at 2022L.

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

_____ Date: _____

Minutes approved as read by Membership: _____