

Minutes of S. Gus Alexander, Jr. Memorial American Legion Post 111
Department of Texas
Meeting
2 May 2012

Regular Meeting called to order at 1901 hours.

Roll Call of Officers:

S.A. LeJune, Commander – Present & Presiding

Gary Smith, 1st Vice Commander – Present

Paul Cervantes, 2nd Commander – Unexcused

Larry Clark, Adjutant – Excused

Financial Officer – Open

Charles Nations, Chaplain – Present

Gary Poplin, Judge Advocate – Present

Ed Jones, Historian – Present

Jerry Adams, Service Officer – Unexcused

Jim Swafford, Sergeant at Arms – Excused

Pat McEnroe, Trustee Chairman – Present

Jan Cloud, Trustee – Present

Willard Hampton, Trustee – Present

Officers Present 9

Other voting members present 6

Luis Santana

Donna Warren

Kelli Ezell

Sandy Hudson

Steve Kennedy

Pat Sansom

Total voting members present 15

Guests Present: 2

Mike Phelan

Dylan Lee 0

SAL 0

AL Auxiliary 0

Total Present 17

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.

Guests were introduced.

Since the April Meeting Minutes are posted on the Post's website, Gary Poplin moved to waive the reading of the minutes. Ed Jones seconded the motion and it was passed by the membership.

Gary Smith made a motion to accept Kelli Ezell as a new member. Kelli is a Gulf War veteran and served in the Army. Kelli has experience as a civilian canine officer and experience in heating and air conditioning. Gary Poplin seconded the motion pending the receipt of a DD214 or other proof of service and it was passed.

Financial Report – The Commander presented the report for April. Financial sheets as of Apr. 30, 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. The Commander stated that the Post donated \$200 to a veteran in need.

Membership Report - Gary Smith reported that the Post currently has 104 new/renewed members. We are at 83.2, 6th place in District.

Judge Advocate Report – Gary Poplin indicated nothing important to share, but did talk about revisiting the by-laws. He also discussed the upcoming redistricting vote at the State Convention.

Service Officers Report – Nothing to report.

Trustees Report – Gary Poplin asked to extend his lease for the TNCF through June. Pat McEnroe made the motion to extend the TNCF lease through June. Gary Smith seconded the motion and the motion passed. Gary Poplin issued a check for June.

Webmaster Report – Nothing to report.

Building Report – The Commander stated that Suite 105 has been leased by Blair-Vest.

Sick Report – Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business

- Letter from Bryan Coleman was discussed.

New Business

- Nominations and elections of Post Officers were conducted. All offices except for Service Officer were elected by acclamation. The results follow:
Office → Nominee → Motion By → Seconded By → Pass/Fail
Commander – Gary Smith – Gary Poplin – Pat McEnroe – Pass
Vice Commander – Steve Kennedy – Gary Poplin – Charlie Nations – Pass
Judge Advocate – Gary Poplin – Willard Hampton – Ed Jones – Pass
Finance Officer – Pat McEnroe – Gary Poplin – Willard Hampton – Pass
(Note: S.A. LeJune withdrew as a Finance Officer candidate before motion made.)
Chaplain – Charlie Nations – Gary Poplin – Sandy Hudson – Pass
Service Officer – Kelli Ezell (Ballot vote taken, Kelli Ezell 14 votes and Jerry Adams 1 vote)
Sergeant-at-Arms – Jim Swafford – Gary Poplin – Willard Hampton – Pass

Trustee – Larry Clark – Gary Poplin – Charlie Nations – Pass
Historian – Open

Adjutant (appointed by Cmdr) – Gary Poplin - Gary Smith – Willard Hampton – Pass

- The installation of the new officers was conducted by Mike Phelan, past 5th District Commander and prayer given by Chaplain Charlie Nations.
- Gary Poplin made the motion to change the names on the checking account to Gary Smith, Steve Kennedy and Pat McEnroe. The motion was seconded and passed.
- Outgoing Commander S.A. LeJune presented the gavel to the incoming Commander Gary Smith.
- The new Commander addressed the membership and stated that he will be looking for members to step up as Chairpersons for various Committees such as JrROTC, Boys State, Oratorical, etc.
- The membership was reminded of the Department/State training being provided for all Legion Family members on May 19 at 9:00 am at Post 511. The event is free and a light lunch will be provided.
- Financial Audit was scheduled for May 12 at 9:00 am. Attendees will be Gary Poplin, S.A. LeJune, Pat McEnroe, and Pat Sansom. (Note: Subsequent to the meeting, the time was changed to 8:00 am and Gary Smith will also attend.)
- Gary Poplin reminded everyone of the Memorial Day activities at the DFW National Cemetery and that remote parking would be available at the Potters House.

For the Good of the Legion

- S.A. LeJune recognized Jan Cloud for the work done by him on the roof.

The closing prayer was given by the Chaplain.

The Commander adjourned the meeting at 2004L.

The meeting minutes were recorded and transcribed by Gary Smith, Commander, and approved by Gary Smith, Commander.

_____ Date: _____

Minutes approved as read by Membership: _____