

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

5 May 2010

Regular Meeting Called to Order at 1902L.

Roll Call of Officers:

Gary Smith, Commander – Present & Presiding
S.A. LeJune, Vice-Commander – Present
Steve Kennedy, Adjutant - Present
Pat Sansom, Finance Officer - Present
Charles Nations, Chaplain – Present
Gary Poplin, Judge Advocate – Present
Steve Kennedy, Historian - Present
Jerry Adams, Service Officer - Present
Jim Swafford - Sergeant at Arms – Present
Pat McEnroe, Trustee Chairman – Present
Ed Jones, Trustee – Present
Luis Santana, Trustee – Present

Officers Present:	11
Other voting members present:	2
Frank Brown	
Willard Hampton	
Total voting members present	13
Guests Present:	
Other – Jan Cloud (new member applicant)	1
SAL – Joe O’Neal	1
AL Auxiliary	0
Total Present:	15

Opening ceremonies were held. Charlie Nations gave the opening prayer. Gary Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

S.A. LeJune introduced a motion to suspend the reading of and approve as published the minutes from the regular post meeting held on 7 April 2010. Charlie Nations seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried.

The Commander called for the Committee reports.

Pat Sansom presented the Finance Report for April. The post made \$310 at the April Steak Night. The garage sale resulted in \$300. The 2009 tax return has been completed. Overall post finances continue to be a concern due to the loss of tenants. Ed Jones introduced a motion to accept the Finance

reports as published for February. S.A. LeJune seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried.

S.A. LeJune provided the Membership Report. The Post is currently at 117 paid members for 2010, including PUFLs. This is currently at 63.2% of membership goal. S.A. LeJune reminded all that a legionnaire in good standing will bring in a new member each year.

There was no Judge Advocate report.

There was no Service Officer Report. S.A. LeJune notified the post that the 5th District has adopted Ward 6C at the VA hospital. S.A. LeJune has been assigned the Adopt-a-Ward Coordinator for the 5th District.

There was no Trustee report. The building will be reposted by Ebby Halliday on 11 May.

Gary Smith provided the Webmaster Status. He has updated some of the links on the website.

Jim Swafford presented the Building Manager Status Report. There has been significant work on the front foyer area over the previous two weeks. Room 201 now has a tenant (Doug Lloyd). Lost Shelly as a tenant. Vehicle barriers are due to be completed on 7 May. Need to install tile in the foyer and bathroom. Will need to schedule a work detail to complete tile work. Painting of the vehicle barrier and A/C cage was discussed. Office 205 needs some work to be able to show well for prospective tenants.

The Post Commander asked for Sick Call Report inputs. Frank Brown said his brother is getting ready for chemo treatment. Pat McEnroe continues to undergo medical screening.

Unfinished Business:

- Boys State and Girls State attendees are set and all arrangements have been made.
- Continuing planning with Post 511 for the World War II recognition event on 5 June. Our post's roster includes 14 WWII veterans. A request has been sent to the mayor of Dallas to be a speaker.

New Business:

- The next family night is scheduled for 22 May at 1600. It will be a lasagna night. Gary Smith will solicit menu items by email. Price was set at \$10 per person.
- The post decided on our standard participation for Country Day on the Hill on 9 October.
- Delegates for the Department Convention were discussed. The convention is scheduled for 26-27 June in Beaumont. Jerry Adams made a motion that Gary Smith, Gary Poplin and S.A. LeJune serve as our delegates and that S.A. LeJune be the chairman of the delegation. Ed Jones seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried.
- District meeting notes:
 - The District Commander is pushing the theme of "Teamwork" for the coming year. The District Commander is asking that posts look at actively supporting activities of other posts.

- In order to qualify for the Post Excellence Award, the post needs to have at least one more member than the previous year.
- The Department Commander is now referred to as the State Commander.
- The VA Hospital parking garage was approved. It should be open in 8-10 months.
- Boys State Orientation for the 5th District will be held on 16 May at 1200 at Post 453. The district donated \$300 for the Boys State bus transportation.
- The Post Commander offered Jan Cloud for transfer into the post pending receipt of his DD214. He is currently a member of Post 81. He is a Vietnam era Navy veteran. Pat McEnroe made a motion to accept Jan Cloud as a member pending receipt of his DD214. Jim Swafford seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried.
- The Commander recognized the following individuals:
 - Joe O'Neal for his efforts on the post security projects.
 - Jim Swafford for his efforts as building manager.
 - Pat McEnroe for his efforts on Boys State and the Oratorical competition.
 - Jim Swafford was presented with his 5-year membership pin.
 - Ed Jones was presented with his 25-year membership pin.
- Nominations for the June officer elections were solicited. The following officer nominations were put forward:
 - Commander – S.A. LeJune
 - Vice Commander – Steve Kennedy
 - Finance Officer – Pat Sansom
 - Chaplain - Charlie Nations
 - Judge Advocate – Gary Poplin
 - Historian – Ed Jones
 - Service Officer – Jerry Adams
 - Sergeant at Arms – Willard Hampton
 - Trustees – Jim Swafford, Ed Jones, Luis Santana

For the Good of Legion:

- Gary Poplin offered that there will be a Memorial Day Service at the National Cemetery on 31 May. The speaker will be the Deputy Commander of 10th Air Force
- Charlie Nations offered that the Vietnam wall will be available for viewing in Ennis.

The closing prayer was given by Charlie Nations.

The colors were retired.

The Commander adjourned the meeting at 2001L.

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

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Minutes approved by Membership: _____