

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

6 May 2009

Regular Meeting Called to Order at 1902L

Roll Call of Officers

Gary Smith, Commander – Present and Presiding

S.A. LeJune, Vice-Commander - Present

**Adjutant - Vacant**

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

**William “Hawk” Hawkins, Trustee - Excused**

Frank Brown, Trustee – Present

**Fourth Trustee Position - Vacant**

Officers Present:	10
Other voting members present:	2
Ed Jones	
Luis Santana	
Total voting members present	12
Guests Present:	1
Jeff Perkins	
SAL	0
AL Auxiliary	0
Total Present:	13

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

Guest introductions were called for. None were present at the opening of the meeting, but Jeff Perkins, Commander of Post 511, arrived later.

Gary Poplin introduced a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes from April 2009 and to accept the minutes as published. Steve Kennedy seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried.

The Commander called for the Committee reports.

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The Finance reports for March and April were given. It was noted that our contract with ADT Security will end in July and not be renewed. S.A. introduced a motion to accept the Finance reports as published for both March and April. Charlie Nations seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried.

Gary S. presented the Membership status. The Post has 135 members and is currently at 73% of the membership goal for 2009.

Gary Poplin presented the Judge Advocate report. Gary went over changes and made a motion to accept corrected constitution and by-laws. The motion allowed typographical, grammatical, and minor contextual changes without altering the intent of the documents in order to obtain approval by the DEC. The motion was seconded by Steve Kennedy. A vote was called and the motion carried.

Jerry Adams had nothing new to report for the Service Officer report.

Pat McEnroe presented the Trustee report. He stated that there is nothing new to report regarding the sale of the Post building even though several companies have inquired. Post 111 will sponsor Louis McElroy from Duncanville High School to Boys State. No signed papers have been received from the Alternate's parents.

Gary Smith presented the Webmaster status report. Still need biographies from Frank, Hawk and S.A.

Jim Swafford presented the Building Manager Status Report. The TV antenna has been hooked up and the TVs in the office and Jackson Hall now receive multiple local channels. The cable and hardware was donated by Gary S. An HP G85 all-in-one printer and a Jet Direct print server were also donated to the Post by Gary S. Willie Dean has leased office 101 in place of office 103.

Sick Call – “Hawk” Hawkins is being treated at East Texas Medical.

#### Unfinished Business:

- Family Night was held April 11 (Saturday) at 4:00 pm. The turnout was pretty good.
- Game Night for adults was held April 25 at 5:00 pm. The turnout was again very poor.
- Game Night and Family Night will be combined for May and held May 16 at 4:00 p.m. Food will be provided by Pat McEnroe (potato salad), Jim Swafford (coleslaw), S.A. LeJune (chicken & buns), and Gary Smith (BBQ baked beans. The Post already has frozen desserts.

#### New Business:

- Federal Form 990 information was provided to the Finance Officer.
- Post license plates are now available from Gary S. for \$6.00. All proceeds go to the Post.
- The awards ceremony for the AFJROTC was cancelled due to the flu scare. Instead, the awards will be presented in the classroom during school session.
- Steve Kennedy, the Nomination Committee Chairman, read the list of candidates for the 2009-2010 offices. There were no additional nominations from the floor. Gary Poplin made a motion and requested that acting Adjutant to cast one vote and one vote only for this election and this election only. S.A. LeJune seconded motion. Motion carried and the following officers were elected, excluding the trustees:

- Commander – Gary Smith
- Vice Commander – S.A. LeJune
- Finance Officer – Pat Sansom
- Chaplain – Charles Nations
- Judge Advocate – Gary Poplin
- Historian – Steve Kennedy
- Service Officer – Jerry Adams
- Sergeant at Arms – Jim Swafford
- Acting Adjutant - Steve Kennedy (appointed by the Commander, Gary Smith)

A ten minute break was requested by Gary Poplin and granted to caucus on trustee nominations. The meeting then resumed.

- G. Poplin made motion to change the old By Laws from 4 trustees to 3 trustees and S.A. LeJune seconded motion. No discussion and motion carried.
- S. A. LeJune nominated Luis Santana, Pat McEnroe, and Ed Jones as trustees. The motion was seconded by Jim Swafford. There was no discussion and the motion carried. A vote was called and trustee nominations were elected.
- All new officer terms will begin after the installation, which is to be scheduled in June.
- Jeff Perkins, Commander of Post 511, addressed the membership and proposed having a joint installation of officers and follow-on party at Post 511 like we did last year.
- Pat Sansom made a motion to have a joint installation of officers at Post 511. Jim Swafford seconded the motion. Jeff Perkins was requested to step out of the building so discussions could be held. Discussion was very lively as this was voted on during the last general meeting and was defeated. The motion carried (7 for and 5 against).

For the good of Legion S. A. LeJune mentioned that Gary Poplin had been appointed as the next District Judge Advocate.

The closing prayer was given by Charlie Nations.

The colors were retired.

The Commander adjourned the meeting at 2026L.

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

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

Minutes approved by Membership: \_\_\_\_\_