

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

7 May 2008

Regular Meeting Called to Order at 1901L

Roll Call of Officers

Gary Smith, Commander - Present

Vice Commander – Vacant

Dennis Egbert, Adjutant - Excused

Gary Poplin, Judge Advocate – Present

Pat Sansom, Finance Officer - Present

Jim Swafford - Sergeant at Arms – Present

Jerry Adams, Service Officer - Present

Historian - Vacant

Charles Nations, Chaplain – Present

Pat McEnroe, Trustee Chairman – Present

William “Hawk” Hawkins, Trustee – Excused

Frank Brown, Trustee – Present

Sherman Swafford, Trustee - Present

Officers Present: 9

Other voting members present: 4

S.A. LeJune

Steve Kennedy

Sandy Hudson

Gene Sloan

Total voting members present 13

Guests Present: 0

SAL 0

AL Auxiliary 0

Total Present: 13

Opening ceremonies were held. Charles Nations gave and led the opening prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Gary Smith.

Gary Poplin introduced a motion to approve the minutes from March 2008. Jim Swafford seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried.

Sherman Swafford Poplin introduced a motion to waive the reading of the minutes from April 2008.

Jerry Adams Swafford seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried.

SA introduced a motion to approve the minutes from April 2008. Sherman Swafford seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried.

Committee Reports/Statuses:

Pat Sansom presented the finance report. The report is contained in the official post records, but not attached to these minutes. ADT contract for building security is for 5 years and ends Jul. 31, 2009. Pat to investigate what the penalty fee would be for breaking the contract. Motion to approve the report was introduced by SA, seconded by Jim Swafford. A vote was called and the motion carried.

Gary Smith presented the membership report, stating that Post 111 is in last place in District 5 Post rankings. One renewal was received and one report of death (Richard Lewis).

Gary Smith presented the website status. Biographies from officers/trustees still not received: Frank, Hawk, Charles and Sherman.

Build Manager's status was presented by Jim Swafford. Jim met with Remax and a new "For Lease" sign was put out front. Remax will try to find lease customers. Comps were passed out for comparison. Lease prices were presented and discussed.

Pat McEnroe presented the Trustee report. No news to report on offers. An announcement for a member vote to allow Officers/Trustees to actively market the Post property was introduced and will be posted after the meeting adjourns.

Sick Call – Charles Nations presented a Bible to Joe Buckovan's family. Joe has had surgery on his legs and currently recovering. Visitors/calls are welcome. Hawk is doing better after dental surgery.

Jerry Adams presented the Service Officer's report. Jerry tried following up on Charles Williams, but not sure where he is at. VA has changed admittance guidelines and is restricting admission to more serious cases. SA noted the importance of VA benefits and encouraged members to get more involved and write their Congressmen. Gary Poplin brought up the differences between military hospitals and support vs. the VA system and how the current databases are separate. The future goal will be to produce one database and that the VA rating system will be adhered to for both.

Gary Poplin presented the Judge Advocate report. Gary stated that at the last DEC meeting, zero changes to Post Constitutions and By-Laws have been approved and that the Department is undergoing changes.

Unfinished Business:

Monthly, 4th Saturday Eat-Outs as proposed by Frank was brought up. June eat-out will conflict with the Department convention. Frank suggested the 3rd Saturday of June as an alternative. June would be steak, July would be fish fry, August would be BBQ and September would be spaghetti. The members agreed.

Armed Forces Breakfast flyer was created and distributed to District, Post 81, etc. Volunteers will meet at 8:00 a.m. to help set-up. Breakfast will be held from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Additional food donations were encouraged by the Commander.

Gary Poplin was asked about free Rangers tickets. Gary stated that he had not received any feedback on the availability of the tickets.

Pat Sansom asked Gary Poplin about the \$500 that had not been recovered from Ft. Worth for the support given to one of their members. Gary Poplin stated that the issue had been taken over by Jeff Perkins. Gary P. had not been able to collect the money owed. Pat indicated she would ask Jeff.

Pat Sansom stated that we needed to finish the front door. Gary said that that was his project, but was told to hold off because of the potential sale of the building. Members agreed that we should proceed with finishing the front door.

SA asked that a members list be provided to Charles. Gary Smith took the action to make the members list available to officers and any members who ask for it.

New Business:

Security system database clean-up is required. Gary S. and/or Gary P. can assist Jeff in the clean-up.

Gary S. reiterated the need to post notice to members of vote to be taken to provide officers/trustees authority to engage in the active marketing of Post property.

Department Convention attendance: SA and Gary S. plan to attend. Delegates need to be determined. Gary P. made the suggestion to elect whoever is able to attend the Department Convention will be elected as delegates. Pat S. made the motion to elect as delegates whoever is able to attend. SA seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried.

June election of Officers: Do we elect yearly or stay with the By-Laws? The members agreed to elect annually per Department and Post Constitution and that we will hold an election of Officers at the next meeting. Gary will notify members via post cards and e-mail.

Gary Smith asked for an election of the Post Commander to backfill the vacant position previously filled by Jeff Perkins for the remainder of Jeff's term. Pat S. nominated Gary Smith as the new Commander. Jim Swafford seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried. Gary Smith asked for further nominations. No further nominations were made and Gary P. suggested that Gary Smith be elected by acclamation since he was the only nominee. Swafford seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried. No Vice Commander was selected to backfill Gary's office.

SA proposed that the Post look into the prospect of getting a liquor license. SA made a motion to form a committee to look into the Post having an after hours club. Jerry Adams seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried. The committee will look into this and report back at the next members meeting. Charles Nations asked for a business plan and will be provided. SA was selected as the Chairman of the committee. Additional members of the committee are Gary S., Frank, Jim, Sandy and Steve.

Frank asked about the status of the TV and its ability to receive signals. Jim volunteered to look into what's needed to get basic channels.

The closing prayer was given by Charles Nations.

The Commander adjourned the meeting at 2011L.

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

Minutes approved by Gary Smith, Commander

_____ Date: 5/7/2008

Minutes approved by Membership: _____