

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

**6 June 2012**

Regular Meeting Called to Order at 1905L

Roll Call of Officers

Gary Smith, Commander – Present and Presiding  
    Steve Kennedy, Vice Commander – Excused  
Gary Poplin, Judge Advocate, Adjutant – Present  
Pat McEnroe, Finance Officer - Present  
Jim Swafford - Sergeant at Arms – Present  
Charles Nations, Chaplain – Present  
Kelli Ezell, Service Officer - Present  
Historian, Vacant  
Jan Cloud, Trustee – Present  
Willard Hampton, Trustee – Present  
    Larry Clark, Trustee - Excused

Officers Present:	9
Other voting members present:	
S.A. LeJune	
Luis Santana	2
Total voting members present	11
Guests Present:	1
CHHSJROTC	
SAL	1
Total Present:	13

Opening ceremonies were held, the meeting was convened at 1902 Local.

//Time hacks in these minutes are reference to the digit recording and for locating specific items on the CD//

Guests were introduced. (Kelli Ezell's son, a member of SAL Squadron 111 and a friend, both from Cedar Hill HS AFJROTC)

Commander Smith called for the reading of the minutes of the May 2012 meeting. The motion introduced by S.A. Le June that we dispense with the reading and approve the previously published minutes was seconded by Willard Hampton. The motion carried.

6+15

Pat McEnroe presented the finance report (The report is not recorded in the minutes, but is available for review by any member in good standing of Post 111 by request thru the Commander or Finance Officer).

Finance Officer notified the membership that he had discovered a deposit that had been recorded in our records during February 2012, but not posted by the bank. The Finance Officer is researching the issue and will report back.

10+32

Motion to approve the finance report introduced by Jim Swafford was seconded by Kelli Ezell.

Discussion followed:

Following the report, questions were answered and discussions were held.

S.A. Le June registered issues regarding the printed report content and requested an opportunity to review the data presented. No specific date or time was requested and nothing follows regarding the request.

The vote was called for and the motion carried to approve the finance report.

17+13

S.A. Le June introduced a motion supporting the establishment of a separate corporation to receive our supplemental income. The conversation drifted and no second was received. The motion died without action.

19+06

**The following boldfaced items are for the banks ease in locating actions taken to satisfy their request.**

**Finance Officer McEnroe introduced the following:**

**Motion to remove Sherrill LeJune's signature authority from all American Legion Post 111 accounts held at or with Citizens National Bank of Texas and to approve the following newly elected American Legion Post 111 officers, authority to sign checks and full access to any and all accounts held by Citizens National Bank of Texas:**

**Gary Smith, Commander  
Steve Kennedy, Vice Commander  
Pat McEnroe, Finance Officer**

**The motion was seconded by S. A. Le June and carried.**

**Motion to reinstate and approve the issue by Citizens National Bank of Texas debit/Visa cards to be tied to the American Legion Post 111 primary checking account to the following officers:**

**Gary Smith, Commander  
Gary Poplin, Adjutant**

**The motion was seconded by Jim Swafford. A discussion followed.**

21+20

S.A. Le June voiced strong disagreement to the issue/use/access of debit cards. He referenced a line item in the By-Laws to which the Judge Advocate provided same to him and asked that he point it out to the members. Mr. Le June responded with foul language in protest against the issue.

25+56

The Sgt-At-Arms now enters the conversation and instructs Mr. Le June to refrain from more outbursts.

Commander Smith issues verbal warning to Mr. LeJune that if there is another out burst, he will be asked to leave.

//Adjutant note: There are two High School AFJROTC students in the room//

26+45

Mr. Le June departs the meeting at 1924 Local.

The discussion regarding debit cards continues.....

**Commander Smith called for a vote on the debit card motion. The motion carried.**

//Adjutant note: There were zero nay votes and no one voiced a desire to abstain//

29+20

**Amended Motion to grant online access to any and all American Legion Post 111 bank accounts held by Citizens National Bank of Texas to the following officers:**

**Pat McEnroe, Finance Officer  
Gary Smith, Commander**

**The motion was seconded by Gary Poplin, with no one responding to the call for discussion.**

**The motion carried.**

31+16

Motion that the commander be authorized discretionary spending budget of \$400 per month, with no balance carry forward to the following month. Kelli Ezell voiced the second, Commander Smith called for discussion.

It was suggested that the motion be amended to include verbiage to cover funding of emergency expenses with the following to be included in and with the \$400 Commander discretionary monthly spending budget:

.....and that in the event a need for emergency funding arises that exceeds the \$400 limit, the vote by a majority of officers may authorize exceeding the spending limit to satisfy the emergency.

Jim Swafford provided the second, opening the floor to discussion.

The Commander called for the vote and the motion carried.

36+36

At this point, Finance Officer Pat McEnroe, offered an apology to the guests present for the earlier outburst of foul language by Mr. LeJune. Commander Smith and Sgt-At-Arms Swafford stressed that we do not allow language of that nature in our meetings.

Gary Poplin introduced a motion that Post 111 accept rent in the amount of \$300 from Texas National Cemetery Foundation for July 2012, with the second offered by Willard Hampton. The motion carried without discussion.

39+00

Adjutant Poplin provided the membership report of 106 paid making 84.80% of goal. No action was required.

39+46

Commander Smith called for a break to allow for a piece of equipment to be moved thru the meeting room.

44+43

Meeting resumes

The Judge Advocate report was provided by Gary Poplin. Following a brief discussion, all agreed to postpone the routine By-Law review and revision until after the 2012 Department Convention.

48+52

Service Officer Ezell provided her report with no action taken or required. She briefed the membership on her new employer who is a non-profit corporation providing assistance to veterans in need. Following the briefing, she introduced a motion that Post 111 provides a donation of \$300 to the non profit organization. Several questions were answered and some information about the non-profit was not known. The motion did not receive a second and was withdrawn to allow a review of the availability of funds.

8+17

Trustee Jan Cloud reported that there was nothing from the Trustees for this meeting.

The SAL report was not available; Mr. LeJune left the meeting earlier. SAL member Ezell provided what information he was aware of.

Call for ALR update. Jan Cloud voiced nothing to report.

Commander Smith provided an update on our lease status, building repair/s status and needs. The painting and flag theft prevention plans were discussed.

1+13+48

Motion introduced by Jim Swafford to provide financial assistance to American Legion Post 511 in the amount of \$400. The motion did not receive a second and was withdrawn to allow a review of the availability of funds.

1+16+06

Sick Call resulted without response.

The Post 111 sign was discussed with the Commander providing his desire to improve the visibility of Post 111 which includes increasing the size of the sign. No action was taken, with research into the better way to modify the sign planned.

1+22+35

Commander Smith selected the following as committee chairs:

ALR Advisor, Jan Cloud  
SAL Advisor, Kelli Ezell  
JROTC, S.A. LeJune  
Oratorical, Pat McEnroe  
Boys State, Kelli Ezell

Gary Poplin introduced the motion to endorse the committee chair appointments, seconded by Willard Hampton. The motion carried.

Commander Smith expressed his desire to add 2 more flag poles to the front of the property, allowing for more flags and visibility. The addition of more cameras and exterior lighting is being researched to improve security. More on these issues as funds are available and the research is completed.

1+33+42

Fund raising and member activities were discussed.

A Fourth of July event was discussed, the Commander will visit with Vice Commander Kennedy about assisting.

The Christmas Luncheon was discussed; 8 December 2012 was selected as the date.

Country Day on the Hill (CDOH) was discussed. Post 111 will have 2 booths. Raffling a long gun was discussed.

Commander Smith presented plans for an Installation Party and asked for input. A joint party with Post 511 was suggested. The first Saturday of July (7 July) is the target date. Commander Smith will follow up with Post 511 commander and contact everyone.

1+48+03

Motion introduced by Jim Swafford to establish a policy that Post 111 will pay registration fees for delegates attending conventions, conferences and other such events held by District, Division, Department and National. The motion was seconded by Pat McEnroe. The motion carried.

1+51+49

Chaplain Nations opened discussion about the behavior of Mr. S.A LeJune during the meeting. Following discussion, the Chaplain offered to visit with S.A. about the incident. Chaplain Nations moved that the membership officially censor his behavior. Willard Hampton seconded the motion. The motion carried with Kelli Ezell abstaining.

2+02+39

Pat McEnroe introduced a motion to endorse a Resolution; to be forwarded to District, recognizing Mr. C. Jim Rey for his many years of work with the American Legion Oratorical Contest by naming the District Award to the District winner in his name. Luis Santana seconded the motion for endorsement; the motion carried.

//Adjutant note: the resolution is attached//

Closing ceremonies were held and the meeting was adjourned at 2108L

2+10+31

This meeting was recorded and transcribed by Gary Poplin, Adjutant  
Disc copies are available

Minutes approved by Gary Smith, Commander

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

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

## Commander's Attachment

Subsequent to the general meeting, S.A. LeJune's appointment to JrROTC Advisor was rescinded. I asked the Executive Committee members for a vote of confidence for my decision. The results were: 7 Ayes, 1 Nay and 1 Not Voting.

Gary Smith  
Commander, Post 111