

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

6 June 2017

Regular Meeting Called to Order at 1909L

Roll Call of Officers

Commander, Jan Cloud – Present
Vice Commander – Vacant
Adjutant, Bob Betik – Present
Judge Advocate – Vacant
Gary Smith, Finance Officer – Present
Sergeant at Arms – Bob Montalvo
Chaplain, Charles Nations – Excused
Service Officer – Vacant
Historian – Vacant
Trustee Chairman (2015), Rod Dunham – Excused
Trustee (2016), Gary Poplin – Excused
Trustee (2017), Pat McEnroe – Excused

Officers Present:	3
Other voting members present:	0
Total voting members present	3
Guests Present:	0
SAL:	0
Total Present:	3

No opening ceremony was conducted since there was no forum established.

Roll call was held and the results are indicated above.

New Members: No new members inducted.

Minutes: Motion to waive reading of the Minutes from May was made by Gary Smith, seconded by Bob Betik, motion passed.

Finance Report: The Finance Report for the period ending 31 May, 2017 was distributed by Finance Officer Gary Smith. The report was reviewed, but tabled for approval at the next meeting.

Membership: Gary Smith announced that four (4) members paid dues in May, 2017, which brings Post 111 paid-up membership to 102, which is 80.31% of our membership goal of 127.

JROTC Report: Nothing to report.

Oratorical Report: Nothing to report.

Boys State: The Post has sponsored four candidates. Spending money of \$50 for each boy is still to be given.

SAL: The Squadron has attained 100% of its goal.

Building Report: Only Suite 106 remains open.

- Painting of the building exterior still needs to be completed.
- Security camera system still needs to be installed.
- Jan Cloud will repair ceiling in Suite 203.

Unfinished Business:

- The Post was too late to donate the 20 wreaths specifically for DFW National Cemetery in 2016, but will use the authorization for 2017 instead.
- Gary still has to order the SAL flag for the 5th District.
- Paperwork to change the name of the Post to S. Gus Alexander, Jr. Memorial Post 111, Inc. was submitted to the Texas Secretary of State. This will update our State of Texas records. Previous name included Lancaster, Texas. Certification of the name change has been received by the Post. Issue closed.
- At the next meeting, Gary Smith has proposed rescinding Operations Procedure #3, which deals with smoking exceptions. Gary will have details at the next meeting.

New Business:

- The date, 12-16, July 2017 and site, Killeen, Texas, of the Dept of Texas convention was announced by Gary Smith. A motion was made by Gary Smith for Gary Smith to be the Post 111 delegate to the convention. The motion was seconded by Bob Betik and was approved.
- Raising the dues was discussed as it is every year since paperwork must be filed with the Department. Gary recommended that the dues stay as they currently are, which is \$45.00. Everyone agreed and no motions were made.
- A motion was made by Bob Betik for putting forth a resolution for Gary Smith to be endorsed by Post 111 for Gary Smith to be a candidate for 1st Division Commander for 2018-2019. The resolution was read by Bob Betik, seconded by Gary Smith and the motion was passed.
- Gary Smith brought up for consideration a raise of \$5.00 per week from \$70/week to \$75/week for the building cleaning lady, who has not had a raise in 5 years. She would continue to receive the annual (Christmas) bonus of \$50. No motion was made and the issue was tabled for the next meeting.

- Gary Smith announced that the Cedar Hill Police Dept was launching their 2017 Annual Materials Drive to facilitate the work of the National Child Safety Council. AL Post 111 has contributed to this cause in the past. \$250 would buy safety brochures, manuals, booklets and other valuable teaching aids to cover 100 children to attend the safety program. The information was tabled for discussion and vote at the next meeting.
- Gary Smith brought up for discussion and consideration for Post 111 to sponsor a competition among the Cedar Hill EMT's, Fire Fighters, and Police Dept to compete for a Most Outstanding Service Award. Criteria and rewards were tabled for further discussion at the next meeting.
- Discussion arose among the members present regarding membership attendance and what could be done to, not only encourage existing members to attend Post 111 AL meetings, but to also engage in recruitment efforts toward gaining new members for our Post.
- The CPR report for 2016 has been filed on time with Department of Texas and with National AL Hq.
- The next scheduled regular meeting of Post 111 falls on the first Tuesday of the Month, 4 July, 2017. Therefore, because of the Holiday, our Post Commander has moved the next meeting to the first Tuesday of August.

Announcements:

- Post Drawing: Sam Kennard's name was drawn, but was not present to win. The next drawing will be held at the August meeting and winner will be eligible to win \$80.00.

Sick Call:

- NTR

Closing ceremonies were held and the meeting was adjourned at 2022L.

This meeting was transcribed by Bob Betik, Adjutant and approved by Jan Cloud, Commander

_____ Date: 6/20/2017

Minutes approved by Membership: _____