

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

1 July 2009

Regular Meeting Called to Order at 1902L

Roll Call of Officers

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

Officers Present:	9
Other voting members present:	3
Frank Brown	
Clarence Baker	
Willard Hampton	
Total voting members present	12
Guests Present:	1
Tommy Sorrell	
SAL	0
AL Auxiliary	0
Total Present:	13

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

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

The Commander called for the Committee reports.

The Finance report for June was given. The ADT contract will end July 31. Jim Swafford introduced a motion to accept the Finance reports as published for June. S.A. seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried.

Gary Smith presented the Membership status. The Post ended the 2009 membership drive with 137 members. 2010 membership cards are in. The goal for 2010 is 185 members.

Gary Poplin presented the Judge Advocate report. The Commander stated that the Post received formal approval from Department for the changes to the Post's Constitution and By-Laws that were previously submitted. The New documents will be posted on the website.

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

Pat McEnroe presented the Trustee report. There was nothing to report on the sale of the building. Pat did read a letter that was received from Louis McElroy about his experience while at Boys State. The letter will be posted on the website.

Gary Smith presented the Webmaster status report. The Post's website took second place in the competition for the best Legion website in the State of Texas. Ed Jones' bio was received and posted. Need biographies from S.A. and Luis. Retired Activities Office Bulletins and Veterans legislation received from Gary Poplin has been posted under the Links (Government) section of the website.

Jim Swafford presented the Building Manager Status Report. Some enquiries have been made about renting office space. Jim will follow up.

Sick Call – No update on Hawk was available. The Commander's son had a mild stroke and it only had minor impact to his right side.

Unfinished Business:

- Family Night was held in June. The turnout was not as high as previous event.
- Family Night/Game Night will not be held in July. Instead, Pat S. will sponsor a pool party at her house on August 8 at 4:00 p.m. Swim suits are required. Chicken salad and simple finger foods will be provided. Bring your own refreshments.
- The Post Officer Certification was submitted on 4 June.
- Gary Poplin was unable to attend the Department Convention.
- The Country Day on the Hill reservation was FAXed in. The Post will retain the same spot as last year. Again, it is scheduled for 10 October 2009. Still looking for ideas for our booth, such as raffles. Possibility of raffling three different items that target different age groups. Frank Brown's wife had volunteered contacts for obtaining raffle prizes – Frank to follow up and provide input before the next meeting. Gary Poplin suggested raffling a 2 or 3 wheeled chariot similar to a Segway. Gary will investigate costs. Members with further raffle ideas need to contact the Commander.
- Tile status remains unknown. Jim to make contact again. There may be a barter option – store his travel trailer for his installation of the tile.
- A brief officer installation ceremony was held for those officers that were not installed in June (Gary P., Jerry and SA).

New Business:

- Ed Jones stated that anyone going in for a psychiatric exam stands a good chance of losing their CHL if they have one.
- Jim Swafford purchased a lockable beverage refrigerator. A lock box has also been mounted for beverage donations.
- Review of announcements on the website:

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- Post 218 will have a tent for signing up new members at the Dallas Tea Party to be held at South Fork on July 4th.

For the Good of Legion:

- None offered.

Continuous membership pins and certificates were awarded by the Commander to Charles Nations for 5 years, Jerry Adams for 15 years and Pat Sansom for 15 years.

SA will order the digital TV coupons for the Post.

The closing prayer was given by Charlie Nations.

The colors were retired.

The Commander adjourned the meeting at 1957L.

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

_____ Date: _____

Minutes approved by Membership: _____