

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

2 July 2008

Regular Meeting Called to Order at 1906L

Roll Call of Officers

Gary Smith, Commander – Present and Presiding
S.A. LeJune, Vice-Commander - Present
Dennis Egbert, Adjutant - Present
Pat Sansom, Finance Officer – Present
Charles Nations, Chaplain – Present
 Gary Poplin, Judge Advocate – Excused
Steve Kennedy, Historian - Present
 Jerry Adams, Service Officer - Excused
Jim Swafford, Sergeant at Arms – Present
Pat McEnroe, Trustee (2011) Chairman – Present
 William “Hawk” Hawkins, Trustee – Excused
Frank Brown, Trustee (2011) – Present
Sherman Swafford, Trustee (2012) - Present

Officers Present:	10
Other voting members present:	2
Carl Dimoush	
Joe Buckovan	

Total voting members present	12
Guests Present:	4
SAL	0
AL Auxiliary	0
Total Present:	16

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

Guests were introduced. Steve Kennedy introduced his son Brooks and A.J. Clanan and his son Robert Clanan were also introduced. A.J. is a past Post Commander and District Commander from El Paso and his son Robert is the SAL commander there also. Joe Buckovan also brought a guest.

Brooks Kennedy gave his report from his recent trip to Boys State. He stated that he gained valuable insight into the state and local government processes and made many valuable friendships that he hopes to carry into adulthood with him.

A membership transfer form was submitted by Dennis Egbert for Todd McClain, transferring from Post 345. S.A. LeJune introduced a motion to accept the new member and Jim seconded. A vote was called and the motion carried.

S.A. LeJune introduced a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes from June 2008 and to accept the minutes as published. Dennis Egbert seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried.

The Commander called for the Committee reports.

Pat Sansom presented the finance report. The report is contained in the official post records, but not attached to these minutes. Motion to approve was introduced by Jim Swafford, seconded by Pat McEnroe. A vote was called and the motion carried.

Reading of the Judge Advocate report was waived due to the excused absence of Gary Poplin. Issues about the Constitution and By-Laws were mentioned and the Commander stated that these issues will be discussed at the meeting of the Executive Board and Trustees next week.

Gary Smith presented the membership report, stating that 2009 membership cards have been received and encouraging members to renew sooner rather than later. S.A. LeJune spoke to the members about new member recruiting and stated that he will now lead this effort as the Vice-Commander. Frank Brown introduced a motion to accept the membership report. Charlie Nations seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried.

The reading of the Service Officer report was waived due to the excused absence of Jerry Adams.

Pat McEnroe presented the Trustee report. The report is contained in the official post records, but not attached to these minutes. Pat stated that he has spoken with two new realtors to attempt to determine the market value of the Post property. This discussion will be continued at the Executive Board/Trustees meeting. S.A. LeJune introduced a motion to accept the trustee report. Jim Swafford seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried.

S.A. LeJune presented the After Hours Club report. He stated that the annual licensing fee is \$125 and that the necessary liability insurance would run \$1000/year. Further discussion was tabled until the Executive Board/Trustee meeting.

Gary Smith presented the Webmaster report. He stated that the Post 111 website won first place in the state in the TEXALPA annual contest. National competition will be held at the end of August. Additional updates are in process for the website but Gary is unsure if he will be able to complete these prior to the national competition. Biographies from officers/trustees that are not currently on the website (Frank, Hawk, Sherman, and S.A.) are requested to be sent by E-mail to Gary Smith as soon as possible.

Building Manager Status Report – Jim Swafford presented the current status of the Post building. We currently have two clients. A new realtor is being sought and Jim has dismissed the ReMax agent. Gary Poplin has expressed interest in leasing storage space in the building. This will be discussed at next week's Executive Board/Trustee meeting. The copier is currently not functioning. Pat Sansom may be able to supply a replacement. Jim Swafford will take care of the front door. Everyone except Frank and Charlie has had their security system codes taken care of. Gary Smith has also contacted Big Bob's Carpet about remnants. Jim Swafford will follow-up on this.

Sick Call – Charles Nations stated he has not received any reports of anyone who is sick. A notice previously went out about the illness of a different Post member, Pat Mars, via e-mail.

Unfinished Business:

Gary S. brought up the issue of steak night. Frank Brown stated that he has been researching prices on steaks and he has contacted the manager of Tom Thumb who stated that he is willing to work with us on pricing. Frank will follow-up. Gary Smith stated his desire to get this effort organized and that approximately 40 pounds of chopped steaks are on hand which were donated by the TNCF. Steak Nights have been scheduled for July 19th and August 23rd at 5:00 p.m. Gary Smith requested flyer information from Frank by Sunday, 7/6, so that they can be designed and created for presentation at the EB/Trustee meeting on 7/9.

Gary Smith also mentioned that there is an event at Post 511, which Post 111 has been asked to provide food for on August 16th. A tentative menu of hot dogs is being considered. Start time is 5:00 p.m.

New Business:

Gary Smith presented plaques with accompanying certificates to several members in recognition of their outstanding service to Post 111. S.A. LeJune received an award for his contributions of time toward post maintenance and events. Pat Sansom received an award for service as Finance Officer and for her contributions of time toward post maintenance and events. Pat McEnroe received awards for his contributions of time to the National High School Oratorical Contest and Boys State. Jim Swafford received an award for his contributions of time as Building Manager.

The closing prayer was given by Charles Nations.

The Commander adjourned the meeting at 1954L.

The meeting minutes were recorded and transcribed by Dennis Egbert, Adjutant

Minutes approved by Gary Smith, Commander

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Minutes approved by Membership: _____