

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

**3 July 2018**

Regular meeting called to order at 19:07 by Commander, Jan Cloud. Roll call of officers:

Commander, Jan Cloud---present  
Vice Commander, Bob Betik---present  
Adjutant, Bob Betik---present  
Judge Advocate, Gary Smith---present  
Finance Officer, Gary Smith---present  
Sergeant-at-Arms, Pat McEnroe-present  
Chaplain, Charlie Nations---excused  
Service Officer, Johnny Lewis-unexcused  
Historian---vacant  
Trustee Chairman (2016) Gary Poplin---excused  
Trustee (2017) Pat McEnroe---present  
Trustee (2018) Johnny Lewis---unexcused

Officers present:	4
Other voting members present:	1 (Ed Kostrna)
Total voting members present	5
Guests present:	0
SAL	0
Total present:	5

Commander Jan Cloud conducted the opening of the ceremony.

Roll call was held and the results are indicated above and a quorum was established.

A motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the meeting of June 5, 2018 was made by Gary Smith and seconded by Pat McEnroe. The motion passed.

**Finance Report:** The Finance Report was presented by Gary Smith. The review of finance books for 2014, 2015, 2016 & 2017 was completed and there were no issues found; however, the statement to that effect still needs to be signed by the Trustees conducting the review. A motion was made by Bob Betik to accept the Finance Report as read and was seconded by Ed Kostrna. The motion passed.

**Membership Report:** The membership report was presented by Gary Smith. No changes to membership numbers from the last meeting. We need new members. A motion to accept the membership report was made by Pat McEnroe and seconded by Gary Smith. The motion passed.

**Judge Advocate Report:** Gary Smith presented the report and stated that a review of the constitution bylaws for the Post needs to be made. Any proposed changes are subject to a 15 days prior notice to the membership of the impending vote. to approve the changes. If the changes are approved by the membership, such changes then must be forwarded to Dept. of Texas. Gary Smith presented Adjutant Bob Betik with a list of requirements and procedures for Post 111. One of the requirements is to conduct another review of the books from 01 Jan. 2018 to the present time when a current officer resigns from his position.

**Service Officer Report:** No report given.

**Trustee Report:** No report given.

**Boys/Girls State Report:** No report given.

**Oratorical Report:** It is time to contact local High Schools to submit candidates for the upcoming competition that starts on 01, Oct. at the Post level. Scholarships will be awarded to the winners of each competition level.

**Jr. ROTC report:** No report given.

**Webmaster Report:** Virtual Meeting capability is still a work in progress.

**SAL report:** Nothing new to report

**AL Riders:** No report given.

**Building Report:**

- One office (#104) available for rent at this time.
- Painting of the building exterior still needs to be completed. Bids have been taken regarding the cost of supplies. Security camera system still needs to be installed.
- Gary Smith reported that we will need to upgrade the lighting in Suite 201 because some of the fixtures lights keep going out. Gary suggested that the old-style light fixtures should be replaced with LED units as they burn out.

**Unfinished business:**

1. Two Girls State candidates did not attend due to medical issues. Their slots were replaced by 2 boys to Boys State, who did attend. All Girls State funds were refunded.
2. Gary Smith and David Schneider are still working on the virtual meeting capability.
3. Name badges for Post 111 officers. Gary Smith has ordered name badges for each officer. These badges are to be worn when officers attend events in a public or official capacity. The item was approved at a previous meeting. The badges are now on hand and each officer will be given his name badge when he attends the next meeting.
4. Now that Post 111 elections are completed, an internal review of the books is required. The review meeting for this purpose will be set at the next meeting. This review will require a minimum of 3 people and should take about 2 hours. Any currently paid up members are welcome to participate. With the impending resignation of Gary Smith as the Finance Officer, this review will satisfy at the same time, the both requirements of the after-election and change of officer review.

**New business:** There will be a vote to select member(s) to fill the positions of Finance Officer and Judge Advocate, with the impending resignation of Gary Smith from those 2 positions. The Post does not have a Building Mgr as such. Gary Smith has filled that role for several years. The post may consider hiring someone to keep up with building maintenance and supplies.

**Sick Call:** Charlie Nations is still enduring a painful back and sore knees. Pat McEnroe's back surgery went well and he is on the mend.

**For the Good of the Legion:**

This year the AL Department of Texas will celebrate its 100 year caucus anniversary in San Antonio. In 1919, the first official meeting of the AL Department of Texas was held in Dallas, Texas. This year's Department convention will be held in San Antonio. Increasing new membership is a key item for this AL century anniversary year.

Ed Kostrna drew the name of Jerry Adams for the attendance prize of \$115. Jerry was not present; therefore, the prize of \$120 will be drawn for at the next meeting on 07 Aug.

Closing ceremonies were conducted by Commander Jan Cloud and the meeting was adjourned at 18:44. These meeting minutes were transcribed by Bob Betik, Adjutant, and approved by

Commander Jan Cloud: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 7/15/2018

Minutes approved by membership: \_\_\_\_\_