

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

7 July 2010

Regular Meeting Called to Order at 1902L.

Roll Call of Officers:

S.A. LeJune, Commander – Present & Presiding

Steve Kennedy, Vice-Commander – Excused

Gary Smith, Adjutant - Present

Pat Sansom, Finance Officer – Present

Charles Nations, Chaplain – Present

Gary Poplin, Judge Advocate – Present

Ed Jones, Historian - Present

Jerry Adams, Service Officer - Unexcused

Willard Hampton - Sergeant at Arms – Present

Ed Jones, Trustee Chairman – Present

Jim Swafford, Trustee – Unexcused

Luis Santana, Trustee – Excused

Officers Present: 7

Other voting members present: 5

Frank Brown

Jan Cloud

Willie Dean Smith

Clarence Baker

Tommy Sorrell

Total voting members present 12

Guests Present: 0

SAL 1

Joe O'Neal

AL Auxiliary 0

Total Present: 13

Opening ceremonies were held. Charlie Nations gave the opening prayer. SA LeJune led the Pledge of Allegiance and The American Legion Creed.

Commander LeJune installed Charlie Nations for another term as the Post Chaplain.

Gary Poplin introduced a motion to suspend the reading of and approve as published the minutes from the regular post meeting held on 2 June 2010. Pat Sansom seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried.

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The Commander called for the Committee reports.

Pat Sansom presented the Finance Report for June. The Finance Officer expressed her dire concern over the post finances. Gary Poplin introduced a motion to accept the Finance reports as published for June. Ed Jones seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried.

For the Membership Report, the Commander stated that there are currently 118 members.

Gary Poplin presented the Judge Advocate Report. The modified Post Constitution, which adds the American Legion Riders program, was approved by the Department of Texas. It was also noted that the Department's Constitution has undergone numerous revisions to keep it inline with the National Constitution and clarify several sections.

Joe O'Neal, SAL Squadron 111 Commander, was recognized as a guest in attendance. Joe stated that an American Legion Riders (ALR) Chapter for Post 111 is in the process of being formed. The founding Chapter officers were identified as: Jan Cloud, Director; Tommy Sorrell, Assistant Director; Joe Trevino, Sergeant-at-Arms; and Joe O'Neal, Treasurer. The Chapter By-Laws have been given to the Adjutant for further review and approval by the Post Officers. Joe mentioned that membership was number one in importance and suggested that the SAL, ALR and Legion make a joint effort to increase membership across the board by having a monthly membership drive. S.A. LeJune also stated that every member should carry or have readily available a membership application at all times.

There was no Service Officer Report.

There was no Trustee report.

Gary Smith provided the Webmaster Status. The website won TEXALPA's Dan Fallon Award for the best Post website in Texas. Also, the Post now has a Group entry on Facebook and everyone is encouraged to join the Group. Gary Smith proposed using PayPal on the website to collect yearly dues and payments for items sold by the Post. Gary Poplin introduced the motion to accept Gary Smith's recommendation for using PayPal. Charlie Nations seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried. The members were also encouraged to look at the District website for activities going on at other Posts. The District website is being redesigned and should be fully functional in about a month.

The Commander stated that the Post building is now under Committee Management. The Building Committee members are S.A. LeJune, Steve Kennedy, Gary Smith and Jim Swafford. The Commander stated that the Post signage needs to be brightened up, the tile needs to be installed, rooms repaired and painted, and the AC cage needs to be painted. The issue of pulling up the old tile was discussed and SA asked for opinions from the group on the subject. A determination will be made at a later date. The Commander also suggested using the back lot for raising revenue such as renting space to truckers for their rig storage. Gary Smith and Jim Swafford were commended for their efforts in cleaning and painting the front entry and foyer area.

The Post Commander asked for Sick Call Report inputs. Steve Kennedy, Carolyn Adams and Judy

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Swafford were identified as having ailments. Speedy recovery was wished for all.

Unfinished Business:

- Plans for Country Day on the Hill activities need to be addressed. Further meetings are required. SA commented that it would be nice to have Luis participate in the parade with his car.

New Business:

- The 17th, from Noon to 2:00 p.m., was selected for a membership drive to include the Legion, SAL and ALR. Free hamburgers will be served.
- Joe mentioned that there will be an ALR Meet & Greet at Post 453 on July 11 at 2:00 pm.
- Several options were discussed for getting the money to pay off the Post's mortgage. Gary Poplin will further research the appropriateness of the options discussed.
- The Commander plans to have a Gentlemen's Night next month and he will provide details in the near future.

For the Good of Legion:

- Nothing mentioned.

The closing prayer was given by Charlie Nations.

The colors were retired.

The Commander adjourned the meeting at 2002L.

The meeting minutes were recorded and transcribed by Gary Smith, Adjutant, and approved by S.A. LeJune, Commander.

_____ Date: _____

Minutes approved as read by Membership: _____