

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

1 August 2017

Regular Meeting Called to Order at 1910L

Roll Call of Officers

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

Officers Present:	6
Other voting members present:	0
Total voting members present	6
Guests Present:	0
SAL:	1
David Schneider	
Total Present:	7

The Commander Jan Cloud led the opening ceremonies and Chaplain Charlie Nations gave the opening prayer.

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

New Members: No new members inducted.

Minutes: Motion to waive reading of the Minutes from June was made by Gary Smith, seconded by Gary Poplin, motion passed.

Finance Report: The Finance Report for the period ending 31 July, 2017 was given by Finance Officer Gary Smith. Motion to accept the report as read subject to review was made by Gary Poplin, seconded by Charlie Nations, motion passed.

Membership: Gary Smith announced that 63 members have paid 2018 dues, which is 49.61% of our membership goal of 127.

JROTC Report: Nothing to report.

Oratorical Report: The program starts Oct 1, but school speech teachers prefer to be approached earlier before school starts.

Boys State: The Post sponsored four candidates who completed the program.

SAL: It was worth noting again that the Squadron attained 100% of its goal for 2017.

Building Report: Suite 106 was taken off the market and will be used for storage.

- Painting of the building exterior still needs to be completed when weather cools down.
- Security camera system still needs to be installed when weather cools down.
- Jan Cloud repaired toilet in upstairs women's bathroom.
- Roof needs to be replaced and roofing contractor is working with the insurance company on augmented bid. Gary Poplin made a motion to give Gary Smith full authority on making decisions about the roof replacement and spending and to see about getting rid of the skylights. Pat McEnroe seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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.
- Gary Smith has proposed rescinding Operations Procedure #3, which deals with smoking exceptions. Gary Poplin made the motion to rescind Operation Procedure #3, seconded by Charlie Nations, motion carried.
- Gary Smith brought up for consideration to raise the amount paid to the cleaning lady. She has not had a raise since she started cleaning for us many years ago. Gary Poplin made a motion to raise her payment from \$70/week to \$80/week. Bob Montalvo seconded the motion, motion carried. She would continue to receive the annual Christmas bonus of \$50.
- 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. Gary Poplin made the motion to pursue this, seconded by Charlie Nations, motion carried.

New Business:

- No new business.

Announcements:

- 5th District meeting to be held on Aug. 20 at Mesquite Post 504.
- Post Drawing: Michael Timmerman's name was drawn, but was not present to win. The next drawing will be held at the September meeting and winner will be eligible to win \$85.00.

Sick Call:

- Jim Swafford remains in a care facility and is wheelchair bound.

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

This meeting was transcribed by Gary Smith, acting Adjutant and approved by Jan Cloud, Commander

_____ Date: 8/2/2017

Minutes approved by Membership: _____