

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

**5 August 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, Adjutant - Present

Pat Sansom, Finance Officer - Present

**Charles Nations, Chaplain – Excused**

Gary Poplin, Judge Advocate – Present

Steve Kennedy, Historian - Present

Jerry Adams, Service Officer - Present

Jim Swafford - Sergeant at Arms – Present

Pat McEnroe, Trustee Chairman – Present

Ed Jones, Trustee – Present

**Luis Santana, Trustee – Excused**

Officers Present: 9

Other voting members present: 3

Willie Dean Smith

Tommy Sorrell

Willard Hampton

Total voting members present 12

Guests Present: 0

SAL 0

AL Auxiliary 0

Total Present: 12

Opening ceremonies were held. S.A. LeJune gave the opening prayer. Gary Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The Commander called for the Committee reports.

The Finance report for July was given. The Finance Officer reported a year-to-date Net Cash Loss of \$5500 and expressed the need for additional income. The Post changed security alarm companies which will result in out-month savings for the Post. S.A. LeJune introduced a motion to accept the Finance reports as published for July. Ed Jones seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried.

S.A. LeJune presented the Membership status. The Post has 75 members for the current membership year and is currently at 40.5% of the membership goal for 2010.

Gary Poplin presented the Judge Advocate report. The approved Constitution and By-Laws are posted on the website with the Department endorsement letter.

Jerry Adams had nothing new to report for the Service Officer report. S.A. LeJune offered that he will be donating a used Hoveround wheelchair to the VA hospital.

Pat McEnroe presented the Trustee report. Potential buyers reported that they visited their bank about financing.

Gary Smith presented the Webmaster status report. The Post is awaiting results of the national website competition. S.A. LeJune's biography has been submitted.

Jim Swafford presented the Building Manager Status Report. Had two calls for potential renters; however, one could not use upstairs space that is available and the other has not returned Jim Swafford's call. During this past month, the front door has been repaired and an air conditioning leak upstairs was repaired. Jim Swafford reviewed new building security alarm procedures.

Sick Call – Charlie Nations was under the weather and could not attend the meeting. Gary Poplin is continuing to feel better following his auto accident.

#### Unfinished Business:

- Family Night/Pool Party is scheduled for 8 August at 4:00 pm at Pat Sansom's house. The address and directions were posted. \$10 for each attendee as a fund-raiser. Pat Sansom will provide chicken salad, and tea. Attendees are requested to bring their own beer and soda. Pat will also be making homemade raspberry ice cream. It was recommended that attendees bring fruit and/or vegetable trays. Pat Sansom reiterated that swimsuits are required.
- The next Family Night will be scheduled for 12 September. Details will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Post beverage refrigerator. During the June meeting, donations were accepted for the purchase of a new, lockable beverage refrigerator for the meeting room. Following poor performance of the refrigerator, it was returned.
- The upstairs refrigerator has become inoperable. It was recommended that one of the downstairs kitchen refrigerators be taken upstairs instead of buying a new unit for the upstairs kitchen.
- S.A. LeJune obtained two converter box coupons. Gary Smith purchased and installed the converter boxes, one in the meeting room and one in the upstairs office.
- Country Day on the Hill. Gary Poplin is looking into the purchase of a Segue-type vehicle for raffling at the event.

#### New Business:

- Review of announcements on the website:
  - Veterans Day flags will be posted on 7 November at 0800 at the National Cemetery. The formal ceremony will be held at 1500 on 11 November. The flags will be removed on 14 November.
  - District is looking for input on Police and Fireman of the Year awards.
  - American Legion Baseball. The 5<sup>th</sup> District playoffs for 2010 will be held at AirHogs stadium in Grand Prairie.
  - Middle School ROTC program. Information can be found at [www.nationalmiddleschoolrotc.com](http://www.nationalmiddleschoolrotc.com).
- The District convention is scheduled for 7-8 November 2009 at the Elegante Hotel in Dallas. The District

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leadership has committed to 10 rooms on 6 November and 20 rooms on 7 November. There will also be requests for donations/sponsorships to pay for patients at the VA hospital.

- The Post Commander recognized several post members for performance above and beyond their assigned duties:
  - Pat Sansom for superb effort as Finance Officer, as well as her planning and participation in several fund-raising events.
  - S.A LeJune for his numerous contributions, especially cooking, as post events.
  - Jim Swafford for the many extra hours spent as the Building Manager.
  - Gary Poplin for coordinating the changes to the 2009 Constitution and By-Laws and expediting approval through the Department.
  - Pat McEnroe for soliciting participation in and coordination of the Boys State selection and Oratorical programs.

For the Good of Legion:

- S.A. LeJune discussed “Membership in Good Standing” requirements. Requirement is to recruit one new member during this year.

The closing prayer was given by S.A. LeJune.

The colors were retired.

The Commander adjourned the meeting at 1950L.

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes approved by Membership: \_\_\_\_\_