

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

7 August 2018

Regular meeting called to order at 19:10 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-Present
Historian---vacant
Trustee Chairman (2016) Gary Poplin---excused
Trustee (2017) Pat McEnroe---present
Trustee (2018) Johnny Lewis---Present

Officers present:	5
Other voting members present:	3
Total voting members present	8
Guests present:	10
SAL	2
Total present:	20

Commander Jan Cloud conducted the opening of the ceremony. The Colors were posted and the opening prayer was recited by Ramon DeMaria (SAL).

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

Special guest District 5 Commander Ronald Jones, Jr. was introduced.

A motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the meeting of July 3, 2018 was made by Gary Smith and seconded by Johnny Lewis. The minutes are posted on the Post 111 website. The motion passed.

Finance Report: The Finance Report was presented by Gary Smith. A motion to accept the finance report as presented subject to review was made by Johnny Lewis and seconded by Pat McEnroe. The motion carried.

Membership Report: The membership report was presented by Gary Smith. Post 111 is at 41.73% of our membership goal and in 1st place in District 5 for the new year.

District 5 Commander Ronald Jones, Jr. presented to Commander Jan Cloud, membership award plaques for the previous year and also presented him and Adjutant Bob Betik with membership goal hat pins.

Post 111 also received a certificate of membership goal achievement from the National Commander.

Judge Advocate Report: Nothing new to report.

Service Officer Report: Johnny Lewis that he had attended a training session in Greenville, Tx and received valuable information on administering various AL service programs.

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 Oct. 1 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. David Schneider tested the viability of system, but still need to purchase and test audio equipment.

SAL report: The Squadron has processed 13 membership renewals, which is 65% of goal.

AL Riders: No report given.

Building Report:

- One office (#104) available for rent at this time. One tenant behind in rent.
- 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. Gary Smith and David Schneider are still working on the virtual meeting capability.

New business: Gary Smith introduced Pat Flores, accountant and past Post 111 Commander and made a motion that she be hired at \$50 per week to manage the Post books, to include the payment of bills and deposits of funds to the checking and savings accounts. Ms Flores is proficient in Quick Books, our current accounting system and she knows the workings of Post 111. Jan Cloud will be in possession of the debit card for small purchases for the Post. The motion was seconded by Bob Betik and the motion carried.

Gary Smith made the motion that Gary Smith be deleted as signatory on the Post Checking and Savings accounts and that Pat Flores and Jan Cloud be added as signatories for the Post's Checking and Savings accounts and that Jan Cloud be given a checking account debit card for small and emergency Post purchases. The motion was seconded by Bob Betik and the motion carried.

Gary will meet with Ms. Flores and Jan Cloud next week to officially place them on bank documents as authorized signatures on monetary documents. 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.

Bob Betik made a motion to schedule an audit of the Post books. The Post by-laws state that when a Post officer position is vacated, a review of the books must be conducted. The motion was seconded by Gary Smith and the motion carried. The review meeting is scheduled for 8/24/18 at 1100 at Post 111. The review committee is composed of Pat Flores, Pat McEnroe, Johnny Lewis, and Bob Betik. Gary Smith will be present to answer any questions that may arise. Any member is welcome to participate in the review.

Sick Call: Charlie Nations has been diagnosed with COPD.

For the Good of the Legion:

Laura Smith (guest) drew the name of Roderick Rodriguez for the attendance prize of \$120. Roderick was not present; therefore, the prize of \$125 will be drawn for at the next meeting on 04 Sept. (The prize increases by \$5 each month that there is no winner and is capped at \$500).

Good of the Order: Gary Smith was presented a plaque for his 14 years of dedicated service to the American Legion, to Post 111, and to SAL Squadron 111. We thank Gary Smith for his dedication and service to God and country.

Closing ceremonies were conducted and the meeting was adjourned at 1938.

Food and fellowship followed the meeting to honor Gary Smith and wife, Laura. Everyone thanked them and wished them well in their new adventure.

These meeting minutes were transcribed by Bob Betik, Adjutant, and approved by

Commander Jan Cloud: _____ Date: 8/13/2018

Minutes approved by membership: _____