

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

2 September 2009

Regular Meeting Called to Order at 1902L

Roll Call of Officers:

Gary Smith, Commander – Excused

S.A. LeJune, Vice-Commander – Present & Presiding

Steve Kennedy, Adjutant - Present

Pat Sansom, Finance Officer - Present

Charles Nations, Chaplain – Present

Gary Poplin, Judge Advocate – Present

Steve Kennedy, Historian - Present

Jerry Adams, Service Officer - Excused

Jim Swafford - Sergeant at Arms – Present

Pat McEnroe, Trustee Chairman – Present

Ed Jones, Trustee – Present

Luis Santana, Trustee – Present

Officers Present:	9
Other voting members present:	2
Clarence Baker	
Tommy Sorrell	
Total voting members present	11
Guests Present:	0
SAL	0
AL Auxiliary	0
Total Present:	11

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

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

The Vice Commander called for the Committee reports.

Pat Sansom presented the Finance Report for August. Bill not yet received for air conditioning repairs, so this is not reflected in the Finance Report. Cash flow for August is down \$453.54. Cash flow for the year is down \$6035.78. The Finance Officer again expressed the urgent need for additional income. Gary Poplin 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 reiterated the fact that we are a self-

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supporting Post and need to plan for our finances.

Pat McEnroe presented the Trustee report. Pat is still working with Ebby Halliday Realty to identify potential buyers for the property.

Jim Swafford presented the Building Manager Status Report. He reported that two air conditioning units were recently repaired. The small refrigerator from the downstairs kitchen area was moved upstairs.

Luis Santana was reminded about the need for his biography for the website.

Sick Call – Bill Scherzer, a charter and found member of Post 111, has had severe health problems and financial issues. Gary Poplin made a motion that the Post pay for the membership. Ed Jones seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried.

S.A. LeJune presented the Membership Report. The Post lost 6 PUFL members since last year due to their passing. As such, our current membership rate is down to 38.5%.

Unfinished Business:

- A Catfish Fry Family Night is planned for 12 September 2009.
- Gary Poplin discussed the past successes of Post garage/yard sales as a possible fund raising idea. Proposed the idea of Saturday after Thanksgiving, after the weather cools off.
- Country Day on the Hill is scheduled for 10 October 2009. Determined that Segue-type vehicle is going to be too expensive for raffling at the event. Pat Sansom recommended something smaller and less expensive, such as a digital camera, iPhone, or netbook. No decision was made. It was also recommended that we set up the plinko board as a fundraiser. Could provide candy, trinkets, or maybe Walmart donated items as prizes (S.A. LeJune has a Walmart point of contact that might be able to provide merchandise). S.A. LeJune will discuss use of the plinko board with the SAL.

New Business:

- Blue Star Banner Request. Following discussion of Cedar Hill's request for Blue Star Banners, the Post committed that we will continue to conduct star banner presentations the way we have in the past. If we provide the banner, an American Legion member will be present at the occasion to present the banner. We will continue to need the city to provide star counts for the requested banners.
- Regarding the upcoming District Convention, Gary Poplin made a motion that Gary Smith, Gary Poplin, and S.A. LeJune will serve as our Post's delegates to the district convention. The motion was seconded by Clarence Baker. A vote was called and the motion carried.

For the Good of Legion:

- S.A. LeJune presented Charlie Nations with a certificate commemorating his 5-years of membership with Post 111.
- Reminder about the District convention is scheduled for 7-8 November 2009 at the Elegante Hotel in Dallas.

The closing prayer was given by Charlie Nations.

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The colors were retired.

The Vice Commander adjourned the meeting at 1933L.

The meeting minutes were recorded and transcribed by Steve Kennedy, Adjutant, and approved by SA LeJune, Vice Commander.

_____ Date: _____

Minutes approved by Membership: _____