

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

3 September 2008

Regular Meeting Called to Order at 1901L

Roll Call of Officers

Gary Smith, Commander – Present and Presiding

S.A. LeJune, Vice-Commander - Present

Dennis Egbert, Adjutant - Excused

Pat Sansom, Finance Officer - Present

Charles Nations, Chaplain – Present

Gary Poplin, Judge Advocate – Excused

Steve Kennedy, Historian - Present

Jerry Adams, Service Officer - Present

Jim Swafford - Sergeant at Arms – Present

Pat McEnroe, Trustee Chairman – Present

William “Hawk” Hawkins, Trustee – Excused

Frank Brown, Trustee (2011) – Present

Sherman Swafford, Trustee (2012) - Present

Officers Present: 10

Other voting members present: 3

Sandy Hudson

Clarence Baker

Willard Hampton

Total voting members present 13

Guests Present: 1

Jeff Perkins

SAL 0

AL Auxiliary 0

Total Present: 14

Opening ceremonies were held. Charles Nations gave and led the opening prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Gary Smith.

Guest introductions were called for: Jeff Perkins was introduced by the Commander.

SA LeJune introduced a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes from August 2008 and to accept the minutes as published. Jerry Adams 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. The report is contained in the official post records, but not attached to these minutes. Motion to approve was introduced by Jim Swafford, seconded by Charlie Nations. A vote was called and the motion carried.

SA LeJune presented the Membership Report, stating that the membership has reached 50.2% of goal.

The call for the Judge Advocate Report was waived due to the absence of the Judge Advocate.

Jerry Adams presented the Service Officer's Report. Jerry stated that he has had several calls regarding requests for help, but did record the calls. Jerry was reminded by the Vice Commander to document the calls that he receives so that we can properly document those persons that we help. Charles mentioned that we should identify those items given to the VA Hospital with a label identifying Post 111 as the donor to possibly help in recruiting new Post members. Charles also mentioned to take the donated items to the person in charge so they get to the intended veterans.

Pat McEnroe presented the Trustee Report. Pat stated that we are getting good advertizing. The real estate agent has been asked to call ahead when showing the building and to qualify the perspective individuals prior to showing.

Gary Smith presented the Webmaster report. Biographies from officers/trustees that are not currently on the website (Frank, Hawk, SA and Sherman) are requested to be sent by E-mail to Gary Smith as soon as possible. Steve Kennedy volunteered to help others with their bios. It was also mentioned by the Commander that Steve has provided pictures for the web site of the Officers' induction, Post 511 Food Event, and of the Boy's State presentation by Brooks Kennedy. The Commander commented on the good job Steve is doing documenting Post related events. The Commander stated that it will be a couple of months before the new web site is published.

Building Manager Status Report – Jim Swafford presented the current status of the Post building. Office 101 has been leased out, the front door is still being worked on, the carpet work needs to be scheduled, and the window in the right front of the building needs to be fixed.

Sick Call – It was mentioned by Frank that Hawk is still out-of-town.

Unfinished Business:

Steak Night - Frank Brown has been working long hours and could not get the August event planned or coordinated. The Commander stated that he will be out-of-town the 19th & 20th of September and the 25th - 30th of September.

Post 511 Food Support for August 16th – Revenue brought in was \$263. At least \$100 in costs was incurred. Much of the items were donated by Gary Smith, Pat Sansom, Jim Swafford, and Sherman Swafford. Thanks to Steve, Pat M., Pat S., Jim, Sherman, and Gary S. for supporting the food event.

Upcoming Post 511 Events – Several events have been scheduled. September 20th dance, October 18th dance 7-11, October 31st, and New Year's Eve on Dec. 31st from 7-11 but the bar can remain open until 1:00 a.m. Jeff has invited Post 111 to provide food service for these events and/or schedule a separate Post 111 dance event. Jeff also stated that Post 111 could also schedule a Christmas Party and not charge for the hall.

Ice Machine – Pat S. felt that her motion from the last meeting was never voted on. Pat S. made the motion to give the ice machine to Post 511 outright and Jim Swafford seconded. A vote was called and the motion carried.

Country Day on the Hill – No new updates were provided. It was suggested that the portable restroom facilities be positioned on the NE corner to provide shading.

New Business:

New Year’s Eve offer from Post 511 - A decision will need to be made soon, possibly at the next Executive Committee meeting.

5th District News – Fall District meeting will be held in Carrollton again, cost will be \$30 or \$35 at the door. The District voted to sponsor a baseball team. District SAL will be raffling a camcorder at the Fall Convention for \$2 a ticket. Post 81 will have an event on September 27th. Any Legion of the Year nominations must be submitted to Bernard Aderholt by Nov. 1.

A report by SA LeJune was given on his trip to the National Convention.

Card Society Night – SA LeJune stated that he will start hosting a Card Society fun night for the Post. It would be held Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. at Post 111.

T-shirts – Gary S. presented several t-shirt designs/ideas for consideration as a possible revenue generator. The idea will be further discussed at the next Executive Committee meeting.

A reminder was given by the Commander to use the Sign-in Log.

Pat S. asked that we seriously consider a spaghetti night at 511 on 9/20. The Commander asked for a volunteer to coordinate the spaghetti night. Discussion was tabled until after the meeting.

For the Good of the Legion:

SA LeJune said a letter was received from the Department AUX stating that AUX Unit 111 has not certified their Officers for 2008-2009 and faces the recall of their Charter unless somebody comes in and takes a lead to establish an active Unit. As an added note, the SAL Squadron 111 has not certified their Officers for 2008-2009.

The closing prayer was given by Charles Nations.

The Commander adjourned the meeting at 2015L.

The meeting minutes were recorded and transcribed by Gary Smith, Commander.

Minutes approved by Gary Smith, Commander

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Minutes approved by Membership: _____