

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

1 October 2008

Regular Meeting Called to Order at 1902L

Roll Call of Officers

Gary Smith, Commander – Present and Presiding

S.A. LeJune, Vice-Commander - Excused

Dennis Egbert, Adjutant - Present

Pat Sansom, Finance Officer - Present

Charles Nations, Chaplain – Excused

Gary Poplin, Judge Advocate – Present

Steve Kennedy, Historian - Excused

Jerry Adams, Service Officer - Excused

Jim Swafford - Sergeant at Arms – Present

Pat McEnroe, Trustee Chairman – Present

William “Hawk” Hawkins, Trustee – Present

Frank Brown, Trustee – Present

Sherman Swafford, Trustee - Present

Officers Present: 9

Other voting members present: 1

Ed Jones

Total voting members present 10

Guests Present: 0

SAL 0

AL Auxiliary 0

Total Present: 10

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

Guest introductions were called for but no guests were present.

Gary Poplin introduced a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes from September 2008 and to accept the minutes as published. Ed Jones seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried.

The Commander called for the Committee reports.

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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 Dennis Egbert, seconded by Gary Poplin. A vote was called and the motion carried.

Gary Smith presented the membership report, stating that 98 of the 2009 renewals have been received and are being processed, bringing the Post to 53% of its' annual membership goal. Dennis Egbert and Gary Smith will send letters out soon to those who have not paid their 2009 dues yet.

Gary Poplin presented the Judge Advocate report. The draft of the proposed Constitution and By-Laws incorporating the suggested changes has been sent to the Commander. It was recommended that other officers also review the draft copy. The Commander will send the draft copy to the Executive Board by e-mail. A meeting of the Executive Board will be called to discuss the proposed Constitution and By-Laws prior to them being presented to the membership for a vote.

The reading of the Service Officer report was waived due to the absence of Jerry Adams.

Pat McEnroe presented the trustee report. The report is contained in the official post records, but not attached to these minutes. Pat stated that the Post property has now been listed in the Best Southwest Real Estate publication as well as on Craig's List online. The property has been shown a few times but no serious offers have been received yet.

Gary Smith presented the Webmaster report. Biographies from officers/trustees that are not currently on the website are still needed and are requested to be sent by E-mail to Gary Smith as soon as possible. The new website design is progressing but has not yet been completed.

Building Manager Status Report – Jim Swafford presented the current status of the Post building. Some offices have been rented and the rent has been paid. Jim hopes to get the door taken care of within a week. Re-carpeting is also progressing.

Sick Call – Jim Swafford's wife recently had eye surgery and is recovering nicely.

Unfinished Business:

Dinner Dance – This is currently scheduled for October 18th at Post 511 with dinner at 6 p.m. and dancing from 7 – 11 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by the Brazos Valley Boys. Flyers were distributed to the members to be placed throughout the community. The cost will be \$10 per person at the door.

Country Day on the Hill – 2 families will be receiving Single Star Flags, to be presented by the Commander. The Commander will meet with whoever shows up the evening before to load the supplies. A tentative work schedule was passed around for review.

Card Society – Frank Brown and SA will cover the meeting on Saturday, October 11th during the Country Day activities. A request was made to move one of the conference tables out of the meeting area to allow more room for card players. This will be taken care of after the meeting.

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New Business:

Steve Kennedy has volunteered to help out with an audit of the Post books.

The closing prayer was given by Pat McEnroe.

The colors were retired.

The Commander adjourned the meeting at 1945L.

The meeting minutes were recorded and transcribed by Dennis Egbert, Adjutant

Minutes approved by Gary Smith, Commander

_____ Date: _____

Minutes approved by Membership: _____