

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

3 October 2017

Regular Meeting Called to Order at 1906L

Roll Call of Officers

Commander, Jan Cloud – Present
Vice Commander – Vacant
Adjutant, Bob Betik – Present
Judge Advocate – Vacant
Gary Smith, Finance Officer – Present
Sergeant at Arms, Bob Montalvo - Present
Chaplain, Charles Nations – Present
Service Officer – Vacant
Historian – Vacant
Trustee Chairman (2015), Rod Dunham – Excused
Trustee (2016), Gary Poplin – Excused
Trustee (2017), Pat McEnroe – Present

Officers Present:	6
Other voting members present:	0
Total voting members present	6
Guests Present:	4
SAL:	0
Total Present:	10

The Commander Jan Cloud led the opening ceremonies and Chaplain Nations led the prayer.

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

New Members: No new members inducted.

Minutes: Motion to waive reading of the Minutes from September was made by Gary Smith, seconded by Pat McEnroe, motion passed.

Finance Report: The Finance Report for the period ending 30 September 2017 was given by Finance Officer Gary Smith. The ATT expense from September's report was for 2 months. The Retained Earnings in the September report was due to an error from 2011 in which the Retained Earnings were not properly closed out at the end of the year. That has been corrected. It was also stated that out of pocket expenses for the roof replacement came to \$7,824.98. Motion to accept the report as read subject to review was made by Bob Betik, seconded by Charlie Nations, motion carried.

Membership: Gary Smith announced that 68 members have paid 2018 dues, which is 53.54% of our membership goal of 127. Need to have 2 more members renew in order to make the Oct. 4 objective of 55%. Motion to accept the report was made by Bob Betik, seconded by Pat McEnroe, motion passed.

JROTC Report: Nothing to report.

Oratorical Report: Oratorical program officially kicked off on October 1.

Boys State: Nothing to report.

SAL: Membership goal for 2018 is 16. There are currently 13 renewed members, which is 81.25% of goal for 2018. The Squadron expects to make goal.

ALR: Nothing to report.

Building Report:

- Painting of the building exterior still needs to be completed when weather cools down.
- Security camera system still needs to be installed when weather cools down.
- The roof repairs on the main part of the building have been completed. Interior ceiling repair and the flat roof of the meeting hall are scheduled for completion this week.
- Suite 201 will not renew its lease. Their lease is up on November 30, 2017. Approval has been given to Mote & Associates to lease the room out again.
- Gary Smith reported that we will need to upgrade the lighting in Suite 201 because some of the fixtures lights keep going out.

At this time, the regular meeting business was suspended. Boys State attendees Montgomery Morris and Tymir King and their respective mothers, Tonya Lewis and Kiamesha Bright, were introduced. Both Mr. Morris and Mr. King came to the podium to address the membership to thank them for making the Boys State experience possible, to relate how valuable the experience was to them, and how much they enjoyed Boys State. Their mothers also reinforced the positive comments that their sons had made. Several members gave the young men mentorship advice to include the American Legion Baseball program, soliciting qualified members for future Boys State selection, and their support for the American Legion as their careers develop. The guests exited the meeting chamber and the regular meeting resumed.

Unfinished Business:

- The Post was too late to donate the 20 wreaths specifically for DFW National Cemetery in 2016, but will use the authorization for 2017 instead.
- Gary still needs to order the SAL flag for the 5th District.
- Motion to donate \$1000 to hurricane Harvey Texas veterans was made by Gary Poplin, seconded by Bob Montalvo, motion passed. This action has been completed. The donation was sent to the 22nd District to handle cases that the NEF or TFA programs could not immediately respond to.

New Business:

- No new business.

Announcements:

- Post Drawing: Jimmie Harvey's name was drawn, but was not present to win. The next drawing will be held at the November meeting and winner will be eligible to win \$95.00.
- The District Fall Convention is scheduled for 21 October, 2017, 9am-4pm at Post 453, Dallas, Texas. Anyone wishing to be a delegate, please contact Gary Smith for registration and fee pre-payment by the Post.
- Both Carrollton Post 597 and Dallas Post 424 are still collecting donations for Hurricane Harvey victims.
- Jan Cloud's next Fellowship meeting will be held Oct 6 at 7:00 pm.
- Consideration for a date and time for the annual Christmas dinner was made by Gary Smith. No action was taken.

Sick Call:

- Jim Swafford remains in a care facility and is wheelchair bound.
- Gary Poplin and his wife, Lori, are ill with sinus/respiratory infections.

Closing ceremonies were held and the meeting was adjourned at 2001L.

This meeting was transcribed by Bob Betik, Adjutant and approved by Jan Cloud, Commander

_____ Date: 10/6/2017 Minutes approved by Membership: _____