

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

3 November 2010

Regular Meeting Called to Order at 1902L.

Roll Call of Officers:

S.A. LeJune, Commander – Present & Presiding

Steve Kennedy, Vice-Commander – Present

Gary Smith, Adjutant – Present

Pat Sansom, Finance Officer – Present

Charles Nations, Chaplain – Present

Gary Poplin, Judge Advocate – Present

Ed Jones, Historian - Excused

Jerry Adams, Service Officer - Present

Willard Hampton - Sergeant at Arms – Present

Ed Jones, Trustee Chairman – Excused

Jim Swafford, Trustee – Excused

Luis Santana, Trustee – Unexcused

Officers Present: 8

Other voting members present: 6

Jan Cloud

Clarence Baker

William Hawkins

Frank Brown

Eddie Kemp

Bob Graham

Total voting members present 14

Guests Present: 0

SAL 2

Joe O'Neal

Joe Trevino

AL Auxiliary 0

Total Present: 16

Opening ceremonies were held. The Chaplain gave the opening prayer and the Commander led the Pledge of Allegiance and the reciting of The American Legion Creed.

A quorum of members was present.

Mike Phelan was introduced as a guest. Mike spoke of the relationship between he and the

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Commander. They have had a close working relationship over the years and it continues today. Mike offered the use of Post 81's hall if it is ever needed. He also invited everybody to participate in the Health Screening Fair to be held November 20th at Post 81.

Roll call was taken by the Adjutant. A quorum of members was present.

SAL Commander Joe O'Neal and SAL member Joe Trevino were introduced as guests in attendance. Commander O'Neal gave a report on the SAL and its activities. Five new members have joined and a couple of more are in the works. The CDOTH raffle netted \$2,479. The House Project for Miss Jenny was a complete success. All materials will be reimbursed and a donation will be made to the SAL. On the first day 28-29 people participated, but it rained. On the second day 10-11 people participated because most people were at church. Three people were there all week and should be recognized: Joe O'Neal, Joe Trevino and Jan Cloud. The project was very visible to the community. More community projects should be considered.

The Post Commander presented the SAL Commander with certificates of recognition for surpassing membership goals for 2008.

The Commander reminded members that if the reading of meeting minutes is waived by the members, they are in essence approving all decisions documented by the minutes. It is not a good practice to waive the reading of the minutes.

The October minutes were read by the Adjutant. A motion by Willard Hampton to accept the minutes as read was made and seconded by Steve Kennedy. There was no further discussion and a vote was called and the motion carried. The minutes will be published as written.

The Commander stated that an Executive Committee meeting was held on October 20th, but a quorum of officers were not present. The minutes of that meeting were not read, but the Commander summarized what was discussed. The advertisement of the back lot was put on Craig's List. Also, the Post Christmas Luncheon will be held on December 18th and the Commander will provide the turkey and ham.

The Commander called for the Committee reports.

Finance Report: The Finance Officer presented the Finance Report for October. The Post is in a much better financial position and the overage of the new mortgage loan was put into savings to collect interest. The Finance will be accepted into record as written pending yearly audit procedures.

Judge Advocate Report: The Judge Advocate was tending to other business and could not report.

Service Officer Report: The Service Officer is working with Wade Callender to assist him with Educational and VA benefits. The Commander stated that Ed Jones has not been feeling well and that the Chaplain should say a special prayer for him tonight at the end of the meeting. No update on Dan Shelley.

Trustee Report: No report available.

Webmaster Status: The 5th District Legislative Report and the Post's 990 IRS form has been posted on the website. Gary Smith gave a summary of the Legislative Report. Five Bills were passed into law: S.1055, H.R.4667, H.R.4505, H.R.3689 and H.R.3553. Two Resolutions were passed: H.RES.1251 and H.RES.1052.

Membership Report: The Vice Commander gave the Membership report. The Post's 2011 membership goal has been set at 133 by the Department and our 2011 membership is currently 95 putting the Post at 71.4% of goal.

Building Report: The Commander stated there have been no inquiries for office space or changes in occupancy. The Commander also iterated that the floors and bar still need to be addressed. The Adjutant also addressed Post security. He has found the Post front door and the main gate unlocked twice with nobody around. The Commander and Joe O'Neal will start on the bar this week.

Unfinished Business:

- No inquiries have been received from the Craig's List ad.
- The Sweepstakes machines will be installed the week of November 8th. The Commander described the benefits to the Post.
- The Commander stated that Gentlemen's Night is growing in participation. Pat Sansom asked that the name be changed to something such as Entertainment or Game Night. The suggestion was accepted and it will be called Entertainment Night. Cards, darts, dominoes, etc. will be available for entertainment. The Entertainment Nights are planned for the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month.
- The Adjutant stated that the steel in the back lot still needs to be removed.
- Also, the Commander stated that the cage still needs to be painted and that volunteers are welcome to pick up a paint brush and help finish the painting.

New Business:

- The Commander purchased and donated a new grill for the Post.
- The Post's Christmas Luncheon is scheduled for December 18th starting at 1:00 pm. and members will be asked to bring side dishes.
- The Commander put Bob Graham forth as a candidate for Post membership. Hawk made a motion to accept Bob as a member and it was seconded by Jerry Adams. There was a short discussion and the vote was called and passed.
- The Adjutant covered the highlights from the 1st Division meeting on October 3rd. Three more phases are planned for myLegion.org with Phase II scheduled for mid-2011 or later. DD-214s are required for the Legion and SAL members. Must have at least 75% on file. Also, it was mentioned that Posts should be very cautious on how beer donations are accounted for.

For the Good of Legion:

- Nothing mentioned.

The closing prayer was given by the Chaplain.

The Sergeant-at-Arms retired the colors.

The Commander adjourned the meeting at 2005L.

The meeting minutes were recorded and transcribed by Gary Smith, Adjutant, and approved by S.A. LeJune, Commander.

_____ Date: _____

Minutes approved as read by Membership: _____