

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

5 November 2008

Regular Meeting Called to Order at 1903L

Roll Call of Officers

Gary Smith, Commander – Present and Presiding

S.A. LeJune, Vice-Commander - Present

Dennis Egbert, Adjutant - Present

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

Officers Present:	10
Other voting members present:	2

Clarence Baker

Willard Hampton

Total voting members present	12
Guests Present:	0
SAL	0
AL Auxiliary	0
Total Present:	12

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

Guest introductions were called for but no guests were present.

S.A. LeJune introduced a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes from September 2008 and to accept the minutes as published. Clarence Baker seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried.

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 S.A. LeJune, seconded by Charles Nations. A vote was called and the motion carried.

S.A. Le June presented the membership report, stating that 103 of the 2009 renewals have been received and are being processed, bringing the Post to 55.7% 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. S.A. also noted that recruiting should be ongoing by the entire membership with the selling on benefits and camaraderie being key.

Reading of the Judge Advocate report was waived due to the excused absence of the Judge Advocate.

Jerry Adams presented the Service Officer report. Jerry has visited the Dallas V.A. facility a couple of times. No other reports have been received.

Pat McEnroe presented the trustee report. The report is contained in the official post records, but not attached to these minutes. Pat stated that one inquiry has been received on the Post property but the interested party is only qualified for financing up to \$400,000.

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.

Building Manager Status Report – Jim Swafford presented the current status of the Post building. An upstairs office has been leased to an insurance agent as of Nov. 1st. The directory board in the foyer needs to be updated. The front door repairs will be completed after Nov. 11th. Jim and Gary Smith will meet on an upcoming Saturday to complete the remaining tile work. Gary Smith presented a proposal to continue to allow the temporary storage of PCs in Office 102 as long as that office is not leased. S.A. LeJune made a motion to approve this arrangement and Jim Swafford seconded. A vote was called and the motion carried.

Sick Call – Hawk is currently not able to walk very well. No other reports have been received.

Unfinished Business:

Card Society Night – S.A. LeJune reported that the Society is meeting on Saturdays from 3:30 p.m. until play is completed. Donations are received by Post 111 for food and drinks. Additional help is needed and welcome. \$80 in donations have been received since the last Post membership meeting. Meeting dates and menus will be added to the Post website.

Insurance Filing - Pat Sansom called the insurance company and faxed receipts to them. Not enough money has been spent vice the funds already received by the Post to claim any additional amount.

New Business:

Post 511 New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance – This is currently scheduled for December 31st at Post 511 with dinner at 6 p.m. and dancing from 7 – 11 p.m. The cost will be \$15 per person in advance or \$20 per person at the door. Tickets are available from Gary Smith.

Internet Service Restored – Internet service has been restored at the Post. Tenants who are sharing this service will contribute to help defray the cost to the Post.

Christmas Potluck – The Post 111 Christmas potluck will be held at the Post on December 13th at 1230 p.m. and will be open to Card Society members who will be meeting later in the day. The menu will include turkey and ham, green bean casserole, macaroni & cheese, sweet potatoes, peach cobbler, pumpkin & pecan pies, and deviled eggs. Any other food donations are welcome.

District Fall Convention – Gary Smith and S.A. LeJune will be attending but others are welcome as well. Gary Smith needs the names of others interested in attending for registration purposes. S.A. LeJune made a motion for the Post delegates to cast their votes in support of J. Wayne Duckworth for District Vice Commander. Jim Swafford seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried.

Leaking/sweating Coke machine – The issue of the Coke machine leaking and/or sweating was brought up by Gary Smith. Jim Swafford stated that he has already taken care of the problem. The hallway door to the tool room needs to be kept closed due to the post Meeting Room not being air conditioned when it is not in use.

SAL Status – Gary Smith spoke with Joe O’Neal – The SAL currently has 14 members of which 2 are active. Officers are not yet certified but that is supposed to be taken care of soon. S.A. LeJune was reappointed as the Post 111 SAL sponsor.

For the Good of the Legion:

Home Depot and Lowe’s will again be offering their annual Veterans’ Day discounts. Golden Corral will once again be offering free meals to all veterans on Veterans’ Day. The Post has received free tickets from the Arts District Chorale for “Transformed by War” which is being held on November 9th at 8:00 p.m. Some tickets were claimed by those present at the meeting with the remaining tickets being made available to any other members who want them.

The closing prayer was given by Charles Nations.

The colors were retired.

The Commander adjourned the meeting at 2016L.

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

Minutes approved by Gary Smith, Commander

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Minutes approved by Membership: _____