

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

**6 November 2018**

Regular meeting called to order at 19:11 by Commander, Jan Cloud. Roll call of officers:

Commander, Jan Cloud---Present  
Vice Commander, Bob Betik---Present  
Adjutant, Bob Betik---Present  
Judge Advocate, Vacant  
Finance Officer, Vacant  
Sergeant-at-Arms, Pat McEnroe---Excused  
Chaplain, Charlie Nations---Present  
Service Officer, Johnny Lewis---Present  
Historian---vacant  
Trustee Chairman (2016) Gary Poplin---Excused  
Trustee (2017) Pat McEnroe---Excused  
Trustee (2018) Johnny Lewis---Present

Officers present: 4  
Other voting members present: 0

Total voting members present 4

Guests present: 1  
- Pat Flores, Financial Consultant  
SAL 1  
- Ramone DeMaria, SAL Commander

Total present: 6

Commander Jan Cloud conducted the opening of the ceremony. The Colors were posted and the opening prayer was recited by Charlie Nations.

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

A motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the meeting of October 2, 2018 was made by Bob Betik and seconded by Charlie Nations. The minutes are posted on the Post 111 website. The motion passed.

**Finance Report:** Financial Consultant Pat Flores presented the finance report as of 31 Oct., 2018. There are no outstanding liabilities. The combined checking and savings accounts equal \$21,153.94, of which, \$12,086.81 is in the checking account. Total assets equal \$262,376.59 an increase Of \$2,226.47 from last month.

A motion was made by Johnny Lewis to increase the savings account to \$15,000 so as to collect more interest by moving money from the checking account into the savings account. A discussion was held and the voting members agreed that a cash flow amount of \$6,153.94 was adequate to meet normal expenses plus any emergencies that might arise. The motion was seconded by Bob Betik and the motion carried. Pat Flores will execute the transfer.

Pat Flores will investigate with the bank as to why no interest was paid on the savings account at the end of Oct. 2018. Usually interest is paid on a monthly basis and indicated as such on the monthly bank statement.

A&B Delivery did pay the September 2018 lease payment; however, as of 1 Nov., 2018, they are again 2 months in arrears for the months of Oct and Nov. Jan Cloud will investigate the location of the signed lease agreement and require A&B to prove their claim that they owe rent for the month of November only. The issue was tabled pending further investigation and clarifying the lease agreement with A&B Delivery.

**Membership Report:** To date, 93 of 135 members have renewed their 2019 membership and at 66.91% of goal. There is 1 transfer-in and 3 new members to be processed this week.

Adjutant Bob Betik and Financial Consultant Pat Flores will attend the Adjutant Training seminar to be conducted on 1 December, 2018 by Dept of Texas at Post 8560 in Sulphur Springs, Texas. One of the goals of the seminar is to familiarize the Post Adjutant and other Post personnel who are in charge of Post membership, with the new, simplified, on-line annual membership renewal process. This new process will save time and postage.

**Judge Advocate Report:** Position is vacant and nothing relevant to this position was reported by any of the members.

**Service Officer Report:** Johnny Lewis reported that the City of DeSoto, Texas, where a predominate number of our members reside, is holding a free Information Webfest on Saturday 10 Nov., 2018. Johnny has requested from the City, a booth site at the event to set up an American Legion information table for recruiting purposes. Johnny will display the AL banner and issue out AL information brochures at the event. He will also be contacting Post 111 members who live in DeSoto to assist him in this recruiting endeavor.

**Trustee Report:** No report given.

**Boys/Girls State Report:** Nothing new to report.

**Oratorical Report:** Nothing new to report.

**Jr. ROTC report:** Nothing new to report.

**Webmaster Report:** Nothing new to report.

**SAL report:** Current membership roster is at 18 members.

**AL Riders:** Current membership roster is at 2 members.

**Building Report:**

- Preparation for the exterior painting of the building is under way, consisting of moving obstacles away from the building that would interfere with the spray painting.

**Unfinished business:**

1. Purchase of a hand lawn mower needs to be voted on. Tabled for future consideration, discussion, and vote.
2. Purchase/erection of a lawnmower shed for the lawn tractor needs to be voted on. Tabled for future consideration, discussion, and vote.
3. Virtual meeting capability needs to be completed. Nothing new to report.

**New business:**

1. Johnny Lewis brought up the idea of using the land that A&B Delivery is using, to construct a new Post 111 Meeting Hall to be funded by private donations from commercial sponsors. The proposal was tabled for discussion at a future date.

**Sick Call:** Bob Betik will have cataract surgery in the first part of December. No other member's names were conveyed as to having medical issues.

**For the Good of the Legion:**

1. Jan Cloud brought up for discussion the scheduling of the Post 111 2018 Christmas Dinner. After discussion, Bob Betik made a motion that Post 111 schedule the dinner for Sat., 8 December from 1 to 3p. The food, consisting of turkey, ham, dressing, gravy and trimmings will again be catered by Cotton Patch Restaurant, Cedar Hill, Texas. Members and families who attend will be encouraged to bring a side, salad, or desert to share. The motion was seconded by Charlie Nations and was approved.

2. Johnny Lewis will use the Post roster to send out an RSVP invitation to all members to attend. Bob Betik will make the arrangements with Cotton Patch Restaurant. In the event of left over food, meals will be donated to the on-duty officers of the Cedar Hill Police Department on a fcfs basis as long as the food lasts. In the event food is still left over, members and guests will be asked to take it home.
3. Ramon DeMaria drew the name of Reginal Tittle for the attendance jackpot of \$135. Mr. Tittle was not present; therefore, the jackpot increases to \$140 for the 4 December, 2018 meeting. There will be no meeting in January of 2019.

Closing ceremonies were conducted and the meeting was adjourned at 2057 hrs.

These meeting minutes were transcribed by Bob Betik, Adjutant, and approved by

Commander Jan Cloud: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 11/9/2018

Minutes approved by membership: \_\_\_\_\_