

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

7 November 2017

Regular Meeting Called to Order at 1905L

Roll Call of Officers

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

Officers Present:	5
Other voting members present:	1
Johnny Lewis	
Total voting members present	6
Guests Present:	0
SAL:	0
Total Present:	6

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

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

New Members: Twenty-one transfer members inducted – Johnny Lewis, Herman Perkins, Betty Franks, Bernard Cochran, Barry Young, Vernon Bailey, Artis Williams, Roger Kerby, Reginald Roberts, Matthew Eubanks, John Balasa, Danny Lucky, James King, Jim Robnett, Bobby Wilkie, Rodney Morris, Dale Sulak, William Drake, Milton Jacobs, Eugene Huston, and Jimmy Tolliver. Rod Dunham made a motion to accept all individuals as members of Post 111, seconded by Bob Montalvo, motion passed.

Minutes: Motion to waive reading of the Minutes from October was made by Gary Smith, seconded by Rod Dunham, motion passed.

Finance Report: The Finance Report for the period ending 31 October 2017 was given by Finance Officer Gary Smith. Motion to accept the report as read subject to review was made by Rod Dunham, seconded by Johnny Lewis, motion carried.

Membership: Gary Smith announced that 71 members have paid 2018 dues, which is 55.91% of our membership goal of 127. Letters were sent out to 117 individuals in the Cedar Hill, DeSoto, and Red Oak areas that are currently held in the Department's Post 345. Twenty-one were received back so far accepting the invitation to join Post 111,

JROTC Report: Nothing to report. Normally need medals and ribbons in May of each year for JrROTC graduation.

Oratorical Report: Oratorical program officially kicked off on October 1. No candidates have come forward.

Boys State: Nothing to report. This will begin in January to start getting candidates.

SAL: Membership goal for 2018 is 16. There are currently 14 renewed members, which is 87.25% 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.

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. This action item has been completed.
- Gary still needs to order the SAL flag for the 5th District. This action item has been completed.
- Motion to hold the Christmas Party on December 9 from 2:00PM to 5:00PM was made by Gary Smith, seconded by Bob Montalvo, motion carried.
- Motion to use the Cotton Patch restaurant for the Christmas Party food was made by Gary Smith, seconded by Rod Dunham, motion carried. The food from Cooton Patch will be for 30 persons at a cost of around \$400 and will consist of turkey, dressing, gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, green beans, sweet potato casserole, baked squash casserole, cranberries, and cornbread. The Post will also pick up a spiral ham. Attendees can bring a specialty dish if they want and it is encouraged that attendees bring a dessert.

New Business:

- Laura Smith, with the help of a few of the wives, will decorate the Post on November 18 starting at 10:00AM. They plan to go out for lunch afterwards.
- Life School in Cedar Hill has asked us to donate a flag pole and flags to their school. A motion was made by Johnny Lewis to contingently approve up to \$900 to fund the donation based on followup by Gary Smith with a school inspection and meeting with school officials, seconded by Rod Dunham, motion carried.
- A veteran asked the Post for a \$400 dollar donation to help him with his rent. After much discussion a motion was made by Gary Smith to contingently approve a \$400 one time donation based on followup by Johnny Lewis to further vet the individual, seconded by Pat McEnroe, motion carried.

Announcements:

- Post Drawing: David Resendez’s name was drawn, but was not present to win. The next drawing will be held at the February meeting and winner will be eligible to win \$100.00.
- Jan Cloud’s next Fellowship meeting will be held December 1 at 7:00 pm.
- **The next Post 111 General Membership meeting will be February 6, 2018.**

Sick Call:

- Charles Nations had back surgery and is healing.

Closing ceremonies were held and the meeting was adjourned at 2044L.

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

_____ Date: 11/9/2017 Minutes approved by Membership: _____