

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

1 December 2010

Regular Meeting Called to Order at 1903L.

Roll Call of Officers:

S.A. LeJune, Commander – Present & Presiding

Vice-Commander – Vacant

Gary Smith, Adjutant – Present

Pat Sansom, Finance Officer – Present

Charles Nations, Chaplain – Present

Gary Poplin, Judge Advocate – Present

Ed Jones, Historian - Present

Jerry Adams, Service Officer - Present

Willard Hampton - Sergeant at Arms – Present

Ed Jones, Trustee Chairman – Present

Jim Swafford, Trustee – Present

Luis Santana, Trustee – Unexcused

Officers Present: 9

Other voting members present: 6

Jan Cloud

Sandy Hudson

William Hawkins

Frank Brown

Eddie Kemp

Paul Cervantes

Total voting members present 15

Guests Present: 0

SAL 3

Joe O’Neal

Joe Trevino

David Schneider

AL Auxiliary 0

Total Present: 18

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.

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

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The Commander read a letter of resignation from the Vice Commander, Steve Kennedy. Steve's new project at work requires too much of his time to properly serve as Vice Commander. He hopes to re-engage as an active member in the future. His resignation was effective as of November 29, 2010.

The Commander expressed his deepest sorrow on behalf of the Post to Gary Poplin regarding the untimely passing of his sister.

SAL Commander Joe O'Neal and SAL members Joe Trevino and David Schneider were introduced as guests in attendance.

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

The November Executive Committee minutes were read by the Adjutant. A motion by Gary Poplin to accept the minutes as read was made and seconded by Jim Swafford. There was no further discussion and a vote was called and the motion carried. The minutes will be published as written.

The Commander called for the Committee reports.

Finance Report: The Finance Officer presented the Finance Report for November. The Post is in a better financial position due to the overage of the new mortgage loan that was put into savings to collect interest. A motion was made by Gary Poplin to accept the Finance Report into record as written pending yearly audit procedures. Ed Jones seconded the motion. Discussion was held, a vote was held and the motion carried. The yearly audit process was presented by Gary Poplin and discussed. A motion was made by Gary Poplin to waive the standing rule of holding no meetings in January. Willard Hampton seconded the motion. Discussion was held, a vote was taken and the motion carried. The Audit Committee will meet at 6:00 pm before the regular meeting in January. Eddie Kemp and SA LeJune have volunteered to participate in the audit along with Pat Sansom and Gary Poplin.

Membership Report: The Commander stated that membership count for renewals and new members stands at 102 putting the Post at 76.7% of goal. A motion was made by Ed Jones to accept Jeremy Koelliker as a new member. Sandy Hudson seconded the motion. Discussion was held, a vote was taken and the motion carried. The Post needs 5 more renewals/new members to meet December's goal. The Commander related member W.O. Scherzer's health condition. Mr. Scherzer is a charter member of the Post and is in no position to renew his membership. A motion was made by Ed Jones to have the Post pay for Mr. Scherzer's 2011 membership. Jim Swafford seconded the motion. Discussion was held, a vote was taken and the motion carried.

Judge Advocate Report: The Post still needs to update the Constitution and By Laws (CBL) to come into compliance with and reflect the new changes approved by National and Department. It is suggested that this be addressed after the holidays. The new Department CBL and Post sample format are on the Department's website.

Service Officer Report: The Service Officer is working has been working with 2 veterans. He helped the one person and is still helping the other.

Trustee Report: No report available.

Webmaster Status: The website hosting bill is coming due on December 21 for \$94.95. Gary Smith will pay the bill and get reimbursed.

Building Report: The Commander stated there was an inquiry by a construction firm, but they are looking for a lower price and they weren't ready to make a commitment. The front sign needs work and the Commander requested help and ideas. The Commander suggested putting an additional light on the sign and repaint. The back lot still needs the steel removed. The city inspectors are putting emphasis on cleaning up the lots along Highway 67. Except for trim work, the tile work has been completed for the foyer and middle room and the bar is almost complete. The Commander recognized Jim Swafford, Gary Smith, Joe O'Neal, Jan Cloud, Steve Kennedy and Bob Graham for their assistance. Joe O'Neal stated that VA Gift Shop will have a Grand Opening at 7:30 am on Monday, December 6, and Theresa Hill is asking for all Posts to attend.

Sick Call: Nothing reported.

Unfinished Business:

- The Post's Christmas Luncheon is scheduled for December 18th starting at 1:00 pm and members are being asked to bring side dishes. Gary Smith stated that duplicate dishes of the main items (except for turkey and ham) are welcome to make sure there is enough to go around. It was decided that food will be served at 2:00 pm, so all food should be onsite by 1:30 pm.
- Still need the outside cage painted. Jan volunteered to paint, but additional volunteers were requested.
- Entertainment Night on 11/10 brought in \$40. SA will not be here for the next Entertainment Night on 12/8. Cards, darts, dominoes, etc. will be available for entertainment. The Entertainment Nights are planned for the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month.

New Business:

- Oratorical contest is scheduled for 1:00 pm on January 9 at Post 453. Volunteers to coordinate this activity and Boys State and JrROTC were requested. Pat McEnroe is unable to continue on Oratorical and Boys State, but he is willing to assist whoever volunteers to coordinate these programs for the Post. Also, Gary Smith may not be able to coordinate the JrROTC program this year. SA volunteered to take care of the JrROTC program.
- The Emblem Sales Flag Rewards Program was described by the Adjutant. The Post can receive 10% on the purchase of all American flags.

- The Commander is working with the Cedar Hill Fire Department. They have nominated a Fireman of the Year which will be put forward to District, Department, etc.

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 1954L.

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: _____