

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

**3 December 2008**

Regular Meeting Called to Order at 1901L

Roll Call of Officers

Gary Smith, Commander – Present and Presiding

S.A. LeJune, Vice-Commander - Excused

Dennis Egbert, Adjutant - Present

Pat Sansom, Finance Officer - Present

Charles Nations, Chaplain – Present

Gary Poplin, Judge Advocate – Present

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 – Present

Fourth Trustee Position - Vacant

Officers Present: 10

Other voting members present: 3

Clarence Baker

Willard Hampton

Ed Jones

Total voting members present 13

Guests Present: 2

SAL 0

AL Auxiliary 0

Total Present: 15

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

Guest introductions were called for. Guests present were Freddie Cotton, Commander of Love Field Post 453 who is running for District Vice-Commander and Jimmy McClendon, Vice-Commander of Love Field Post 453 who is running for District Sergeant at Arms.

Jim Swafford introduced a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes from November 2008 and to accept the minutes as published. Charles Nations seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried.

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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 Steve Kennedy, seconded by Jim Swafford. A vote was called and the motion carried.

Gary Smith presented the membership report due to the absence of S.A. LeJune. Currently 109 of the 2009 renewals have been received and are being processed, bringing the Post to approximately 60% 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.

Gary Poplin presented the Judge Advocate report. An executive Board meeting will be held on January 10, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. to discuss proposed changes to the Post Constitution and By-Laws.

Jerry Adams presented the Service Officer report, noting that he had nothing new to report but would try to increase his visits to the Dallas VA facility.

Pat McEnroe presented the trustee report. He stated that there is nothing new to report regarding the sale of the Post building.

Gary Smith presented the Webmaster report. Biographies from officers/trustees that are not currently on the website (Frank, Hawk, and S.A.) are still needed and are requested to be sent by E-mail to Gary Smith as soon as possible. The renewal of the website domain name is due and this will be taken care of by Pat Sansom and Gary Smith.

Building Manager Status Report – Jim Swafford presented the current status of the Post building. All tenants are presently current on their lease payments. The work needed on the front door will be taken care of sometime during December. Jim Swafford and Gary Smith will complete the remaining tile work either before Christmas or after New Year's Day. Jim noted that there is one window in the building that needs repair due to leakage.

Sick Call – No reports have been received.

Unfinished Business:

Card Society Night – The Card Society is no longer playing at Post 111. They have moved back to Post 81.

Wireless Internet – Gary Smith mentioned that there is now wireless internet access in the Post building but that it needs to be tested to see how well it works.

Christmas Potluck – This will be held on December 13<sup>th</sup> with set-up to begin at 11:00 a.m. and the meal beginning at 12:30 p.m. Those planning to attend are requested to RSVP by e-mail to Gary Smith. A donation of \$10 per person will be requested to help cover the cost of food and drink.

Fall Convention Notes – The oratorical competition will be held January 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at Post 453 with an inclement weather date of January 18<sup>th</sup>. Pat McEnroe will represent Post 111 at this event. The 1<sup>st</sup> District Convention will be held April 25 – 26 in Sherman, TX. Larry Mims will be a candidate for Division 1 Commander.

Post 511 New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance – This is currently scheduled for December 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

Official Status of Post 111 Auxiliary – The Post 111 Auxiliary Charter is o.k. and there has been some talk of reviving the Auxiliary but, as yet, no action has been taken.

Sons of the American Legion – Currently there are 14 members. The officers have not yet been certified but this should be taken care of soon. The SAL and Post 111 Commanders have been in contact with each other regarding the SAL status.

New Business:

No new business was brought to the table during this meeting.

For the Good of the Legion:

Freddie Cotton commented on the ongoing high quality of the oratorical competition.

The closing prayer was given by Charles Nations.

The colors were retired.

The Commander adjourned the meeting at 1936L.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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