

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

4 December, 2018

The regular meeting was called to order at 19:05 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---present
Chaplain, Charlie Nations---present
Service Officer, Johnny Lewis---present
Historian--vacant
Trustee Chairman (2016), Gary Poplin---absent
Trustee (2017), Pat McEnroe---present
Trustee (2018), Johnny Lewis---present

Officers present 5

Other voting members present 0

Total voting members present 5

Guests present: 1

- Pat Flores, Financial Consultant

SAL 1

- Ramon DeMaria, SAL Commander

Total present 7

Commander Jan Cloud conducted the opening ceremony. The Colors were posted and the opening prayer was recited by Chaplain 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 November 6, 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 30 Nov., 2018. Total current assets (checking and savings combined) are \$6,737.57. There are no outstanding liabilities. Total assets are \$247,959.22, a drop of \$13,417.37 from the last meeting, mainly due to the paving of the driveway.

Commander Jan Cloud offered an apology to the Post 111 membership for not following the by-laws procedure in spending \$15,000,00 without membership approval for the asphalt paving of our circular driveway and the 2 access lanes to the back area. A motion to accept the apology was made by Johnny Lewis and seconded by Pat McEnroe. The motion passed.

Pat Flores made a recommendation that SAL 111 furnish their financial reports to be included in the Post 111 IRS tax filing. Dept of Texas recommends this of all SAL squadrons. Sal Commander DeMaria said SAL 111 will comply.

A&B Delivery Service has paid the rent amounts due for previously delinquent months and is now current. The Next payment is due on 14 Dec. 2018.

A motion to accept the finance report as presented was made by Bob Betik and seconded by Johnny Lewis.

Membership Report: To date, 96 members have renewed their membership for 2019, and at 72.11% of goal. We have 39 members who have not yet renewed.

The National Commander has offered all posts an incentive of \$5 for each 2014, 2015, and 2016 currently suspended member if they restart their membership for 2019.

Bob Betik said that he could use some help in calling each member from each of the groups above.

Bob Betik asked the membership to remember, record, and turn in their hours of service at each future meeting for any and all volunteer work done in behalf of the AL. This information is to be entered on the CPR form and turned in for credit by June 1, 2019. This information is also used to help maintain our tax exempt status.

Adjutant Bob Betik and Financial Consultant Pat Flores attended the Adjutant Training Seminar hosted by Post 66 in Sulphur Springs, Texas on Sat, 1 Dec, 2018. The seminar was conducted by Bill West, Dept of Texas. The seminar was well organized the information presented was very helpful.

A motion was made by Johnny Lewis and seconded by Charlie Nations to accept the membership report as presented. The motion passed.

Judge Advocate Report: Vacant position.

Service Officer Report: Johnny Lewis reported that the Webinar hosted by the City of DeSoto on Sat., 10, Nov, 2018 at city hall was well received. He and his assistants were able to secure a table next to the table of US Congress Representative E.B. Johnson and next to the VA table. Brochures were given to the many inquiries.

Boys/Girls State Report: No report.

Oratorical Report: No report.

Jr. ROTC Report: No report.

Webmaster Report: No report.

SAL Report: Current membership roster is at 16. The SAL decorated the meeting hall for this Saturday's Christmas party.

AL Riders: Current membership is at 2 members.

Building Report: Exterior painting still need to be completed.
2 suites are up for rental.
Driveway and rear access lanes have been paved.

A discussion was initiated by Johnny Lewis to have the newly paved areas to be striped for parking and fire lanes. Parking spots and fire lanes cannot coexist in the same space. Striping for parking spaces requires mandatory handicapped spaces. It was determined that the most that could be done with the paved area would be to have white border stripes painted to keep the edges of the new asphalt from breaking off. The dumpster truck will help determine how much weight the edges of the asphalt can endure. Johnny said he could have the striping done at no charge to the Post.

Unfinished Business:

1. Purchase of a hand lawn mower has been cancelled.
2. Purchase/erection of a lawnmower shed for the lawn tractor needs has again been tabled. The current riding lawnmower is being stored in the meeting hall, as the door to the current shed is too narrow for the mower to be driven inside.
3. Virtual meeting capability still needs to be completed.

New Business:

1. Bob Betik made a motion to form an Executive Committee (EC), as required by the by-laws, for the approval of future expenditures of over \$500. The EC is composed of the officers of the Post and 2 members in good standing and that the policy be in effect immediately, and for the time being, consisting only of the officers of the post, until the 2 non-officer positions can be voted on. The motion was seconded by Charlie Nations. The motion passed.

2. Notice is hereby given that the 2 non-officer EC positions are to be voted on at the next regular meeting to be held on 5 February, 2019. (A minimum of 5 days notice to the membership prior to the election is required.) There will be no meeting in Jan. 2019.

3. Johnny Lewis brought up for discussion the idea to increase the regular monthly meetings from 1 to 2 times per month. It was determined that with the lack of membership participation in the current 1 meeting/month format and the formation of the Executive Committee for emergency situations, that the 1 meeting/month was adequate. Bob Betik again asked for help in contacting members who have not yet paid their 2019 dues and also contacting the suspended members from 2014, 15, 16, and 17. No motion was made to increase the number of meetings per month.

Sick Call:

Charlie Nations will receive a pain shot in his knees this month.

Jan Cloud's daughter Sky had minor surgery that removed the old drainage tubes from her ears. She is doing much better as her ears are no longer as sore.

Pat Flores granddaughter Amelia had facial surgery today. She is recovering and is in stable condition.

Pat McEnroe's back problems have alleviated and he is doing much better.

Bob Betik's cataract surgery has been postponed until 9 Jan, 2019.

For the Good Of the Legion:

1. Bob Betik checked out the cost of the Christmas Party. The price has gone up considerably, so our Commander, Jan Cloud has graciously volunteered to prepare the meal, with the help of the SAL and SAL Commander Ramon DeMaria.

2. Pat Flores reported that AFEES is now accepting membership from American Legion members, but only by creating and using an on-line account. There are many benefits, including tax exempt status and free delivery and set up on larger items.

3. Pat Flores drew the name of Fernando (David) Delgado, a recent transfer into Post 1 1, for the attendance jackpot of \$140. Mr. Delgado was not present to collect the prize; therefore, the jackpot prize increases to \$145 for the drawing to be held at the next regular meeting scheduled for 5 Feb., 2019.

4. Christmas Party this Sat., 8 Dec. from 1-3p.

Closing ceremonies were held and the meeting was adjourned at 20:44.

These meeting minutes were transcribed by Bo A. Betik, Adjutant, and approved by:

Commander, Jan Cloud _____ Date _____

Minutes approved by membership _____