

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

5 December 2007

Regular Meeting Called to Order at 1905L

Roll Call of Officers

Jeff Perkins, Commander – Present and Presiding
Gary Smith, Vice Commander – Present
Gary Poplin, Judge Advocate, Acting Adjutant – Present
Pat Sansom, Finance Officer - Present
 Jim Swafford - Sergeant at Arms – Excused
Jerry Adams, Acting Service Officer, Trustee - Present
 Historian Vacant
 Charles Nations, Chaplain – Excused
Pat McEnroe, Trustee – Present
Jim Beachler, Trustee – Present
Frank Brown, Trustee - Present

Officers Present:	8
Other voting members present:	
S.A. LeJune	
Charles Miller	
Shelly Williams	3
Total voting members present	11
Guests Present:	1
Justin Gifford, CHHSJROTC	
SAL	0
AL Auxiliary	0
Total Present:	12

Opening ceremonies were held. S.A. LeJune filled in for the Chaplain.

Cadet Commander Justin Gifford from the Cedar Hill AF JROTC presented a report on his Boys State trip. The report was well received. He also informed us that he has an excellent chance of being selected for an ROTC scholarship as well as an application to the Naval Academy.

The minutes from the October and November 2007 meeting were reviewed. LeJune introduced a motion that the minutes be approved as published without reading. Shelly Williams seconded the motion. Charles Miller objected and asked for the minutes, he reviewed them; a vote was called and the motion carried.

DEC was formally announced with dates of January 24-27, 2008 in Austin. Documents regarding the meeting were made available to all at the meeting. No formal action on DEC was taken. Representation from Post 111 will be worked out between the officers.

The minutes of the Trustee Meeting held on 3 December 2007 were presented in writing with the following action taken:

Motion to approve the minutes as recorded only was introduced by S.A. LeJune and seconded by Shelly Williams. The motion carried.

Motion to approve all of the actions taken by the trustees except and disapprove one item identified as item 4, which was to offer for lease suite 204 (the current post 111 administrative office) was introduced by Gary Poplin. Shelly Williams seconded the motion and the motion carried.

A discussion was held and S.A. LeJune introduced a motion to approve all of the trustee actions except item 4. Gary Poplin provided the second for the motion to approve items 1 thru 3 and the motion carried.

Gary Poplin introduced the motion that the trustee action item 4 not be approved and SA. LeJune voiced the second. Discussion was held. Gary Poplin, Judge Advocate offered an opinion that the decision regarding specific itemized management of the building should be an executive board or general membership issue, not a Trustee item. The subject known as item 4 was put before the general membership. Item 4, the offering of suite 204 for lease was put to a vote. The motion to disapprove item 4 was restated and the member who introduced the second agreed that because many felt it was too difficult to understand voting down an item. The vote resulted in a favorable vote to offer the legion office for lease with only the Acting Adjutant, Gary Poplin voting nay.

Member candidate Willie Dean Smith, Vietnam era Army veteran was presented for membership. Gary Poplin introduced the motion to accept the application and membership with the second voiced by SA LeJune. The motion carried.

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 Jerry Adams, seconded by Pat McEnroe. The motion carried. Adjutant Poplin informed the membership that the SAL had requested a financial report on the "Playhouse Project". Commander Perkins responded that he would provide the report at the next SAL meeting.

Commander Perkins provided some specific details on the upcoming Christmas Party/Dance which will be held with and at Post 511 on 8 December 2007. Printed notices were previously mailed and posted around the post. No official actions were required on the item.

Sick Call included an up date on Chaplin Charlie Nations. He is at home and recovering but called the post and informed the Adjutant he will need a ride to the VA Medical Center on 13 December for a heart procedure. The adjutant passed the specifics to Service Officer Jerry Adams after the meeting.

Members Jim Swafford and Clarence Baker both lost family members recently. Sgt-at-Arms Swafford was out of town for his family member's funeral. Commander Perkins asked Frank Brown about his brother and member William 'Hawk' Hawkins recovery progress. Frank reported that Hawk doesn't convey information regarding his health.

Adjutant Poplin had been asked to research the options for the toilet issue which caused the water damage event. He reported that the existing Crane brand rear flush toilets can not be modified. He reported that the recommendation from the plumbing supply was to replace them with 'flush valve' style toilets. American Standard is the only company producing rear mount flush valve toilets. The cost on the date of inquiry was \$307.50 each and do not include the valve which was priced at \$58.00. Shipping was estimated at \$100 for two with a 4 to 8 week delivery time. They will require a 1 inch water line supply to function. Pat Sansom introduced a motion to order two of the referenced toilets. Shelly Williams offered the second and the motion carried. The action on this item was subject to the research on the availability and access to the 1 inch water supply.

The Adjutant informed the membership that he had listed our 2 cemetery plots with an internet cemetery listing service, American Cemetery Property. The cost is \$79.00 for a year. We listed the properties at \$9300 for the pair and we can modify the price or the ad page at our will. No action required on this item at this time.

Adjutant Poplin provided a detailed report on the carpet issue in suite 104, Willie Dean Smith. The carpet company was called out and it was determined that the carpet in that suite, which was installed in August this year had been damaged. It was originally believed that a seam in the carpet had separated. This is not the case. The carpet tear was caused by the tenant. Following discussion a motion was introduced by SA LeJune and to not accept responsibility for the damage and not pay for the repairs. Shelly Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

Carpeting vacant suite, 205 was discussed at length and information on the cost was provided. Following the discussion, SA LeJune introduced the motion to carpet suite 205 and the stair case at the same time when suite 205 is leased. (The overage side of carpet from suite 205B can be used to provide product for about half of the stairway, saving money). Gary Smith seconded the motion and it carried.

Following the vote on the 205/stair carpet matter, observation and discussion indicated that the stairway carpet was in poor condition and presented a possible safety issue. The matter was readdressed as follows: Adjutant Poplin moved that the carpet for 205A/B and the stairway be done as soon as possible for safety and that suite 205 be sealed from legion use until it is leased. SA LeJune seconded the motion and it carried.

Adjutant Poplin reported that Donnie Bone is scheduled to stop by and confirm the price and schedule for the west window exterior repair.

Adjutant Poplin informed the service officer and all present that the Department and National information for the annual American Legion Consolidated Post Report (CPR) were available and that he had the information that would satisfy the requirements for Grant Requests to corporations to help with our Boys State and other programs. correspondence was presented.

Adjutant explained the format for DEC and who is obligated to attend.

Adjutant Poplin introduced a motion regarding the Board of Trustees (BOT). (That motion was introduced in writing and had previously been reviewed with the Chairman, BOT and is attached as addendum A). SA LeJune supported the motion with a second. A brief discussion followed and the motion carried.

Trustee Pat McEnroe introduced a motion that “we reinstitute a cleaning service for this building”. He provided his observation that the volunteer system is too much of a burden on too few. Commander presented the motion as “the post look at hiring a new cleaning crew”. Jerry Adams provided the second. Discussion followed and the motion carried.

//Adjutant’s note: The intent appears to be to take action, but does not provide specifics on who will hire, when it should occur. Cost parameters were not included in the discussion or the motion.//

Charlie Miller introduced a motion that the building be made non smoking. The motion received a second and carried. Members casting nay votes were S.A. LeJune, Shelly Williams, Gary Poplin. Jim Beachler abstained.

The Commander closed the meeting at we adjourned at 1955L

Closing ceremonies were held.

This meeting was taped and transcribed by Gary Poplin, Adjutant

Minutes approved by Jeff Perkins, Commander

_____Date: _____

Minutes approved by Membership: _____