



Sons of the American Legion Squadron 111

Cedar Hill, TX

General Membership Meeting

July 01, 2021 | 7:05 p.m.

I. Call to Order

The general membership meeting was called to order by Commander David Schneider at 7:05 p.m. at 952 N. Hwy 67 Suite 204, Cedar Hill, TX 75104.

II. Roll Call

1. Officers present for Roll Call: Commander David Schneider, 1st Vice Commander Richard Clements, Finance Officer / Sergeant at Arms Jan Cloud, Chaplain Ramon De Maria had an excused absence but joined the meeting via phone, and Adjutant David William Schneider. Officers with an excused absence: 2nd Vice Commander Thomas Dimsdale. No guests were present.
2. Colors were displayed by Jan Cloud.
3. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. Ramon De Maria led the opening prayer.
5. The POW / MIA flag was placed on an empty chair by the Sergeant at Arms, and a moment of silence was conducted.
6. The Preamble was recited. It was noted that there is an award for the Post that memorizes the Preamble.

III. Previous Minutes of the Last Meeting

There was first a motion to accept the past meeting minutes without reading. However, since we are unable to post meeting minutes online at this time David William Schneider read the previous meeting minutes from the last meeting on June 03, 2021. It was agreed upon that we will continue to read the previous minutes at each meeting until they can be posted online again. As a side note a physical copy of our meeting minutes will be left at Post 111 in the manilla folder marked Meeting Minutes.

In favor of approving: David Schneider, Richard Clements, Jan Cloud, Ramon De Maria, and David William Schneider

Against: None

IV. Financial Report

The current finances of SAL Post 111 is \$2,504.22.

In favor: David Schneider, Richard Clements, Jan Cloud, Ramon De Maria, and David William Schneider
Against: None

V. Sick Call

Please pray for:

1. Ramon De Maria's recovery from post eye surgery.
2. Charlie Nation's eyes.
3. Our Country, The United States of America, to get over the fear of the virus; that fear would no longer have a hold on people's lives.

VI. Old Business

1. Richard Clements had spoken to Pat Flores about the previous discrepancy of \$253.28. He was told that there isn't a discrepancy, that our finances were correct, and from now on to go by the bank statements. The most current bank statement wasn't received until after the meeting.
2. Concerning ideas and suggestions to raise money:
 - Ryan with Post 424 is having a very busy schedule, but could do the Blessing of the Bikes in October 2021. Teresa with Post 424 said she would also be glad to help. We would need at least two people to cook, someone to serve drinks, another to direct traffic, etc.

In favor of Blessing of the Bikes in October 2021: David Schneider, Richard Clements, Jan Cloud, Ramon De Maria, and David William Schneider.

Against: None

Note: We will need to coordinate with Post 424 to make sure we aren't holding the Blessings of the Bikes on the same weekend as their Carnival.

3. Based on the suggestion at the 5th District meeting of the importance of Post members coming together: The Sons of the American Legion Post 111 will hold an appreciation luncheon for the American Legion members of Post 111 Saturday, August 07, 2021 at noon. Jan Cloud will talk to the other members of the American Legion to confirm, and ideas will be finalized at the next meeting Thursday, August 05, 2021. At the moment the food idea is burgers, and fries.

In favor: David Schneider, Richard Clements, Jan Cloud, Ramon De Maria, and David William Schneider.

Against: None

Note to self: Still check into pricing for fajitas or something else so no one would have to cook and to make cleaning easier.

4. David William Schneider brought up the ideas of:
 - Asking for non-perishable food donations at the Blessing of the Bikes to donate to a food pantry, but was told that it could be done but we'd have to be careful doing it.
 - He then suggested doing a toy drive instead. Richard Clements reminded everyone that the Post had done a toy drive for the Shriners Hospital for Children before. David Schneider confirmed that Post

424 has done a toy run for the Shriners. Toy donations would have to be new only. David William Schneider will look into the details for toy donations to local children's hospitals.

- The last set of ideas were to update the American Legion / Sons of the American Legion Post 111 website. After it is updated to have a new updated sign made for the front that would include the web address. We have a lot of cars that pass by on the road to get to the highway, and on the highway. They may have passed the Post sign many times a week, but have no clue what the American Legion or SAL is. With a new sign that includes the Emblems to draw attention, and web address they may look online for information. David Schneider said he thought that we have a Facebook page. Ramon De Maria and David William Schneider confirmed that Post 111 does have a Facebook page, but it was last posted to in 2019. David Schneider suggested that we could post information about the Blessing of the Bikes or other future events there. David William is looking into information regarding updating the website.

Current website: www.post111.org

Current Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/110501568187/>

VII. New Business

Main Highlights of the 5th District Meeting at Post 424 on June 13, 2021 as it pertains to Post 111.

1. Membership Transmittals:

- MySAL.org (MyLegion.org) is live, but a work in progress.
- There are problems with membership transmittals through the website, and problems that will not allow you to fix an error without having to delete the file and start again.
- You can submit new membership or renewals online or through the mail. Mail was recommended for the time being.
- During the talk about membership transmittals Ramon De Maria reminded everyone that the start of collecting 2022 membership dues starts now.

2. Buddy Checks:

- It was stressed that it was important to take care of each other. This brought up "Buddy Checks".
- A Buddy Check is about calling other members to make sure that they and their families were okay.
- It's not about collecting dues or membership. The importance is to make sure that our veterans and other members were alright.
- Jan Cloud will get a list together of the Legion members and their contact information.

3. Americanism:

Examples of things that can be included under volunteer hours for Americanism:

- Meetings
- Meeting Minutes
- Travel to meetings
- District Meetings
- Conventions
- Cooking
- Flying Flags at home (12 hours per flag in the day, and 12 more hours a day if there is a light shining on it at night.)
- Wearing SAL badge
- Veteran Support
- Children & Youth (4 Pillar Youth Program)
- American Legion Rider Events

- Etc.

VIII. Adjournment

1. Ramon De Maria conducted the closing prayer.
2. The Sergeant at Arms Jan Cloud retired the Colors.
3. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. by Commander David schneider.