

Attending: Joanne Richards, Stewart Snider, Tanya Tussing, Teresa Taylor, Diane Owens, Dave Rawlins

- 1) Minutes from November 16, 2011 approved as amended by Tanya
- 2) Treasurer's report:
 

Balance Forward from FY 2010	\$ 330.68
Donations through 12/1/2011	1,583.43
Expenses	(1,649.42)
<b>Balance as of 12/1/2011</b>	<b>\$ 264.69</b>

- 3) Decision on 2012 meeting places and dates:

<i>Saturdays afternoons</i>	<i>Thursday evenings</i>
(Room Reservation 1:30-4:30)	come for dinner at 6:15
2 PM to 4 PM	7 PM to 9 PM
Carver Library	Jorge's Restaurant
1161 Angelina St. (512) 974-1010	2203 Hancock Rd. (512) 454-1980
January 7	January 19
February 4	February 16
March 3*	March 15
April 14	April 19
May 5	May 17
June 2*	June 14
September 8*	September 20
October 6	October 18
November 3	November 15
December 1*	

\* Future dates for Coffee Party Austin Book Club led by various CP Austin board members

- 4) Promotion of January 20<sup>th</sup> "Move To Amend" event:  
 It was agreed to fully participate in the demonstration at the Austin Federal Courthouse on anniversary of *Citizens United v. FEC* decision. Mike Ryan asked for our help in promoting this event. We agreed to do anything we can since Coffee Party USA agrees this a national cause.  
 CPA is taking action in several legislative and constitutional remedies to the issue of money in politics, including "Move To Amend", but we are genuinely interested in and committed to how members of the community feel about all solutions to this problem, including those we have yet to consider.
- 5) Social media activities: Tanya proposed a Facebook, Twitter and blog posting plan as follows:
 

Wed. Dec. 7	Texas Ethics Commission – Sunset Review	- Joanne
Wed/Thu Dec. 14/15	Lessig book discussion	-(Joanne draft) - Tanya
Wed/Thu Dec. 21/22	Move To Amend Organization	- Stewart
Wed/Thu Jan. 4/5	Corporate Human Rights Abuses	- Teresa
Wed/Thu Jan. 11/12	Coffee Party USA Update	- Diane
Wed/Thu Jan. 18/19	Move To Amend Courthouse Protest Jan. 20	- Dave

Diane asked for participation in Coffee Party USA initiative to host affiliates in national website and blog capable of doing ZIP code email blasts to encourage greater local participation.

- 6) Upcoming events that we have an opportunity to participate in:
  - a. from NAACP via an article in the Nov 9 issue of the AAS: NAACP will be coordinating a nationwide protest on Dec 10 against the Voter I.D. bill. Gary Bledsoe will let us know if something is organized in Austin.
  - b. from Gaye Kopas: she is planning to show Pricele\$\$ at her church. Will let us know when. January 29 at 11:45 is a confirmed date for the film showing at Unitarian Universalist Church on Grover.
  - c. from Gaye Kopas: suggesting a Walk for the Common Good that would end at a Democracy Fair with tables for various organizations e.g. Campaign Finance Reform; Move to Amend; Voter Registration; Dream Act; Voter ID and whatever else that fits including food etc. Stewart to contact Democracy Fair group about combining efforts for a Spring 2012 event.

- 7) Possible 2012 Speakers:  
Jan 7 – Joanne will contact Brian Roberts of UT Dept. of Govt. to talk about the Citizens United decision's effect on corporate funding of political campaigns.  
Jan. 19 – Stewart will ask Mike Ryan if his group would like to have a 'dress rehearsal' for the Move To Amend Courthouse Protest on Jan. 20.
- 8) Other Business:  
Tanya suggested we schedule a board retreat to plan 2012 goals and objectives. Joanne will send out a Doodle to find best time for either January 28<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup>.
- 9) Adjournment: meeting was adjourned at 4:04 PM