

at Blue Dahlia Cafe

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

- 1) Minutes from December 3, 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	<u>(1,649.42)</u>
Balance as of 12/1/2011	\$ 264.69

Un-posted receipts from December of \$25.00 and January of \$13.00

Recommended a 2012 Budget with Operating Fund and Project Fund expenditure categories
- 3) Joanne and Stewart are working with Mike Ryan of Move to Amend to propose a Resolution of the City of Austin City Council to adopt regarding Citizens United v. FEC decision.
- 4) Joanne agreed to post a draft agenda for planned Board Retreat of January 28th on Google Docs for all to suggest changes and/or additions.
- 5) Social media activities: Tanya proposed a Facebook, Twitter and blog posting plan as follows:

Wed/Thu Jan. 4/5	Corporate Human Rights Abuses	- Teresa
Wed/Thu Jan. 11/12	Recap of Brian Roberts Presentation	- Stewart
Wed/Thu Jan. 18/19	Move To Amend Courthouse Protest Jan. 20	- Dave
Wed/Thu Jan. 25/26	Coffee Party USA Update	- Diane
Wed/Thu Feb. 1 st /2 nd	Brian Roberts Positions/Questions	- Joanne

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 Gaye Kopas: she is planning to show Pricele\$\$ at these churches:
 - January 29 at 11:45 AM at First Unitarian Universalist Church on Grover.
 - February 26 at 9:30 PM at St Andrews Presbyterian Church
 - b. 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:
 - Feb. 4 - Joanne will contact Brian Roberts of UT Dept. of Govt. to return to talk about the Citizens United decision's effect on corporate funding of political campaigns questions unanswered
 - Feb. 16 - Stewart will ask Ken Ripperger-Suhler if he would speak about Democracy Fest
 - Mar. 3 - Tanya will check with Marilyn Schramm if she will lead Book Club discussion on "Winner Takes All"
- 8) Other Business:

Another possible 2012 speaker is Linda Curtis of Independent Texans to be asked for a future date.
- 9) Adjournment: meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM