

at Blue Dahlia Cafe convened at 4:35 PM

Attending: Joanne Richards, Stewart Snider, Tanya Tussing, Teresa Taylor, Diane Owens, Dave Rawlins, Mike Ignatowski, Eric Byler

- 1) Minutes from Jan. 7th 2012 moved by Diane, seconded by Teresa and approved unanimously.
Notes from Jan. 28th Retreat moved by Stewart, seconded by Mike and approved unanimously

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, January of \$13.00 and \$10, February of \$72 with reimbursement due to Mike of \$70 for [Meetup](#) registration costs giving us a **projected balance of \$314.69.**

Recommended a 2012 Budget with Operating Fund and Project Fund expenditure categories

3) 2012 Communications Game Plan:

Tanya agreed to provide detailed plan for March board meeting including, but not limited to:

- 1) Periodic newsletter to increase engagement with;
- 2) Links to Coffee Party Austin blog; plus a
- 3) Subscribe link to Coffee Party USA newsletter

4) Coffee Party Austin Board Retreat To-do List:

- [Mike and Dave](#): Design a Coffee Party Austin principles template that we can use to “score” candidates. Mike will contact Coffee Party USA team developing standard report card. Due on Labor Day. Some subjects are:
 - Selective photo ID Bill
 - Dream Act
 - Fair Elections Now Act
 - Sen. Wentworth’s bill to create a Redistricting Commission
- [Mike and Dave](#): Write two questions that we can ask every candidate in person
- [Mike](#): going to see if his church would allow us to show **Pricele\$\$**
- [Mike](#): set up Bill Moyers Discussion Meetup **DONE**
- [Teresa](#): agreed to draft wording for Bill Moyers Discussion Meetup - **DONE**
- [Stewart](#): to inform us about Sunset Review of Texas Ethics Commission in April
- [Tanya](#): Facebook and Twitter postings once/day; [Mike](#) will repost to his email list

5) Posting of announcements:

proofreaders: Teresa for Constant Contact announcements; Ham for calendar (and blog) posts

place	who’s responsible
Coffee Party Austin google calendar	Joanne
Coffee Party USA events calendar	Diane
FUUC Public Forum email list	Joanne
Women for Good Government	Joanne
Third Coast through Bob Jensen	Joanne
FB Join Coffee Party Austin	Tanya
FB Coffee Party Texas	Tanya

6) Who will volunteer to submit a blog posts this month:

- Feb. 8/9: [Stewart](#) to post on Craig’s presentation; Teresa on immigration issue
- Feb. 14/15: [Mike or Teresa](#) post on Bill Moyers Discussion Meetup
- Feb. 22/23: [Joanne](#) post on Supreme Court decisions leading up to Citizens United
- Feb. 29/Mar. 1 [Dave](#) on Book Club selection **Winner Take All Politics**

7) 2012 Meeting Dates:

January 7: Brian Roberts, UT Dept of Govt. History of Campaign Finance Regulation.	January 19 Mike Ryan about Austin Move to Amend “ Occupy the Courts ” protest
February 4: Craig McDonald	February 16 Bill Moyers Discussion Meetup
March 3: Book Club: Winner Take all Politics discussion moderated by Ralph Bussard	March 15 Bill Moyers Discussion Meetup
April 14:??	April 19
May 5: Democracy Fest	May 17
June 2: Book club discussion: Lessig’s solutions	June 14
September 8: Book club discussion:	September 20
October 6	October 18
November 3	November 15
December 1: Book club discussion	

*Coffee Party Austin Book Club discussion

8) Other Business:

Cindy Merchant declined opportunity to be Board Member, but agreed to be Event Coordinator

Eric Byler discussed his view of Coffee Party USA role with affiliate chapters: to provide training in organizing; possible revenue-sharing; Austin becomes model chapter

9) Adjournment: meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM