



**BOD Meeting Minutes**  
**Oct. 20, 2014, 7:00 - 8:45**  
**Cafe Express restaurant**

In attendance: Joanne, Stewart, Dan, Teresa, Dave; plus non-board members: Ham, Vik.

We welcomed Vik Vad who is considering joining the board of CG4TX. Diane could not attend, so we had no treasurer's report.

Treasurer's late report: As of 10/21/14 we have \$347.57 in the bank.

1. Update on the ThinkVoting App.

Stewart let us know that ThinkVoting has submitted their app for Apple's approval; the Android version is coming soon and since there's no approval required, both may be available at about the same time.

2. Planning for Upcoming Meetings.

We'll have the ThinkVoting guys update us on their app at our Nov. 1 meeting. For December, the library is not available so we plan on doing a retreat then. For January, we'll have another "across the political spectrum" conversation, on corruption. Q: What is corruption in a political context? To have an expert for the panel discussion, Joanne will contact Sandy Levinson, Celia Israel's chief of staff, or Brian Roberts or Peck Young (in that order). He will provide a survey of the field. Teresa suggested broadening the panel beyond political parties to organizations that have been impacted by "corruption" - people like Bob Libal with Grassroots Leadership and someone from the Workers Defense Project.

Beyond January we did not plan. Our 2015 meeting dates:

- Jan. 10
- Feb. 7
- Mar. 7
- Apr. 4
- May 2
- Jun 13
- July -- no meeting
- August -- no meeting
- Sept. 12
- Oct. 3
- Nov. 7
- Dec. 5 -- the library is not available.

We will hold our annual retreat in December at a more comfortable location.

3. Pay 2 Play screening.

- We'd like to have a public screening of Pay 2 Play on Wed. Jan. 21, the anniversary of Citizens United. Possibly at the Arbor, or the Alamo on Slaughter Lane or at the Village. Or perhaps at a church. Or maybe Chez Zee. Joanne is hoping to find out more from Dallas people about how to screen it, and what resolution should be used. Co-sponsors for this event would include Texans for Public Justice, MoveOn, Wolf-PAC, TX-PIRG, the League of Women Voters, and CG4TX.

#### 4. Changing our Facebook page banner.

- Vik pointed out that depicting an anti-Perry protester in our FB page banner photo would likely turn off Republicans and conservatives, and limit our opportunities to engage with a more diverse audience. Ham presented some alternatives showing people at our conversations. We agreed to substitute one of these for the current banner.

#### 5. Blog postings & email messages.

- Joanne will post soon the written answers to the 3 questions sent to TCCC candidates ahead of the candidate forum we hosted.
- Dan will be able to link to this post and also promote the Nov. meeting, in the next email message.
- We may also soon have a blog post concerning the Austin Fair Campaign Contract, which was co-authored by Brigid Shea a long time ago and subsequently “bastardized” so that no one can make sense of it. It would be nice to get candidates to pledge to rewrite it.

#### 6. Texas Forward.

- Texas Forward asked for our endorsement. Their focus is on state budget issues. While most of us generally agree with their agenda, it is quite different from our focus areas of campaign finance reform, judicial selection reform, and electoral reform. We therefore decided not to approve their request.

#### 7. White papers.

- Our planned white papers on disclosure & expenditures and district-drawing without gerrymandering are still in progress.