



**Board of Directors Minutes  
January 18, 2015; 3:00-5:00  
Cafe Express, N. Lamar Blvd.**

**Attendees**

Joanne, Diane, Teresa, Mary, Vik, Dan.

**Treasurer's report**

Nothing new. We have \$357.57 in the bank.

**Update on "Pay 2 Play" movie**

The Jan. 21 showing is expected to sell out, so we may have some revenue. We will send out an email promoting the event tomorrow.

**Electing officers**

The board recently lost Stewart, who was VP, along w. Dave. We have gained Vik and Mary. All other currently serving officers were re-elected unanimously:

- President: Joanne Richards
- Secretary: Dan Eckam
- Treasurer: Diane Owens

**Board membership ideas**

We talked about approaching a few people about joining us, either at our meetings or on the board. We considered connecting with LWV, PODER, LULAC, the Urban League, and Links in Action to find potential members. Diane will check the sign-in sheets she still has to see if anyone stands out as a consistent attendee who we might approach.

**Planning upcoming general meetings**

● **Feb. 7:**

Should we invite the Austin delegation to the TX House and Senate?  
Should we ask the LWVAA to co-host?

Elliott Naishtat – Mary's Rep  
Dawna Dukes - Mary  
Donna Howard Joanne's Rep  
Kirk Watson - Joanne's Senator

Celia Israel - Theresa's Rep  
Eddie Rodriguez - Dan's Rep  
Paul Workman Vik's Rep

**Each of us** will contact one legislator and follow up with them or their COS.  
Dan will compose an email template for us to use when contacting reps.

- **Mar. 7:** We're thinking of a panel discussion on the Austin Fair Campaign contract, which was authored by Brigid Shea and others a long time ago but has lost some of its value since originally being passed. We'll invite Shea, Fred Lewis, Jason Meeker (10), Jimmy Flannigan (6), Tina Canon (10) and Greg Casar (4). [We could add Dan Buda district 5]
- **April 4:** is actually the day before Easter and 1st day of Passover, so we may skip it.
- **May 2:** will be the rescheduled date for our panel discussion, "What Is Corruption?"  
 Moderator: Mike Ignatowski  
 Expert to summarize the state of the topic: Sanford Levinson  
 Round table discussant recommendations??  
 Kurt Hildebrand (L)  
 Roger Borgelt (R)  
 James Dickey (R)      David Thomas (D) never responded to email  
 Jan Soifer (D)         Bob Libal never responded to email

Theresa commented: To attract a wider audience we should provide programming of interest to that audience. Our focus is somewhat narrow. Could we have a panel discussion about the relationship between money in politics, immigration and the private prison system? Speaker suggestons: Barbara Hines (UT-law), Bob Libal (grassroots Leadership) and Alejandro Carceres (AIRC).

### Coalition updates

- Texas Fair Courts Network: The interim committee on Judicial Selection did not hold a public hearing but the interim committee on Ethics did - Sen. Joan Huffman chairs both committees. Joanne and others testified at the ethics hearing. We were assured by Sen. Huffman that judicial selection will be a topic either in the 84th lege session or the 2015 interim session.
- Texans United to Amend: our next milestone is a resolution by the Travis county commissioners court.
- new Anti-Corruption Coalition
- new coalition w. Brigid Shea, Fred Lewis(?) to revisit the Austin Fair Campaign Contract

### White paper updates

Dan is working on a paper about electoral college reform; expects to finish first draft soon & will share with the board for feedback, then we can use it to jump-start a panel discussion in the future. We think it would be interesting to do before & after polling about this subject.