



**Board of Directors Minutes
May 9, 2015, 2:00-4:00 PM
at Joanne's house**

Attendees

Board members present: Joanne, Diane, Mary, Dan. Non-board members: Vik Vad.
Board members absent: Teresa

Treasurer's report

We made \$10 since the last board meeting. Our balance is now \$1228.57.

June 6 and Sept. 5 meeting plans

For our June meeting, we decided to invite Dana DeBeauvoir (or if not available, someone from her office) to speak to us about their experience with new photo voter ID laws in last November's election, and/or about the STAR Vote system they've been working on (see <https://www.texastribune.org/2014/07/09/travis-county-forges-new-territory-voting-machines/>)

For September (or October depending on scheduling), we plan to have a panel discussion on electoral college reform. Joanne will send invitations after the white paper is published in the next few days. Considering Sandy Levinson, Brian Roberts, Jim Henson, Lou McCreary(?) with Mike Ignatowski as moderator.

Dan is making some final changes to the white paper. Will add TOC links and post to blog soon.

Coalitions: TACC

We spent time talking about the various bills we've been tracking in the TX legislature, including HB 2088 on studying judicial selection (seems to be moving forward); HB 76 for online voter registration (going nowhere); HCR 49, HJR 146 for an amendment on money in politics (going nowhere); and HB 464 to add filing fees for third parties -- which has been stopped, apparently, with appreciation from the Libertarians.

Vik Vad on the new courthouse commission

Vik is serving on a new commission appointed by the county commissioners to present to the voters a new bond proposal for a new county courthouse located downtown at 3rd St. and Guadalupe. We'd like to have a meeting to discuss this project and perhaps other ballot questions in October (or Sept. depending on scheduling).

Recruiting more board members

We still need more political diversity on the board, and other kinds of diversity. Vik is officially FOB (friend of the board) and we hope he will rejoin.

We talked about a few other people who might want to join or might recommend others to join the board, but it was all speculative. Joanne will contact them to gauge their interest:

- Nick Savelli with TFN for a student leader
- Roger Borgelt (R)
- Kurt Hildebrand (L)

Vik also mentioned [Greenlights.org](https://www.greenlights.org) which could help us expand. Joanne will check into it.