



**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2017, 2:00-4:00 PM
at Joanne's house**

Attendees:

Joanne Richards (president)
Diane Owens (treasurer)
Saundra Ragona (board member)
Naiman Rigby (minute taker)

Discussion items:

1. Minutes approved. We confirmed that the minutes of our last meeting were approved by the board via email.

2. Treasurer's report. Current balance: \$1055.98.

3. Report on Yarborough Library closure, NPVIC progress, Integrity Texas:

- **Yarborough Library** renovation has been postponed until September at the earliest.
Confirmed dates: February 4, March 4, April 1, May 6, June 3
- **NPVIC** has been filed and has a bill # = HB 496 filed by Rep. Ina Minjarez from San Antonio. Dan and Joanne have spoken with 11 Representatives and 3 Senators thus far. We are scheduling appointments with 4 Republican representatives and pursuing joint authorship on HB 496 with Reps. Richard Raymond (D-Laredo) and Celia Israel (D-Austin) plus 2 Republican representatives. Action items include:
 - Drafting an OpEd for newspapers in populated areas of the state
 - Emailing those who are on the cg4tx and NPVIC mailing lists
 - Emailing the heads of organizations that are supporting NPVIC bill
- **Integrity Texas** steering committee meets Tuesday, January 17. Integrity Texas has the beginnings of a [website](#).

4. February 4 general meeting: What are the hopes, concerns and fears of our immigrant community? We agreed to invite representatives from Texas Here To Stay (Megan Sheffield is confirmed); Casa Marianella (Sarah Woelk is confirmed); Immigration and Customs Enforcement or ICE (waiting to hear); and Naiman will contact Elaine Cohen with the immigrant community (Elaine Cohen will confirm for Hilda) to participate on a panel.

5. March 4 general meeting: The Art of Persuasion in Partisan Environments. We would like speakers to discuss their success in spreading their message in political environments in a non-partisan way. We agreed to invite Dr. Art Markman (Two Guys on Your Head), Citizens Climate Lobby (Anna

Graybeal is confirmed); Diane Miller or Vicki Totten from the civil deliberation community to participate on a panel.

6. Potential topics for general meetings on April 1, May 6 or June 3

- What do we do leading up to 2021 redistricting to ensure the creation of equitable legitimate districts? Ask Donna Howard and other legislators to discuss their bills calling for a Citizens Redistricting Commission.
- see what emerges from Integrity Texas
- explore Take Back Our Republic, a conservative group interested in campaign finance reform.

7. Explore what is expected of us if we agree to **sponsor a community conversation on safety and justice** with Civil Collaboration and the Kettering Foundation National Issues Forum using their forum guide.