



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
April 1, 2017, 4:30-6:00 PM
at Char's house

Attendees:

Joanne Richards (president)
Diane Owens (treasurer)
Dan Eckam (secretary)
Char Dison (board member)
Naiman Rigby (board member)

Discussion items:

1. Minutes approved. We confirmed approving, by email, the minutes of our last board meeting on March 4.

2. Treasurer's report. Emailed from Diane to Dan after the meeting: Our current balance is \$1120.96.

3. Discussing options for our May 6 meeting:

Joanne asked the group who would be best to get as panelists for the meeting "Balancing Power Between the Feds, State, and Local: Where Do we Belong?" What are the implications at the different levels of government?

- option 1: (elected officials -- gives us a lot of people to ask)
- option 2: Public Citizen, Denton representative, someone from academia, ...
- option 3: combination of options 1 & 2
- philosophical or pragmatic?
- Gina Hinojosa b/c of her experience w. schools; Greg Casar? Sarah Eckhardt? Sierra Club?

4. Discussing our June 3 meeting:

- Tentatively planning to review the TX legislative session. Potential analysts -- KUT, Tribune, Observer, ... Texas Monthly? Questions for panelists: What changed? What stayed the same? etc.

5. May 6 meeting note:

Round Rock school district is having elections on this day. Joanne may have to act as an election judge. If so, Dan will run the meeting.

6. Discussing additional meeting ideas:

- W. Austin vs. E. Austin? District reactions to CodeNEXT? Imagine Austin? How do we balance competing interests?
- Represent.us? Their Tallahassee model?

7. Q: When should we have board meetings?

We decided we generally prefer Saturdays over Sundays. Mixed opinions about whether to have the board meet the same day as our general meeting, or on a different Saturday. Joanne will create a Doodle poll for the next few meetings to see what is the best Saturday and the best time.

8. Update about our new bookmark:

Stewart has been sent the text. We expect to have the final design by the end of April.

