



BOD Meeting Minutes
June 20, 2014; 7:00-8:30
La Madeleine restaurant

In attendance: Joanne, Stewart, Diane, Teresa, Dan.

1. Treasurer's Report.

Diane reported that we received \$7 at the last general meeting. Our balance is now \$384.57. Our franchise tax, due on May 15, was filed on time.

2. Update on Web Design.

Dan reported on recent restructuring of the website. We discussed options for our "Other Organizations" page. We decided:

- Dan will add some text about our two main involvements (TUTA and the Texas Fair Courts Network) in the "About" section, as necessary.
- Joanne will consider what reorganization or editing may be needed on the "Other Organizations" page.

3. Update on the ThinkVoting App.

Stewart reported that ThinkVoting's fundraising effort failed to meet its goal. He has not heard from the founders since then.

4. Review of Spring 2014 Events.

We agreed that our spring events were successful, with good speakers and illuminating, across-the-political-spectrum conversations. Lessons learned:

- We should make sure the issues are well-introduced before diving into the conversation.
- Keeping political affiliations a "secret" until the end was fun in Lago Vista, but too gimmicky to continue.
- We want to continue involving representatives of each major party, as well as smaller parties and independents.

5. Review of White Paper on Voting Systems.

Dan reported that a friend is in the process of copy editing the paper. He hopes to have it finalized in the next 1-2 weeks. At the end of the meeting, it was agreed that once the copy editing was complete, he should go ahead and publish the paper.

6. Fall 2014 Plans.

a. Sept. 6 meeting - We want to have another transpartisan discussion about redistricting -- hopefully with Craig Tounget, executive director of Austin's recent redistricting, introducing the issue. Mike Ig could be the

moderator for this conversation. We also hope to convince Jeff Wentworth to participate (as a Republican).
Need to find more participants.

- Teresa will contact the Workers Defense Fund.
- Stewart will contact MALDEF.
- Joanne will contact
 - Bill Stout of a Green Party
 - Roger Borgelt, Vik Vad and Nick Tanner of the Republican Party
 - John Courage, Jim Wick and Lily Vela of the Democratic Party
 - Arthur DiBianca and Kurt Hildebrand of the Libertarian Party
- We can adapt the ABA paper on redistricting (circulated by Joanne in email) as a handout for the meeting.

b. October meeting - We hope to have another candidate forum for the Travis County Commissioners Court election (following up on our February meeting). It's not feasible to have a forum for all 10 districts in the city council race. But we will spread the word about individual district forums.

c. Outreach - Joanne reported that Ralph accepted the invitation to be a blogger, but has been too busy to write one yet. We'd like to have more bloggers. We discussed the content for our next 2 "mid-month" emails:

- In the next couple of days, we'll send out another message about Lawrence Lessig's Mayday PAC, whose campaign to raise \$5 million ends on July 4.
- Sometime in July, it would be a good time to ask for prospective bloggers and board members.