



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

Attendees:

Joanne Richards (president)
Dan Eckam (secretary)
Saundra Ragona (board member)
Naiman Rigby (board member)
Mike Ignatowski

Discussion items:

1. Minutes approved. We confirmed approving, by email, the minutes of our last board meeting on June 17.

2. Treasurer's report.

No changes since last meeting. Current balance is \$994.28.

3. New technology.

We'll have access to Joanne's webcam soon, and will use it to record our general meetings. Possibly later we'll also live-stream them.

- Idea: ask Trib Talks about whether live-streaming affects attendance.

4. Activism updates.

- **NPVIC rally** (Dan): The March for Democracy has been cancelled. The main national event in DC was cancelled because the Nat'l. Park Service inadvertently double-booked the venue; the other sister marches were then also cancelled.
- **Texas Fair Courts** (Joanne): Joanne will contact Sen. Justin Rodriguez to ask about next steps for the interim study on judicial selection.

5. Programming notes.

- Sept. 9 meeting (on institutional racism & systemic inequities): should we come up w. some questions in advance? The group consensus: no, leave it up to them & the moderator (Mike).
- Oct. 7 meeting (CodeNEXT): Flannigan and Mueller are in; will invite Jeffrey Trevillian.
- Nov. 4 meeting idea: debate on the school bond to be voted on 3 days later?

6. Library reservations.

- We intend to reserve Yarborough library for spring 2018. Not sure when it'll be closing for renovations, so we may need to go elsewhere for that fall.

7. Board recruiting.

We expect Mike to join the board this fall; would like to add one more. So let's keep our eyes & ears open out there!

8. Future meeting ideas (brainstorming).

- Discussion about Naomi Klein's new book (No Is Not Enough)? What are the implications to Texas of Hurricane Harvey?
- Discussion about "PC culture" vs. free speech. Robert Jensen(?) vs. someone from the ACLU? Or perhaps vs. Daniel Bonevac (mentioned by Dan as a UT professor who modified his curriculum in response to contemporary sensitivities).