Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2018, 2:00-4:00 PM
at Char’s house

Attendees:
● Joanne Richards (president)
● Dan Eckam (secretary)
● Char Dison (board member)
● Mike Ignatowski (board member)

Discussion items:
1. **Minutes.** Minutes from our 2/10/18 meeting were approved.

2. **Treasurer update.** Our current balance is $1035.28.

3. **Activism updates.**
   ○ **Democracy Dollars** program: the ATX Charter Review Commission will soon meet to vote on the Democracy Dollars voucher program. The city council needs to approve putting it on the ballot, then the voters will vote on it. Represent.us is interested in helping. The program’s estimated cost is $1.5 million per year -- out of $3.9 billion city budget. Four $25 vouchers will be given to people eligible to vote; two can be used for their district candidates and two can be used for mayoral candidates.
   ○ The **Census 2020** workshop is taking shape. Panel will be at Huston-Tillotson, 9am to 12 noon -- September 15, 2018. It’ll be targeted primarily at heads of organizations to help them educate their members about the importance of having an accurate census count.
   ○ We’ve been invited by Ed Espinoza to endorse and participate in Progress Texas's 5K run on May 12. Consensus decision: we won’t participate because we are non-partisan and this event (along with Progress Texas) is partisan.
   ○ Joanne updated us on the activities of the **Fair Maps Texas** group. They are trying to nail down principles (IRC or ICRC?); the working group is working on legislation. About 7 different bills are being considered.

4. **Programming discussion.** We reviewed our plans for upcoming months:
   ○ Our May panel discussion on criminal justice reform is lined up, with four panelists.
   ○ Dan is working on lining up panelists for the June 9 meeting about freedom of speech. We have one panelist, conservative writer Mark Pulliam. Dan will get in touch with the administration of Texas State University to see if their president or someone else would be interested.
   ○ We brainstormed for a few minutes about October and November meetings, but made no decisions.
5. **Discussion.** We talked about how to attract more millennials and a more ethnically diverse crowd. We considered some alternative venues such as UT and Spider House. Char will call Spider House and find out how much it would cost to rent their ballroom. The group expressed a general preference for Yarborough (when it re-opens) over the Old Quarry branch library.

### Summary of planned meetings:

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