

Board Meeting Minutes

December 3, 2011, Called to order at 7:00 PM

Board Members Present:

- X Chris Voss, President
- X Kathryn Baecht, Secretary
- X Don Brennecke, Treasurer
- X Alan Richard, President Elect
- Cathy Cox, Board Member (2 year)
- Micki Wright, Board Member (2 year)
- X Scott Lipsett, Past President, Board Member (1 year)
- Nathan Melson, Past President
- X Paula Brennecke, Guest
- X Faye Wedell, Board Member (1 year)
- Judy Russell, Board Member (2 years)

Treasurer's Report: Don reported that our total assets are \$671 (including a petty cash balance of \$100). We still owe \$493 to Don and Paula.

Secretary's Report: Kathryn will email.

Films & Forums-*Gasland* Postmortem:

It was agreed that the event went well. There were 30-35 guests in attendance. We received \$43 in donations, which we agreed to send to the producers of *Gasland* for allowing us to show the movie. Everyone was very impressed with the speech that Penny Jordon gave.

Chris will contact Chantal about getting copies of the videotapes from her so he can edit some footage for the website.

Fracking—Next Steps:

There was a discussion of how to move forward. It was agreed that we will make attempts to reach out to other groups to continue to try to raise awareness. We identified different groups and people to reach out to, and then divided up the list.

Chris also agreed to begin to send out a short weekly email to the CORE email list to make sure we continue to reach out to our members and to the people who came to *Gasland* and gave their email address.

It was decided not to approach any local governments until we have a more cohesive strategy. There was discussion of problems certain cities have had with lawsuits when they have attempted to ban fracking. We will do more outreach and then we will have a planning meeting so we can put together a solid strategy.

Faye reported that Judy talked to some people who live near the Red River in Fannin County who had been considering allowing drilling on their property. They changed their mind after they did not like how the company was dealing with them.

Bonham Community Garden:

Chris reported that there is now water hook-up at the garden site. Chris will make a list of seed companies to contact about getting free seeds for the community garden.

Scott agreed to call about getting the garden tilled again.

Keystone XL:

Paula agreed to contact Harlan to find out the latest news on the Keystone XL.

Other:

Paula brought a brochure that was sent to her from the group Resist and suggested that we consider writing to them for a grant.

Respectfully submitted: _____
Kathryn Baecht, Secretary