

Minutes of Indian Hill Community Group  
of  
The Cincinnati Tea Party

September 22, 2009

In attendance: Jack Painter, Jim Linz, Susan Wisner, Rene Robichaud.

Highlights of discussion:

- We now have fourteen members. Not a bad start!! Several were out of town or committed to other events this evening. Mike O'Brien is recovering from the flu.
- Jack reported on the Taste of Blue Ash booth he helped man for the CTP and the VOA Rally. We want to hear from Mia on her trip to Washington for the rally there.
- General vision
  - We want to be a network that can come together on individual projects and events as needed.
  - We'd like to increase our size to 50 members initially.
  - The idea is that people will get involved where they have an interest.
  - This should be fun and not a chore.
  - We can recruit from Indian Hill and surrounding areas.
  - It will be important to maintain links to other local groups, like the Madeira group.
  - We will have short-term projects focused on stopping some of Obama's plans and electing like-minded people next November, but we also want to plant the seeds for more long-term projects, such as activities that help educate people and change public opinion.
  - We can see some tangible results from our efforts so far.
    - Financial support for the VOA rally
    - Attendance at the Taste of Blue Ash, VOA rally, and D.C. rally
    - A growing membership in our group
    - Signs that small actions make a difference – just tonight, Susan distributed a link to a health reform web site, and Rene has already used that site to send two letters to our elected federal officials.
- Initial projects/activities under discussion:
  - Jim Linz will attempt to recruit some additional members from his like-minded friends and associates. Jim will move towards setting up a web site for our group. He'll contact one or more of the other local groups to see what they've learned in doing that.
  - Jack Painter plans to write an editorial for the Cincinnati Enquirer on a topic of interest. He'll contact other members with some topics to see what they recommend and may circulate a draft for comment. Jack thinks we should have the capability as a group to put literature in mailboxes to support our views. He is also interested in organizing a presence at the

Indian Hill July 4 event – maybe a booth to promote the group and the CTP.

- Susan Wisner might want to host a fund raiser for Rob Portman and will solicit interest from the group.
- Rene Robichaud has limited interest in the fund raising part but would be interested in distributing literature and will continue to pass along information to his network of 50 or so friends who have an interest in public policy issues.
- At this point, we will not schedule regular monthly meetings but will meet when the need arises.
- Let's keep up the email communication among our group. That's a key way to see what interests the group and what doesn't and to pass along useful information.

Jack