

The Memphis TEA Party

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From the desk of:

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Chairman
The Memphis TEA Party

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- July 2, 2009 Patriot TEA Party Event Agenda
- Call for Nominations of Officers and Committee Heads of The Memphis TEA Party

First, I would like to thank everyone who has participated in our weekly conference calls since initiating the formation and development of The Memphis TEA Party organization. Your help, input and ideas have been valuable in crafting the organization's overarching strategy, mission, goals and objectives while at the same time refining "why we are here".

The work done by a purely volunteer group of people and the continued interest and support of our organization demonstrates that people are committed to fiscal responsibility by their legislators and a smaller, less invasive government. This libertarian ideal has allowed us to move beyond simple party affiliations and share the ideas of individualism and action that make America great.

Yet I also felt compelled to share a perspective which also motivates my own actions and that of many of the people who consider this nation and its rich history. To be sure, the work has only begun and the need for assistance and service is clear. However, one of my favorite Scripture verses from the book of Matthew reads;

I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."

It is my unrelenting faith in God and the incredible people of this nation that has allowed me to persevere in the belief that we can overcome the challenges facing our nation through our choices and our actions! Without question our forefathers called upon God repeatedly to direct their actions, animate their behaviors and guide the principles upon which they set this nation's course.

Today, our country no longer finds that God is convenient to that motivation and our leadership relies upon their aptitude and their own pride in making decisions that affect the people of this country. That is not to say that one must believe in God to be an American, however, the historical context of how and why we came to be as a country was supremely guided by His hand in the minds and hearts of those founders. Every state in the nation has a constitution that honors the Creator or God directly in the formation of that state.

I offer this not as a treatise on God and faith but on what seems to be man's inability to govern himself absent the acknowledgement of God in that society. In fact, William Penn noted that;

"Those people who will not be governed by God will be ruled by tyrants."

So as we go about our business and develop this organization, I ask, whatever your beliefs, to reflect on the founding fathers of this nation, our states and our own actions and I request that you pray for guidance in all we undertake. I fully respect one's right to believe otherwise, but for me, I pray that God will guide my words, my actions and our efforts towards a result that honors His will and that of the people of this nation.

Thanks for listening and now on to the business!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark A. Stoba". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Minutes of June 2, 2009 Conference Call

Review of Old Business & Previous Minutes:

We reviewed old business which primarily revolved around the confirmation of the Mission, Goals & Objectives and the By-Laws of the organization. Discussion centered on the Bill of Federalism and how a constitutional amendment would drive our strategic vision while at the same time animate those actions that support the amendments enumerated in the document.

Final approval was agreed on the published Mission, Goals & Objectives and By-Laws of the organization without further comment.

Review of the press release was discussed along with the need to generate awareness at everyone's Facebook page, email lists and other communication. The Press release (copy enclosed) had been distributed to the major news agencies in the Memphis area to include the press, radio and television news stations as well as several political organizations.

Reporting also included an update of the activities for the July 2, 2009 event which has been confirmed at Audubon Park in Memphis. The itinerary is as follows:

- Pre-opening Music - Audio CD
- Opening Welcome by Mark Skoda
- Color Guard
- National Anthem - Sung by Bethany Paige
- Delta Blue - live music
- First Speech - TBD
- Second Speech - TBD
- Kevin & Bethany Paige Band - live music
- Third Speech - TBD
- Euphoria - live music
- Closing Remarks
- (Fireworks - subject to sponsorship and fundraising)

Review of July 2nd Event:

We have at least two of the speakers confirmed and are looking for two additional public speakers for the event. Consideration to college age and/or young adult should be a priority in keeping with the transitional nature of the event.

Major infrastructure support is completed to include, permitting, staging, music, audio, (fireworks, if budget permits), port-a-potties.

Needs still unfilled or outstanding include, registration processing, refreshments and/or light food vendors, parking assistants, welcome/security personnel, site management, donations &

collections, signs and sign making tables, photographer/videographer, outdoor canopies (3), two-way radios, liability insurance and site permitting, first aid kit, brochures.

As it relates to the actual event, these above items/requirements will need volunteers and/or funding. The following is a broad estimate of volunteer assistants in each category as well as funding required for those identified expense items. All purchases would become the property of The Memphis TEA Party.

Volunteers (number):

- (6) Registration processing at three tables with two per table
- (3) Refreshments at two tables - iced tea unless vendors are present
- (4) Parking Assistants
- (3) Welcome/Security Personnel (Big guys here! ☺)
- (3) Site Management to provide overall coordination of bands, staging, speakers, and color guard via radio, etc.
- (2) Donations & Collections
- (2) Sign Distribution
- (1) Photographer/Videographer

Expense Items (units):

- (4) Outdoor Canopies 12 x 12 available at Wal-Mart for @ \$100 each
- (6) Motorola TALKABOUT SX600R Two Way Radios @ \$39 per pair with privacy
- (1) Permitting @ \$150
- (1) Liability Insurance Policy @ \$250
- (1) First Aid Kit available at Wal-Mart for @ \$45
- (1) Brochures \$100

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We will need help in filling these volunteer positions and in raising our funding requirements. In full disclosure, I have provided the budgeted items on the following page in the table below:

Item	Units/Contract	Pricing	Total
Staging & Audio	Contract	\$650	\$650
Live Music	Contract	\$500	\$500
Outdoor Canopies	Three (3)	\$100	\$300
Motorola Radios	Three Sets (3)	\$ 39	\$117
Permitting	Contract	\$150	\$150
Liability Insurance	Contract	\$250	\$250
First Aid Kit	One (1)	\$ 45	\$ 45
Brochures	1,000	\$100	\$100
Subtotal			\$2,212
Miscellaneous	Ten (10%) percent	\$200	\$ 220
TOTAL BUDGET			\$2,412

I believe this provides you with the current needs of the event and the approach we have taken to volunteering and the required fund raising to cover these expenses. Based on the first event in April, total attendance could exceed 2,000 people.

So, your help is needed to fill the above slots for volunteers, assist in any way you feel in raising the required financing and of course make sure we get the people to the event! We have completed much planning and much remains to get to the event date. However, it is now up to volunteerism and getting the word out. I would appreciate your help in any way you see fit and given your passion and talents.

Please contact me by email at mark@thememphisteaparty.com or by phone at 901.277-4968 if you have questions, can volunteer or provide other help. As a tax exempt non-profit, (The Memphis TEA Party Corporation) donations can be made through our website at www.thememphisteaparty.com and all donations are tax deductible.

Nominations for Officers & Directors and Committee Heads:

During our conference call, we asked for nominations (self or by recommendation) to the officer positions and the committee heads. These positions will serve for two (2) years and be responsible for the various activities of the organization as defined in the By-Laws and are expected to support and promote the Mission and the Goals & Objectives of The Memphis TEA Party organization.

As a non-profit and volunteer organization, no compensation is provided for in these positions. It is expected that a time commitment of several hours per month will be necessary to fulfill those duties to include attendance of conference calls, webinars, planning sessions, events and other business called by the committees.

We have selected a number of technologies to assist in the collaboration between these leaders and expect to minimize actual travel and face time by using web services and on-line software for collaboration, webinars, conference calling, phone banks and voter registration/get-out-the-vote. Legislative visits will be planned and volunteers will be necessary for those actions as well and shall not be limited to the officers and committee heads.

The intent of this organizational structure is to develop a collaborative environment where the officers and committee heads drive consensus throughout the organization's activities. The Chair and Co-Chair will work to provide strategic leadership and act to establish the organization during these early months while grooming successive leadership to renew and energize The Memphis TEA Party!

Our objective is to find people who are service oriented, not looking for the prestige of position, but will serve humbly and in concert with the officers, committee leaders, committee members and the general public. Discourse and dialogue will always be encouraged; however, we will adhere to a strict set of ethics and principles guiding our dealings with one another. Should you wish to serve in a leadership position or be assigned to one of our committees, please let us know and complete the questions on the following page and fax or email it back to The Memphis TEA Party at:

Fax or Email:

Fax: 901-756-1349
(With Cover Page, Please)

Email: mark@thememphisteaparty.com

All nominations must be completed and submitted by June 12th and a vote will be forwarded to our registration mailing list no later than the 15th of June for consideration. The voting will remain open until the 20th of June. Appointments will be announced to the candidates by email and/or phone by the 22nd of June. A face-to-face meeting will take place with all planning volunteers and newly elected officers and committee heads on the 23rd of June. This meeting will introduce the newly elected people to one another and the other volunteers and allow us to have a get together prior to the July 2nd event.

All officers and committee heads will be announced at the July 2nd event and introduced on stage. The Memphis TEA Party will also be arranging for Officers & Directors insurance along with liability insurance for the organization prior to the official seating of the officers and the first board meeting.

Nomination Information

Nomination Details:

- (1) Name of person nominated (as you would like to see it listed on the ballot and directory)
- (2) Position Nominated
- (3) Address of person nominated
- (4) Telephone contact of person nominated
- (5) Email of person nominated (if available)
- (6) Picture of person nominated (black & white or color)
- (7) Brief summary of accomplishments of person nominated
- (8) Nominator Information (even if self nominated)
 - Your name, mailing address, phone number, fax number, and e-mail address.
 - Co-nominators contact information (if applicable)

The following officer positions are being considered for election:

- Co-Chair of The Memphis TEA Party (Officer)
- Treasurer of The Memphis TEA Party (Officer)
- Secretary of The Memphis TEA Party (Officer)

The following committee leaders are being considered for election:

- Budget & Fundraising Committee
- Organization Committee
- Communications & Public Relations Committee
- Education & Training Committee
- Legislative Action Committee

For all other committee positions, please complete sections 1-7 above, should you be interested. Your volunteerism and committee assignment will be confirmed after review of your details. Should it become necessary, you may be asked to serve on an alternate committee or on more than one committee. We appreciate your consideration.

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Memphis TEA Party is committed to developing and supporting those actions that will result in the promotion and ultimate adoption of ["The Bill of Federalism: 10 Amendments to be Proposed to the States for Ratification"](#). This strategic focus shall be supported by those tactical and operational efforts that underpin this mission and shall include:

- Limiting Federal Powers
- Promoting the Reserved Powers of the States
- Effecting Rescission Power of the States
- Abolishing the Federal Income Tax
- Promoting Term Limits for the Senate and House
- Protecting the Rights Retained by the People

Goals & Objectives

The Memphis TEA Party will organize protest rallies to energize and enlist the support of the community and create a vehicle for their voice to be heard in the public domain. The events will be of a non-partisan nature, however will be consistent with the Mission Statement of the organization.

We will work to educate, inform and motivate people to realize their duty as citizens and work towards the mission of this organization for the benefit of our state and nation.

Further, the Memphis TEA Party shall take actions to find, support, and elect responsible individuals to local, state and national government office. Those individuals will reflect our belief that leadership should abide by the United States Constitution. Leadership should be prudent in fiscal spending, and should be engaged with its constituents' and accountable to them. We intend to work with and promote likeminded individuals, groups, businesses, and community organizations to achieve our goal.

BY-LAWS OF THE MEMPHIS TEA PARTY

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be "The Memphis TEA Party".

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP AND TERM OF OFFICE

1. The voting members of The Memphis TEA Party of Memphis, Tennessee, hereafter referred to as the Board of Directors, shall be composed of no less than twelve (12) members as approved by the Chair and will be replaced to fill vacancies, as set forth in Article VI of these Bylaws.
2. The term of a board member, officer, committee head, or member shall begin immediately the day following their election and shall continue for two years or until his or her successor is elected and qualified, unless removed from membership by the Committee for inattention to duty, incompetency, or failure to support the Mission, Goals & Objectives of The Memphis TEA Party.

ARTICLE III - OFFICERS AND DUTIES

1. The Memphis TEA Party of Memphis, Tennessee (herein referred to as the "MTP") shall elect the following officers at an agreed upon meeting of the MTP for a period of one year. These officers shall serve at the pleasure of the MTP and shall discharge the duties described below:
 - a. Chair of the MTP (herein referred to as the "Chair") whose duties shall be to:
 1. Preside at all meetings of the MTP.
 2. Make policy recommendations to the MTP.
 3. Act as the administrative officer of the MTP in charge of the staff and office of the MTP, including the employment of any staff with the approval of the MTP.
 4. Approve all expenditures made on behalf of the MTP.
 5. Employ an auditing firm to conduct an annual audit of the finances of the MTP, if necessary.
 6. Appoint, with the consent of the MTP, a Finance Chair who shall develop plans and programs to raise funds for the MTP, and who shall serve at the pleasure of the Chair.
 7. Appoint, with the consent of the MTP, Legal Counsel who shall advise the MTP and act for the MTP in connection with all legal matters, and who shall serve at the pleasure of the Chair.
 8. Confer with the Co-Chair in connection with the duties of the Chair and Co-Chair, and perform such other duties as the MTP may direct.
 - b. Co-Chair of the MTP (herein referred to as the "Co-Chair"). whose duties shall be to:
 1. Act in the absence of the Chair of the with respect to the duties assigned to the Chair.
 2. Coordinate the activities of the auxiliaries with the MTP.
 3. Confer with the Chair in connection with the duties of the Chair and Co-Chair, and perform such other duties as the MTP may direct.
 - c. Treasurer of the MTP who shall be a member of the MTP and whose duties shall be to:

1. Carry out the duties of the Treasurer of a political committee, as required by federal and state law, including the signing of all statements of organization and periodic statements of contributions and expenditures.
 2. Provide oversight in the maintenance of adequate records of the financial transactions of the MTP and assure compliance with all federal and state laws.
 3. Present current financial reports to meetings of MTP.
 4. Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the MTP.
 - d. Secretary of the MTP, who shall be a member of the MTP and whose duties shall be to:
 1. Supervise the taking of all minutes at meetings of the MTP.
 2. Take minutes at all executive sessions of the MTP.
 3. Present to the MTP minutes of previous meetings of the MTP for review and approval by the MTP.
 4. Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the MTP.
2. The Chair, with the consent of the MTP, shall designate individuals on the MTP's staff (herein referred to as the ("Staff")) to assist the officers of the MTP in the following capacities:
 - a. An Assistant Treasurer of the MTP, whose duties shall be to:
 1. Assist the Treasurer as may be required; particularly in the preparation of all statements of organization and periodic statements of contributions and expenditures.
 2. Receive and deposit all MTP funds; and, upon the written direction of the Chair, disburse funds of the MTP.
 3. Maintain adequate and required records of all financial transactions of the MTP.
 4. Prepare and complete current reports of financial transactions, including listings of disbursements made and unpaid bills, prior to each meeting of the MTP.
 5. Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Chair.
 - b. An Assistant Secretary of the MTP, whose duties shall be to:
 1. Assist the Secretary as may be required, particularly in the taking and preparation of minutes.
 2. Maintain and preserve the records and minutes of the MTP.
 3. Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Chair.
3. The Assistant Treasurer and other persons handling the MTP's funds shall post a surety bond if required by the MTP. The amount of any surety bond shall be established and the premium therefore shall be paid by the MTP.
4. In the absence of the Secretary, the Chair may appoint a secretary pro tempore.

ARTICLE IV - COMMITTEES

The Chair, with consent of the MTP, shall appoint the chair of each of the committees established by this Article. Except as otherwise provided herein, the membership of each of the committees shall consist of at least one member of the Board of Directors. In addition, the Legal Counsel and the Finance Chair shall be appointed to such committees as determined by the Chair, with consent of the MTP.

To facilitate consideration of the business and management of the MTP, Standing Committees are established as hereinafter set forth. Any matters appropriate for consideration by a Standing Committee first shall be referred thereto, except by a two-thirds vote of at a meeting of the Board but in no event by an affirmative vote of less than a majority of the members of the Board. Except as otherwise provided in the Bylaws, matters determined by the Chair and the Co-Chair of MTP to be appropriate for consideration by more than one Standing Committee shall be referred only to the Standing Committee of primary jurisdiction.

Unless otherwise specifically delegated and except as otherwise provided herein, authority to act on all matters is reserved to the Board, and the duty of each Standing Committee shall be only to consider and to make recommendations to the Board upon matters referred to it.

The several Standing Committees are charged specifically with the immediate care and supervision of the subject matters respectively indicated by and properly relating to their titles.

The following shall be committees of the MTP appointed by the Chair, with the consent of the MTP:

1. **Budget & Fundraising Committee**, which shall be responsible for recommending a budget on an annual calendar year basis for the expenditures of the MTP, and which shall consider the budgeting of such additional items of expenditures as from time to time are proposed for consideration and approval by the MTP. Expenditures for each line item of the budget shall not exceed the amount set by the budget in any one calendar year, except as the amount budgeted is specifically increased or decreased by the MTP. The costs for fundraising functions are exempted from this requirement because such costs are dependent on various factors such as the number of persons attending a fundraising function. Any Committee or Temporary Committee may recommend to the Budget Committee a proposed budget for those MTP activities within the purview of said Committee or Temporary Committee. The Budget Committee also shall be charged with reviewing with the staff all fundraising efforts.
The committee shall consist of the following:
 - a. Chair.
 - b. Co-Chair.
 - c. Treasurer
 - d. Four (4) members of the MTP, who shall be appointed by the Chair, with the consent of the MTP.
2. **Organization Committee**, which shall be charged with planning and recommending the MTP's caucus and other group activities; organization and voter programs; and MTP's Constitution and MTP's bylaw matters. The Organization Committee also shall be charged with reviewing with the staff the MTP's efforts in connection with caucuses, events (including TEA Party events), organization, and voter programs.
3. **Personnel Committee**, which shall prepare and recommend to the MTP personnel policies for employees of the MTP, and perform such other duties as may be outlined in the personnel policies. Additionally, the committee shall recruit, review and recommend members for the standing committees, Board of Directors and the Officers of the MTP.
The committee shall consist of the following:
 - a. Chair.
 - b. Co-Chair.
 - c. Four (4) members of the MTP, who shall be appointed by the Chair, with the consent of the MTP.
4. **Communications & Public Relations Committee**, which shall be charged with the responsibility to advise and recommend policy matters concerning communication

vehicles including printed publications, on-line versions of information, and information delivered via current and future emerging technological methods. Further, the committee shall develop and execute all communications and public relations efforts to support the mission of the MTP and its various events, educational and group outreach and membership development.

5. **Education & Training Committee**, which shall be charged with the development of training programs, webinars and other materials that advance the mission of the MTP while at the same time increasing awareness of the history of the US Constitution, American exceptionalism, the legislative process and the rights of the individual.
6. **Legislative Action Committee**, which shall be charged with the responsibility to facilitate meetings with members of government at the local, state and national levels, advance the Bill of Federalism in the state of Tennessee and nationally, lobby where advisable and necessary to influence legislation that positively/negatively impacts the mission and goals and objectives of the MTP and identify and encourage individuals with like-minded views of the MTP to run for office.
7. **Temporary Committees & Policy Councils**. The Chair may appoint such Temporary Committees and Councils as deemed necessary. The membership of these committees & Policy Councils shall be determined by the Chair, with consent of the State MTP. Such Temporary Committees shall in no event remain in existence for more than one (1) year from the date of their formation.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

1. Meetings of the MTP shall be convened on written and or e-mail or fax call of:
 - a. The Chair, or
 - b. The Co-Chair, or
 - c. Five members of the MTP. Notices of every meeting shall be mailed, e-mailed, or faxed at the preference of the recipient at least ten (5) days in advance of the scheduled date of the meeting to the address of each member of the MTP. Meetings shall be called at least quarterly during each calendar year.
2. In addition to the notice of call of each meeting, a written agenda outlining the subjects to be covered in the proposed meeting shall be mailed to each member of the MTP. Any member may request items to be included on the proposed agenda prior to its mailing.
3. A quorum for the conduct of business shall consist of the two members more than fifty percent of the membership of the MTP.
4. Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern at all meetings of the MTP except as altered by these Bylaws.
5. There shall be no proxy votes at meetings of the MTP, except to elect a Chair or Co-Chair or to fill vacancies of Committeeman or Committeewoman.
6. All meetings of the MTP shall be open to the public, except Executive Sessions called by majority vote of the voting members of the MTP present. Executive Sessions may be (a) full Executive Sessions at which only voting members of the MTP together with the Chair and/or State Co-Chair, or such person as may be designated by the MTP to act as Chair may be present; or (b) Partial Executive Sessions at which the Finance Chair, Legal Counsel and other persons specified by the MTP may be present.
7. Meetings of the MTP may be conducted by teleconference, or individual members of the MTP may participate in MTP meetings by using teleconferencing. However, the election of MTP officers, the election of members of the Committee or other business where voting is conducted by use of secret ballots shall not be conducted by teleconference or use of teleconferencing.

ARTICLE VI - PROCEDURES FOR FILLING VACANCIES ON THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

1. Whenever a Chair or a Co-Chair is elected from within the membership of the MTP, said Chair or Co-Chair may not continue to serve as a member of the MTP.
2. Within twenty (20) days after a vacancy arises in the membership of the MTP, notice of such vacancy shall be forwarded by the Chair to the members. The notice shall include a call for a meeting of the Committee at a designated time and place. The meeting shall be held within sixty (60) days after the vacancy arises and at such meeting, the Committee shall elect by majority vote a person to fill the unexpired term arising from the vacancy.

ARTICLE VII - PROPERTY, RECORDS, AND PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

1. All records and property purchased or acquired by the MTP or any of its employees in connection with the conduct of the affairs of the MTP shall be the property of the MTP.
2. Contracts - Checks - Loans - Deposits
 - a. Contracts: The MTP may authorize any officer or officers, agent, or agents to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of said MTP, provided such procurement, contract or agreement will not result in the expenditure of \$10,000 or more during the Chair's two year term and the entire term of the contract or agreement. Any procurement, contract or agreement which will result in the expenditure of \$10,000 or more during the entire term of the contract or agreement requires the signatures of the Chair and the Treasurer or Co-Chair.
 - b. Loans: No loans shall be contracted on behalf of the MTP and no evidence of indebtedness shall be issued in its name unless authorized by a resolution of the MTP.
 - c. Checks, Drafts, etc.: All checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidence of indebtedness issued in the name of the MTP shall be signed by such officer or officers, agent or agents of the MTP and in such manner as may be determined by resolution of the MTP. All checks, drafts, or other orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidence of indebtedness issued in the name of the MTP shall be signed by the Chair and the Treasurer or Co-Chair. Notwithstanding the above, a separate account not exceeding \$2500 may be established by the MTP. Checks not exceeding \$1000 drawn on this account may be signed by the Chair or Executive Director.
 - d. Deposits: All funds under control of the MTP shall be deposited to the credit of The MTP in such bank, trust companies, savings and loan institutions, or other depositories as the MTP may select.
3. The MTP has major responsibilities defined as follows:
 - a. To maintain and operate the organization.
 - b. To recruit qualified candidates and assist in conducting the political campaigns required to elect these candidates to office.
 - c. To conduct such meetings, caucus's, rallies or protests as shall be necessary to support its mission.
 - d. To recommend qualified individuals to serve on the various branches of government.
 - e. Raise funds and disperse monies on behalf of the MTP of Tennessee.
4. No member of the MTP shall be liable personally for any obligations of the MTP except that each individual is responsible personally for the prompt transmittal of funds collected by the member to the Treasurer, and for the accurate accounting as to funds and property in the member's custody and on behalf of the MTP.

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

These Bylaws shall be strictly adhered to and may be amended only by a two-thirds majority vote of the total MTP at any regularly called meeting of the MTP. Written notice of the proposed amendment and a full copy thereof shall be forwarded to the members of the MTP at least ten (10) days before the meeting at which said amendment is to be presented for consideration and vote.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Memphis TEA Party Announces Patriot TEA Party Rally

MEMPHIS, Tennessee (May 30 , 2009) - A patriot tea party rally will be held from 6:00 PM, July 2nd at Audubon Park near the corner of Southern and Perkins Extended. The theme for the family friendly event is "Patriots for Responsible Government."

With the advent of TEA parties nationally, The Memphis TEA Party organization focuses on the fiscal responsibility of our representatives at the local, state and national level. In addition, the organization's Mission and Goals & Objectives are defined to reflect this effort. The non-partisan organization welcomes members of the major parties as well as independents and libertarians to join in driving fiscal conservatism and smaller government.

The event on July 2, 2009 will be held to reflect the continued interest of independent thinking people everywhere who feel that their government is not listening to their views. While tea parties are being held nationwide, The Memphis TEA Party organization is working to sustain this momentum through a combination of TEA party events and on-going activism.

Mark A. Skoda, a Shelby County resident, is leading The Memphis Tea Party organization. According to Skoda, "The initial success of the TEA parties has been met with excitement. For those who have participated in these events, sometimes for the very first time, the emotion and message was palpable. However, we believe that it is important to sustain this emotion through concrete actions that are guided by a set of overarching principles. The Memphis TEA Party organization is committed to achieving this outcome by marrying TEA party events with continuing education and political activism."

The Memphis Tea Party will be held with local tea parties nationwide. This family friendly event will include a number of speakers, patriotic presentations and live entertainment. People are invited to come out and support the event and enjoy a time of political fellowship as well as sending Washington the message that these TEA parties weren't simply a onetime event! Additional information about the Memphis Patriot TEA Party and this event is available on Facebook by searching "The Memphis TEA Party" and at the organization's website at www.thememphisteaparty.com.

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