

On May 6<sup>th</sup> American Voices for Freedom held a meeting at the Steiner Youth Center.

One issue dominated the meeting. After a review of the April 15<sup>th</sup> Medina Tea Party, I updated the group on upcoming events for the next steps in the Tea Party Movement. The next organized event is a “Tea Party” in Columbus on July 4<sup>th</sup>. The controversy stems from the fact that Ohio’s Tea Party state coordinator is planning to hold the event in a stadium (instead of in downtown Columbus) and the idea seems to be more of a family day, complete with amusement park rides. I believe that the local tea party-goers would be more interested in attending a rally like the one that was held in Medina, only on a much larger scale. I am working with Amy Brighton (my co-coordinator for the Medina Tea Party) and with the national tea party organizers to apply pressure on the Ohio organizers to reconsider.

We also discussed what, in my opinion, is the most exciting event planned – a March on Washington on September 12<sup>th</sup>. We plan to charter busses from the Medina area for people who want to join in the national rally being held in Washington D.C. Although the event lasts three days, the rally is scheduled for 9/12. I am currently taking a poll from local people about who plans to go and how many days they would like to stay. If you did not receive an email informational letter about the Medina Tea Party and you would like to, please let me know.

We have created a new website to inform people about the Tea Party events. It is [www.medinateaparty.org](http://www.medinateaparty.org) and is currently under construction. Hopefully it will be viewable by the end of this weekend. Our other website, [www.govtransparency.org](http://www.govtransparency.org) is also undergoing a facelift. Evan will work on this as soon as the tea party site is completed.

We would like to expand the membership of American Voices for Freedom. We collected names of people interested in receiving information about our group. I plan to send invitations to over fifty people for our next meeting and post a public service announcement about our meeting on WCTV. I will also check into running an ad in *The Trading Post*.

Please let me know if you have any ideas or question. Our next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at the Steiner Youth Center at 7:00 p.m. in Room F** (second floor). I would like to make the first Thursday of every month our regular meeting time.