



Mission: To promote and coordinate community involvement for the support, enrichment and success of public education in Alamance County

Minutes of the:
Alamance Citizens for Education (ACE)
Joint Board of Directors and Trustees Meeting
St. Marks Church Atrium
Burlington, NC

Thursday, April 20, 2006

Directors Present:

Angela Thompson-Clark
Terry Farmer
Tom Lambeth
Tina Manning
Ed Woodall

Chris Davis
Tony Foriest
Chad Laws
Barbara Massey

Jeff Ellington
Allison Gant
Sylvester Lewis
Terry McNeill

Trustees Present:

Larry Covington
Fairfax Reynolds

Helen LeGette
Tom Ryan

Jan-Erik Nordh
Ron Shive

The **Board of Directors meeting** of the Alamance Citizens for Education (ACE) was called to order at 12:15 p.m. by President Chris Davis. The invocation was provided by Terry Farmer.

Minutes: A motion to accept the minutes of the March Directors meeting was made by Allison Gant, with a correction that Lane Anderson's name be removed from the minutes as it was included in error, and seconded by Ed Woodall. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Mary Erwin distributed and discussed the report. She reported that as of April 18, 2006, cash assets on deposit equaled \$16,987.71. She referenced an additional sum of \$25,150.00 in pledges outstanding, providing a grand total of \$42,137.71. Terry McNeill moved that the treasurer's report be accepted as presented. Sylvester Lewis seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Nominating Committee Report: Chris Davis provided slates of the proposed new Board of Directors, Board of Trustees and Officers. He also discussed how names of nominees for the respective Boards were received and potential Directors and Trustees were contacted and randomly assigned terms of service. He then called for separate voice votes on the nominated Board of Directors, Board of Trustees, and slate of Officers, all of which passed unanimously. The resulting Boards and slate of Officers are as follows:

Board of Directors

Name	Term (years)		Name	Term (years)
Michelle Ammon	3		Allison Gant	2
Lane Anderson	3		Stephanie Huffstetler	3
Jeff Andrews	2		Tom Lambeth	3
Joe Barbour	3		Chad Laws	3
LaRosa Pinnix-Bailey	2		Sylvester Lewis	2
Jim Butler	2		Becky Loy	2
Angela Thompson-Clark	3		Tina Manning	3
Kate Crawford	3		Barbara Massey	1
Chris Davis	1		Terry McNeill	2
Gerald Dillashaw	1		Kerry Richmond	3
Jeff Ellington	1		Barbara Sellers	1
Terry Farmer	2		Nancy Whitfield	1
Tony Foriest	1		Ed Woodall	3

Board of Trustees

Name	Term (years)		Name	Term (years)
Caroline Ansbacher	2		Jan-Erik Nordh	4
Lummy Barnes	4		Alan Norton	3
Anna Bass	3		Ira Poston	4
Cindy Brady	3		Fairfax Reynolds	4
Paul Cobb	3		Steve Ross	2
Jim Copland	4		Tom Ryan	4
Larry Covington	2		Ron Shive	3
Dan Danieleley	4		Haywood Simpson	4
Eddie Gant, Jr.	1		Holt Skinner	1
Frankie Jones, Sr.	2		Brad Smith	1
Leo Lambert	2		Richard Styles	1
Helen LeGette	3		Mac Williams	1
Jack Lindley	1			

Officers

President	Allison Gant
President-Elect	Terry McNeill
Immediate Past President	Chris Davis
Vice President	Kerry Richmond
Treasurer	Becky Loy
Chair, Board of Trustees	Paul Cobb
Secretary	Ed Woodall

Following the elections, Allison Gant took over the gavel and called the session back into order. **Program of Work:** Ed Woodall provided a summary of the three community forums held to date, which included Health & Obesity and Gang Awareness. Attendance at the forums had averaged around 75 participants and the information provided by our partners appeared to be well received. ACE also received good coverage through local print and television media. The ACE membership was encouraged to attend the upcoming Safe & Healthy Schools forum.

Allison Gant expressed the continued desire for ACE to eventually promote and fund a tutoring and mentoring program director. She also said the Heroes program was moving forward and would feature local citizens who have made a difference in our community. Members of the Heroes team would potentially be featured on posters, billboards and trading cards, and also be expected to make periodic site visitations to school audiences.

Resource Sustainability / Fundraising: Jeff Ellington discussed a recent group visit to the Cary Academy that provided a vision of what ACE can do. He also provided information compiled by Julie Budd of Fox 8 TV on various community-based projects underway in the Guilford County school system and suggestions on how similar partnerships might be implemented within the ABSS.

Mary Erwin discussed several fundraising efforts currently underway, highlighted by today's 1,200-piece mailing of a "Case for Support" seeking donations of \$10 to \$500. She also made an appeal for any mailing lists that could supplement this initial mailing. Additionally, ACE has recently applied for grant monies from the following sources: Save our Students / 21st Century Grant; Food Lion; Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation; Anneburg Foundation

Old Business: Chris Davis discussed the Conflict of Interest policy for the Board of Directors and instructed all to appropriately complete and sign the Conflict of Interest statement. He also briefly covered the following documents: Donation Request, Pledge Card and Areas of Interest Survey.

New Business: Chris Davis provided additional detail about our recent grant application opportunities, including the recent application for a Save Our Students (SOS) grant on behalf of Marva Slade-Patrick's after school program. He further advised that per Alice Shelton at ABSS, ACE is the only local 501-C that can apply for certain educational-related grants and act as a funding conduit on behalf of other community organizations.

On that basis, ACE has been asked to pursue a 21st Century Grant in an amount of \$100,000 - \$300,000 that would focus on improvements at Cummings High School. The application deadline is June 1. Chris Davis recommended ACE pursue the grant with the caveat that, if the grant is received, some funds be reserved to fund the future position of a tutor coordinator. Allison Gant opened the floor for discussion, and a motion to pursue the grant was made by Terry Farmer and seconded by Angela Thompson-Clark. The motion passed.

Allison Gant wrapped up by advising she is continuing her professional development through sessions with the Good Hearts / Good Hands program. She also advised that the Board of Directors' mini-retreat on May 16 takes the place of a traditional monthly Board of Directors meeting. With no other business raised, the Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

In the absence of chair Paul Cobb, Allison Gant called the **Board of Trustees meeting** to order at 12:50 p.m., and officially introduced the new executive committee.

Executive Director's Report: Mary Erwin thanked the Board for their support and provided a recap of the past year at ACE. She said the ACE mini-grant program to increase parent involvement is having a positive, immediate impact, with every school in the ABSS applying and received a \$500 grant. In all, \$16,500 in grants were distributed to the schools in January. Schools are utilizing the funds for various initiatives designed to make the schools more

approachable for parents, including literacy and family nights. Evaluations on the respective programs are due back to ACE in December.

The community forums have required a coordinated community effort that has allowed ACE to gain exposure to a variety of local audiences, including parents, citizens, agencies and ABSS employees. The Times-News has been generous in providing free advertising, and ACE also received local television coverage for the first time through the forums. Attendance at the forums has been good, ranging from 50 to 80 attendees, and ACE has solicited and received feedback from participants.

Board members were also encouraged to attend the upcoming Safe & Healthy Schools forums. A broad spectrum of topics will be covered by our community partners, including: Crossroads facilitating a discussion on sexual activity and tools to help parents talk with their kids; Todd Wirt, Principal of Hawfields Middle School, leading a session on internet safety; the CARE project covering substance abuse, an important topic given the estimate that 60% of ABSS students use alcohol.

The Program of Work min-retreat in March helped ACE define some future objectives, including launching a Heroes program and making a concentrated effort to raise public awareness of ACE.

In an effort to increase public awareness of ACE, Mary Erwin has spoken to several community groups, including Rotary, Kiwanis, ABSS teachers and the UNCG school social workers program. She has also continued her professional development by attending Good Hearts / Good Hands, the non-profit management program sponsored by the Hayden-Harman Foundation. Additionally, she is serving in the following programs: Chamber of Commerce Education Council; United Way Community Council; Closing the Gap Committee; Interagency Gang Task Force.

Breakout Sessions: Allison Gant advised all present to assemble in their respective breakout sessions for Program of Work (led by Allison Gant) and Resource Sustainability (led by Chris Davis).

With no other business raised, the joint Board of Directors and Trustees meeting adjourned following the breakout sessions at approximately 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Woodall
Secretary

Meeting Reminders:

Board of Directors Mini-Retreat: Tuesday, May 16, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon – Glenn Raven Conference Center (regular meetings are on the 3rd Thursday of every month)

Resource Sustainability Committee: Wednesday, May 17, 12:00 noon at the ACE office (meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday of every month)