



Alamance Citizens for Education

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

Alamance Citizens for Education (ACE)
Board of Directors' Meeting
St. Mark's Church Atrium
1230 St. Mark's Church Rd.
Burlington, NC 27215

Thursday, August 18, 2005

Attendees:

Chris Davis	Ernestine Lewis	Ed Woodall
Tony Foriest	Barbara Massey	Becky Loy
Jeff Ellington	Terry Farmer	Chad Laws
Jeff Andrews	Barbara Sellars	Mary Erwin
LaRosa Pinnix-Bailey	Jerry Dillashaw	Angela Thompson-Clark
Nancy Whitfield	Allison Gant	Tom Manning—ex officio

A regular meeting of the Alamance Citizens for Education (ACE) Board of Directors was called to order at 12:10 PM by President Chris Davis. Terry Farmer provided an invocation. A motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting was made by Terry Farmer and seconded by Allison Gant. The minutes were approved.

Davis introduced Tom Manning, a non-voting ex officio member of the board.

A treasury report was given by Becky Loy. A written financial statement was distributed to the membership. As of August 18, 2005, a total of \$ 32,425.87 is on deposit for the organization. The report was accepted without questions.

Under **Old Business**, reports were given by the three standing committees:

Program of Work – Allison Gant, chair

The committee met on Tuesday, August 9 at the United Way Building. The committee reported on their meeting with school principals on August 8 & 9. The meeting was successful and emphasized a need for continued focus on ways to increase parental involvement in area schools. It was recommended that as many as two to three community forums may be needed during the year to help with the communication process. The first forum is likely to be on gang activity in Alamance County. The forums will normally take place away from schools to encourage parents who might feel alienated from the schools to attend. A motion from the committee asked for up to \$2,000 total to allow for two to three forums this school year. The \$2,000 is to be used for refreshments and other needs for the forums. The motion passed.

The committee also wants to encourage involvement through the use of mini grants for individual schools. The grants would aid schools in incidental expenses involved with encouraging parental participation within the schools. The committee motioned for up to

\$15,000 (maximum of \$500 to any one school) to be used for the project. It was stressed that the grant proposals should clearly emphasize involving parents who historically do not tend to participate in school functions (and document the increased involvement). The motion passed.

During the Resource Sustainability Committee report a plan to present ACE focus group findings and progress-to-date to the focus group participants and the initial ACE organizing task force members was discussed. Chairperson Gant accepted this as a part of the Program of Work and noted this presentation will occur before the end of 2005.

The next committee meeting will be Tuesday, September 13, 2005 at 12:30 Pm in the United Way Building. All board members are invited to attend.

Resource Sustainability – Jeff Ellington, chair

The committee met at Brookwood Village on Tuesday, August 16, 2005. Focus was again placed on preparation of a kick off event that could involve the entire community. A letter from the committee will go out shortly to directors, trustees and interested parties in an attempt to solicit funding. Additional input on the specifics of the correspondence is welcomed.

Ellington emphasized that communications about ACE's mission and movement should be communicated to interested parties. Letters and articles of interest should be shared regularly. He also recommended that everyone read The World is Flat, by Tomas Friedman as a good outline of what this organization is about and how to raise money to support it.

A meeting to discuss more detail plans for the upcoming kick off is scheduled for Thursday, August 25 at the Village Grill at 11:45 AM. Allison Gant and Barbara Massey will meet with interested parties over lunch to review options available.

The next overall committee meeting will be Tuesday, August 30 at Village of Brookwood at 7:30 AM.

Organizational Development – Terry McNeill & Terry Farmer, co-chairs

Terry Farmer reported on the committee meeting that took place Tuesday, August 2 at Alamance Community College. The committee placed ads in area newspapers advertising the executive director's post at ACE. Several resume's have already been received. The closing date for accepting applications is August 22, 2005. Correspondence received by that date will be reviewed at the next committee meeting on Wednesday, August 24 at 12:15 PM at ACC. Any board member is welcomed to help with the selection process.

Additional Old Business

Chairman Davis reported on progress of the web site for ACE with Patrick Harman. The site is not up and running yet but the address will be www.AlamanceforEducation.org. Additional details will be forthcoming

An office for ACE has been obtained by an in-kind donation from the United Way of Alamance. The location of the office is 719 Hermitage Road in Burlington (the ACE mailing address remains the P.O. box in Graham). The donation includes the use of a fax, telephone and a computer with internet access. This is a one room office for ACE but the building itself also has a meeting space.

New Business

Members were asked to relay any difficulties associated with receiving e-mail or opening attachments. As an alternative to current e-mail, correspondence can be distributed by U.S. mail. Please let Davis or Foriest know of your individual needs in this regard.

New letterhead with board names is soon to be printed. Changes or modification can still be incorporated by contacting Becky Loy. The initial printing will only be a few hundred pages so changes can still be made for subsequent printings.

On a separate note, if any members always have conflicts with our meeting days and times please let Davis know.

All members of the board are asked to work directly with one or more of the standing committees to insure that work loads are distributed as evenly as possible and that we are able to meet our stated mission.

Ernestine Lewis was recognized by Chairman Davis for comments. Because of other conflicting obligations she tendered her resignation to the board. The motion to accept was made by Jeff Ellington and seconded by Barbara Sellars. The motion passed. Ernestine recommended a successor to the board as her replacement. Sylvester Lewis was called into the meeting and introduced to the members. He was asked to tell about himself and his interest in the board. Jeff Ellington motioned that Sylvester be made a member of the board. The motion was seconded by Barbara Sellars. The motion passed. Sylvester's address and telephone number are:

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NOTE: Allison Gant requested that everyone requesting lunch at future meetings RSVP to Foriest ahead or not plan on having lunch available. This will allow ACE to use its money most efficiently by not ordering extra meals.

There being no other business, a motion to adjourn was made by Terry Farmer and seconded by Angela Thompson-Clark. The meeting was adjourned at 12:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Foriest
Secretary

Meeting Reminders

Board of Directors and Trustees joint meeting: Thursday, September 15, 2005 at Ebenezer UCC on Apple Street in Burlington at 11:30 AM (note the earlier start because it is a joint meeting).

Program of Work Committee: Tuesday, September 13, at 12:30 PM at the United Way Building.

Resource Sustainability Committee: 7:30 AM on August 30, 2005 at the Village of Brookwood.

Organizational Development Committee: Wednesday, August 24 at 12:15 PM at ACC, Rm 341.

