



Alamance Citizens for Education

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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 Minutes**

St. Mark's Reformed Church
1230 St. Mark's Church Rd.
Burlington, NC 27215

Thursday, December 15, 2005

Directors Present:

Chris Davis	Barbara Sellars	Joe Barbour
Jeff Ellington	Angela Thompson-Clark	Sylvester Lewis
Barbara Massey	Ed Woodall	Tony Foriest
Allison Gant	Mary Erwin	

Director Proxies:

Chad Laws	Jeff Andrews
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Visitor:

Dr. Lane Anderson

The Board of Directors' meeting of the Alamance Citizens for Education (ACE) was called to order at 12:15 PM by President Chris Davis. Dr. Davis provided an invocation as well. A motion to accept the minutes of the November director's meeting was made by Allison Gant and seconded by Ed Woodall. The motion passed.

A treasury report was given by Mary Erwin in the absence of Treasurer Becky Loy. It was reported that as of December 15, 2005, ACE has \$12,387.73 on deposit in a checking account and \$30,030.57 on deposit in a money market account. The total cash assets are \$42,418.30 and do not include \$4,850 in pledges still outstanding.

Under **Old Business** standing committee reports were called on by the chair.

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

The committee did not meet and no report was presented.

Program of Work – Allison Gant, chair

ACE Mini-grant Subcommittee— Mary Erwin reported for Dr. Gerald Dillashaw. All 33 county schools returned applications for the \$500.00 mini-grants within the designated time frame. Committee members met on December 6 at the ACE office to review them. Winners will be contacted in early January and the grants awarded during the month. The process has been extremely successful.

Community Forum Subcommittee— Ed Woodall reported on the most recent meeting of the Community Forum subcommittee. The group met on November 29, 2005. The discussion was on the growing gang problem in North Carolina. Attendees included the Sheriff's Department Gang Task Force. Local law enforcement is already working with each other and the school system to provide programs to students and parents on the issues involved. Additional forums are being planned by the subcommittee to aid the distribution of information to the community. A presentation is planned for February, with more details to follow.

Kick-Off Event Subcommittee – Barbara Massey reported that she and Allison Gant visited Rhodes Stadium recently. Accommodations for the upcoming kick-off are arranged but will incur a substantial cost. Even though the stadium is without charge there will be cost associated with staff for parking, setup of chairs and tables, etc. Williams high school auditorium is planned as a backup in case of inclement weather. Allison added that a “hero’s campaign” is being discussed to help market the kick off. Local community leaders who have achieved outside popularity are being courted as speakers and volunteers.

Tutoring and Mentoring Subcommittee – Barbara Massey reported that the Somers-Pardue Agency has adopted a class at Sylvan Elementary and one at Elon Elementary school. They will provide manpower to regularly visit the two classes to read to the students. The program promises to be a model to the community.

Resource Sustainability Committee – Jeff Ellington, chair

Jeff Ellington reported that responsibilities for the Spring kick off have been transferred to the Program of Work Committee. Sustainability will still pursue speakers for the event. He also reported that letters requesting financial support from board members and trustees with follow up contact will be started soon.

Executive Director’s Report

Mary Erwin reported on presentations she has made to local civic groups, including Rotary and Kiwanis. She plans to continue publicly educating the community on ACE and its works. She is also attending a program conducted at Elon University called Good Hearts, Good Skills. It is funded through the Hayden Harman Foundation and is open to all local non profits.

Sample donation cards have been created for ACE contributors and were passed around for comments. They will also be available on the web site. Everyone is encouraged to review the site regularly since it will be updated weekly.

New Business

Chris Davis introduced Robyn Hadley, a consultant with the ABSS, who is the co-coordinator of the What’s After High School initiative. She spoke of her work with students and counselors to provide information and encouragement to many who would not ordinarily have it. She also stresses to students and parents issues that need to be focused on if students plan to attend schools of higher learning.

President Davis spoke of the need for ACE to stay demographically and geographically diverse with its directors and trustees in the future. Soon the names of potential candidates will be considered by a nominating committee for next year. Anyone desiring to serve is encouraged to contact him.

A question on the feasibility of inviting the press and elected officials to future meetings was brought to everyone's attention. After some discussion a consensus was that they would be graciously welcomed.

A presentation by the 21st Century Project Kids executive director, Marva Slade, is scheduled for January. Her program is part of the No Child Left Behind legislation enacted by our federal government.

A motion was made by Tony Foriest that ACE be the conduit for a grant the school system is applying to called Save Our Students (SOS). It is desired that ACE will receive and distribute the grant which is to help continue funding for the 21st Century Project noted above. The motion was seconded by Joe Barber. After discussion the motion passed.

Chris Davis reminded everyone that lunch was provided by ARMC.

The chair entertained a motion for adjournment by Angela Thompson-Clark. The motion was seconded by Allison Gant. The meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Foriest
Secretary

Meeting Reminders

Board of Directors meeting: Thursday, January 19, 2006 at noon. (Meetings are on 3rd Thursdays of every month).

Program of Work Committee: Tuesday, January 10, 2006, at 12:30 PM at the ACE Office located in the United Way Building (meetings are on 2nd Tuesdays of every month).

Resource Sustainability Committee: Wednesday, January 18, 2006, at the ACE Office at noon.

Organizational Development Committee: Wednesday, January 11, 2006, 12:15 PM at ACC, Room 341 (meetings are on 2nd Wednesday of every month).

Subcommittees and Chairs to Contact if interested in serving:

Kick-off Event—Allison Gant and Barbara Massey co-chairs -- next meeting: Monday, January 10, 2006 at 9:00 AM at Starbucks.

Fund Raising—Tom Ryan and Mary Erwin co-chairs-- next meeting: TBA

Mini-grant Development—Jerry Dillashaw, LaRosa Pinnix-Bailey, and Chris Davis tri-chairs -- next meeting: Date TBD at 12:00 PM at ACE Headquarters.

Community Forum Development—Ed Woodall, chair -- next meeting: TBD

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