



Minutes of the:
Alamance Citizens for Education (ACE)
Board of Directors Meeting
Amtrak Station
Burlington, NC

Thursday, January 18, 2007

Directors Present:

Michelle Ammann
Joe Barbour
Chris Davis
Becky Loy
Terry McNeill

Lane Anderson
Angela Thompson-Clark
Terry Farmer
Tina Manning
Barbara Sellers

LaRosa Pinnix-Bailey
Kate Crawford
Chad Laws
Barbara Massey
Ed Woodall

Non-voting Ex Officio Member:

Tom Manning

Tutoring & Mentoring Coordinator:

Janice Stone

Executive Director:

Mary Erwin

The **Board of Directors meeting** of the Alamance Citizens for Education (ACE) was called to order at 12:08 p.m. by President-Elect Terry McNeill. Terry Farmer provided the invocation.

Minutes: A motion to accept the minutes of the December Board of Directors meeting was made by Chris Davis and seconded by Angela Thompson-Clark. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Becky Loy distributed and discussed the reports, with the 1/18/07 Balance Sheet reflecting cash assets of \$105,620.05 in the bank. A motion to accept the Report was made by Chris Davis and seconded by Tina Manning. The motion passed.

Special Introduction: Mary Erwin introduced Rebecca James to the Board. Rebecca is an Elon University student in Patrick Harman's Non-Profit class, and volunteered to spend four hours with ACE this week. She will also be attending Tutoring and Mentoring training.

Organizational Development Committee: On behalf of the Committee, Chris Davis made a motion to nominate Kate Crawford for the currently open position of Vice President. Terry Farmer moved that the Board accept her nomination by acclamation. All Board members voted in favor to affirm Kate for the position of Vice President.

Chris Davis also made a motion for the Board to accept the resignation of Tom Lambeth from the Board of Directors. Tom's new position with the N.C. State Bar in Raleigh will prevent him from being active with ACE. A motion to accept Tom's resignation was made by Terry Farmer and seconded by Terry McNeill. The motion passed.

Chris Davis brought the proposed 2007 Operating Budget to the Board's attention, with special mention of new allocations for Advertising and Grant Writing Assistance. Further discussion ensued on the ability to reduce allocated Dues from \$1,700 to \$700, and re-allocate the \$1,000 savings in \$500 increments each to the Gang Awareness and Internet Safety Forums. An additional \$1,000 was proposed for Board Training (Board Development), bringing the total proposed Operating Budget to \$139,100. A motion to accept the modified budget was made by Terry Farmer and seconded by Angela Thompson-Clark. The motion passed.

Chris Davis also opened the floor for nominations of Directors and Trustees.

Special Presentation: Alamance County Teens: Report on Drug Use and Violence: Marianne Peltier-Allison, Director of Student Support Services, ABSS, presented the "Everybody's Talking" program to the Board. This social norm campaign utilizes the results of a recent youth risk behavior study of ABSS students in 6th through 12th grades to show students that fewer of their peers are participating in risky behaviors, including alcohol, drug and tobacco use, than they may otherwise perceive.

Remarks: Tom Manning, Chair, ABSS Board of Education: Tom Manning reiterated the importance of ACE's advocacy during the 2006 ABSS budget process, and asked for ACE's continued support in justifying a proposed increase in the teacher supplement to the Alamance County Board of Commissioners.

Program of Work Committee: Janice Stone, Tutoring & Mentoring Coordinator, reported on recent and pending activities, including:

- Met with the Community Council, January 2nd
- Met with Tammy Cobb and Kathleen Edwards at the Elon Service Learning Dept. to collaborate on their Mis Amigos volunteer program
- Spoke at VOICE meeting, January 8th
- Conducted the second Tutoring & Mentoring training session at First Presbyterian Church on January 9th in conjunction with Marva Slade (21st Century Program / ABSS) and Mark Doane (Personnel Lead, ABSS). The next training session is scheduled for January 29th.
- Attended Elon University workshop for agencies and connected with Service Learning students

- Proctored for Southern Alamance High School, January 12th
- Met with Rebecca James, January 12th
- Will attend the ABSS Board of Education meeting on January 22nd
- Volunteered to judge high school senior projects
- Submitted biography and Tutoring & Mentoring information to Alamance Magazine
- Targeting first week in February for Tutoring & Mentoring volunteers to begin working in schools

Resource Sustainability / Fundraising Committee: Kate Crawford advised \$24,000 in funds were received in December, with additional requests for funds being mailed. Also, LabCorp has made an additional \$15,000 commitment for 2007. Several grants have been applied for, with additional grants to be submitted this spring.

Kate advised that ACE received \$8,000 from the Alamance, Caswell, Rockingham Local Management Entity to support Tutoring & Mentoring. This reimbursement does not reflect in revenues on the Operating Budget.

Kate also mentioned the potential of working on a “Putman County Spelling Bee” fundraising project with Holt Skinner.

Executive Director’s Report: Mary Erwin provided a recap of her recent and upcoming activities and community involvement, including:

- Spoke to Patrick Harman’s Non-Profit class at Elon University on January 3rd
- At the invitation of Dr. Randy Bridges, Superintendent, ABSS, attended a regional meeting about the need for the state to pass a bond to support school construction needs across North Carolina. Todd Baker from the ABSS Board of Education and Teresa Faucette, ABSS Principal of the Year, also attended. The meeting was conducted by the “Education: Everybody’s Business” coalition, and emphasized the need to put a bond request up for a vote at the earliest possible time. Alamance County would potentially receive \$71,563.
- With the assistance of Robyn Hadley (“What’s After High School Initiative”), met with other leaders to discuss the “Think College” program in Charlotte, a college preparatory program initiated by Communities in Schools. There is the potential for a future partnership with this group.
- Invited by LabCorp to join them at their table for the Alamance County Chamber of Commerce’s annual awards banquet and dinner on January 22nd
- Speaking on community involvement to the Elon University Teaching Fellows on January 25th
- The “Up River” weekly Newspaper in Education (NIE) series in the Times-News is being sponsored by ACE at a cost of \$1,800
- Will begin working with the Elon University Communications class on January 30th
- Will speak to the Burlington Kiwanis club in February

New Business: Mary Erwin added she is working on an annual report that should be completed in February.

Joe Barbour opened a brief discussion on the merits of teacher supplements.

With no other business raised, the Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 1:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Woodall
Secretary

Meeting Reminders:

Board of Directors Meeting: Thursday, February 15th, 12:00 noon – new Amtrak depot, Burlington (regular Board meetings are on the 3rd Thursday of every month)

Program of Work Committee: Tuesday, February 13th, 12:30 p.m. (meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at the ACE office, 719 Hermitage Road)

Resource Sustainability Committee: Wednesday, February 21st, 12:00 noon (meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at the ACE office)

Organizational Development Committee: Wednesday, February 14th, ACC, 12:15 p.m. (meetings are on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at ACC)

Tutoring and Mentoring (needs chair): Tuesday, January 23rd, 12:00 noon (meetings are on the 4th Tuesday of every month at the ACE office)

Joint Board of Trustees / Board of Directors Meeting: Thursday, April 19th, 2007