



card for general donation was also reviewed. The proposed letter and pledge card (with minor modifications) were deemed excellent for a general mailing and request for financial support.

It was decided that future activities and projects would be prioritized to allow everyone to see where emphasis will be placed.

**Program of Work** – Allison Gant, chair

Allison distributed a draft of the Program of Work Strategic Goals for 2006. An attempt to prioritize these goals was made but not finalized. There was discussion on future implementation.

*ACE Mini-grant Subcommittee*— Dr. Gerald Dillshaw acknowledged the distribution of the mini grants to individual schools in a program earlier this morning. Joe Barbour, Allison Gant, and Mary Erwin helped make the actual presentations and thanked the principals for their involvement. All 33 county schools were presented the \$500.00 mini-grant awards. Mary Erwin has planned to attend the next school board meeting on Monday evening at 6:30 PM to publicize the award and to lobby for ACE.

*Community Forum Subcommittee*— Ed Woodall reported on the most recent meeting of the Community Forum subcommittee. Several forums are planned for the coming months. A video presentation by the sheriff's department on gang activity was recently seen by members of the committee and found to be helpful. It was decided to show the presentation to ACE board members at the next meeting to illustrate the problem and the power of this potentially controversial video.

The health and obesity forum will be given in conjunction with ARMC at a time and place beneficial to both groups. ACE plans to support efforts by the hospital and others in the community to inform the public on this issue. An action plan to go with the forum is also being studied.

*Kick-Off Event Subcommittee* - Barbara Massey reported on the progress being made with the upcoming kick-off. At their last meeting, on January 10, 2006, the group continued to deal with expected high cost of incidental expenses. The hero's campaign continues to be a major focus.

*Resource & Sustainability Subcommittee* – Jeff Ellington reported he has been made aware of a program put on by the Cary Academy to teach high technology in the classroom. He recommends that a group from ACE, including the Program of Work and Resource & Sustainability subcommittees, as well as representatives from the school system look into previewing the program on the academy and SAS sites in Raleigh. Jeff plans to pursue the details for follow up.

Chairman Davis presented a letter of resignation from board representative Stacey Wood. Medical reasons prevent him from continuing in his previous capacity. A motion by Sylvester Lewis was made that the resignation be accepted. The motion was seconded by Barbara Massey. The motion passed.

**Executive Director's Report** – Mary Erwin reported on ACE's participation in the Good Hearts, Good Skills program sponsored by the Hayden-Harman Foundation. This is a program to educate non-profit executive directors about the skills required for that position. Program completion will require further participation of the executive director as well as involvement of at least one board member in future sessions.

Ms. Erwin also reported on several outreach programs she recently attended. Last week she spoke at the Men's Fellowship Breakfast sponsored by the Episcopal Church in Burlington. She is also scheduled to speak at a Kiwanis luncheon in Burlington.

**Old Business** – None

**New Business** – Chairman Davis reported that a nominating committee will soon be appointed to look at the rotation and possible appointment of new directors and trustees and officers for the future. For ACE to succeed there must be continued diversity, both geographically and demographically. All Directors and Trustees are invited to: 1) share possible names for future officers, and 2) be involved with the nominating committee.

Questions were also raised on the feasibility of an officer and board retreat in the immediate future. Chairman Davis took that question under advisement.

With no other business raised, the meeting adjourned at 1:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Foriest  
Secretary

**Meeting Reminders**

Board of Directors meeting: Thursday, February 16, 2006 at noon at the Graham Public Library (Meetings are on 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of every month).

Program of Work Committee: Tuesday, February 14, 2006, at 12:30 PM at the ACE Office located in the United Way Building (meetings are on 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays of every month).

Resource Sustainability Committee: Wednesday, February 15, 2006, at the ACE office at noon. (meetings are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month).

Organizational Development Committee: Wednesday, February 8, 2006, 12:15 PM at ACC, Room 341 (meetings are on 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month).

Board of Trustees: Thursday, April 20, 2006.

**Subcommittees and Chairs to Contact if interested in serving:**

Kick-off Event—Allison Gant and Barbara Massey co-chairs -- next meeting: Monday, January 30, 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: TBD

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

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