



Mission: To rally independent community support for the successful education of all Alamance County children.

Minutes of the:  
**Alamance Citizens for Education (ACE)**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
First Presbyterian Church  
Burlington, NC

Thursday, July 20, 2006

Directors Present:

Lane Anderson	Jeff Andrews	Joe Barbour
Angela Thompson-Clark	Kate Crawford	Chris Davis
Tony Foriest	Allison Gant	Tina Manning
Barbara Massey	Terry McNeill	Ed Woodall

Executive Director:

Mary Erwin

Visitors:

Aubree Martin, Junior Achievement of Central N.C.

The **Board of Directors meeting** of the Alamance Citizens for Education (ACE) was called to order at 12:10 p.m. by President Allison Gant. Chris Davis provided the invocation.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** In Becky Loy's absence, Allison Gant distributed and discussed the report. Per the report, as of June 30, 2006, cash assets on deposit equaled \$53,136.43. She also reported that a \$25,000.00 contribution from LabCorp posted on July 18. Joe Barbour moved that the treasurer's report be accepted as presented. Terry McNeil seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Special Report: Junior Achievement of Central N.C.:** Aubree Martin, Program Manager, discussed Junior Achievement's impact in the Alamance Burlington School System. The Junior Achievement program is supported by community volunteers, and was offered in 70 ABSS classrooms (grades K – 12) during the 2005-06 school year. The cost of funding a single class is approximately \$500. The annual Junior Achievement Bowl-a-Thon is Thursday night, October 26, at Country Club Lanes in Burlington. Last year's event raised over \$16,000.

**Organizational Development:** Terry McNeil and Jeff Andrews discussed the potential change of ex-officio members to non-voting status. This would improve the chances of obtaining a quorum at any given meeting.

A review of ACE's bylaws is under way to:

- Potentially add ABSS Teacher of the Year and student representatives to the Board of Directors
- Revise and enforce the attendance policy

The Organizational Development committee is exploring ways to ensure ACE distinguishes its identity from similar educational groups, including Closing the Gap, Educational Council and VOICE. However, with the common threads we share with these groups, we may also consider regular meetings with these groups.

Organizational Development also reviewed, updated and distributed the ACE tri-fold brochure.

**Program of Work:** Allison Gant advised work is progressing on the Education Summit. The Summit, scheduled for Tuesday, September 12, at Elon University's McKinnon Hall, begins with breakfast at 7:30 a.m. and the program running from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Wachovia has signed on as sponsor of the breakfast.

Allison Gant affirmed that Program of Work is making tutoring and mentoring a primary focus. Toward the cause, the Mental Health has pledged \$8,000 earmarked for ACE to use in mentoring efforts. Chris Davis added that this new pledge, coupled with \$7,000 pledged by Patrick Harman a year ago toward a tutor coordinator position, provides ACE \$15,000 in funding now available for tutoring and mentoring. Further discussion ensued on ways to fill the coordinator role.

Allison Gant also advised that, in addition to tutoring and mentoring, Program of Work continues to work toward developing a Heroes Campaign, fundraising and public awareness.

**Resource Sustainability / Fundraising:** Kate Crawford distributed ACE information packets to the Board that can be utilized to introduce ACE to potential community partners. The committee continues to seek grant opportunities, and is actively soliciting business in the community for both funding this year and pledges for next year. Additional fundraising events still in the planning stages include a Festival of Christmas Trees and a student art competition.

**Executive Director's Report:** Allison Gant advised that Mary Erwin is due back July 25 after accompanying her husband, John, during his recent surgery.

**New Business:** Allison Gant advised that she is currently calling Board members to reaffirm their commitment to being actively involved with ACE. She is also engaging Trustees in fundraising efforts.

Allison Gant encouraged members to attend the Newspapers in Education (NIE) Luncheon for Literacy on Tuesday, August 8 at Outback Steakhouse. Tickets are still available for the 11:30 a.m. or 1:15 p.m. luncheons.

Joe Barbour submitted a proposal that ACE provide \$50 to each ABSS first grade class to allow teachers to purchase needed supplies for their classrooms. Further discussion ensued on the best way to make funds available (registry, cash, gift card). Chris Davis motioned that ACE budget up to \$6,000 to be distributed in \$50 increments to all teachers who are new to the profession in the ABSS. Angela Thompson-Clark seconded the motion, which passed.

Joe Barbour opened a discussion on the current ABSS dress policy and mentioned the potential of ACE to address the school board about the endorsement of an enforceable dress code. Chris Davis advised we would need a statement of position to pursue this action.

With no other business raised, the Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 1:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Woodall  
Secretary

**Meeting Reminders:**

Board of Directors Meeting: Thursday, August 10, 12:00 noon – Graham Public Library, Graham, NC (regular meetings are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month)

Program of Work Committee: Tuesday, August 8, 1:15 – Outback Steakhouse (meetings are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month at the ACE office, 719 Hermitage Road)

Resource Sustainability Committee: Wednesday, August 16, 12:00 noon (meetings are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month at the ACE office)

Organizational Development Committee: Wednesday, August 9, 12:15 p.m. (meetings are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at the ACE office)