



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)
Minutes of the Board of Directors
Graham Public Library
Graham, NC 27253

Thursday, March 16, 2006

Directors Present:

Chris Davis	Tony Foriest	Joe Barbour
Tina Manning	Becky Loy	Sylvester Lewis
Barbara Massey	Ed Woodall	LaRosa Pinnix-Bailey
Allison Gant	Mary Erwin	Angela Thompson-Clark

Director Proxies:

Jeff Andrews	Chad Laws	Terry McNeil	Nancy Whitfield
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The Board of Directors' meeting of the Alamance Citizens for Education (ACE) was called to order at 12:12 PM by President Chris Davis. Dr. Davis also provided an invocation. A motion to accept the minutes of the February director's meeting was made by Allison Gant and seconded by Sylvester Lewis. The motion passed.

A financial report was given and distributed by Treasurer Becky Loy. She reported that as of March 16, 2006, cash assets on deposit equaled \$23,309.38. She said that an additional sum of \$25,250.00 in pledges are outstanding, giving a grand total of \$48,559.38. Joe Barber moved that the treasury report be accepted as presented. LaRosa Pennix-Bailey seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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

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

Mary Erwin reported on the March 8, 2006 meeting held at the Alamance Community College. The committee reported on suggestions for the Nominating Committee to consider at their next meeting. During the meeting, Terry McNeill agreed to serve as president-elect and Becky Loy agreed to serve as treasurer if nominated. Officers for secretary and the presidency were still unfilled.

Discussion also centered on a draft of goals for ACE to consider. Additional improvements on a fund raising letter were made at the meeting with the hope that it would be distributed shortly. It will be mailed to approximately 1200 recipients.

The committee talked about involving more area businesses with ACE. It was thought the Adopt-A-Classroom initiative approach offered by the Chamber could be expanded.

Nominating Committee – Chris Davis reported that the committee most recently met on Tuesday, March 14, 2006 and discussed potential directors and trustees for ACE. Suggestions were made that the number of trustees and directors not be much larger than the present total to keep the board workable. There was also discussion on the merits of potential board members serving with ACE for at least a year before being invited to join. It was decided that trustee's terms will be staggered for 1, 2, 3 or 4 years and the directors' terms be staggered for 1, 2 or 3 years. Existing officers and directors will be contacted and invited to remain before the upcoming April election.

Chairman Davis held a random drawing utilizing the present membership to determine the length of terms for existing officers. The results were as follows:

Board of Directors

Jeff Andrews	2	LaRosa Pinnix-Bailey	2	Joe Barbour	3
Jim Butler	2	Angela Thompson-Clark	3	Chris Davis	1
Gerald Dillashaw	1	Jeff Ellington	1	Terry Farmer	2
Tony Foriest	1	Allison Gant	2	Stephanie Huffstetler	3
Tom Lambeth	3	Chad Laws	3	Sylvester Lewis	2
Becky Loy	2	Tina Manning	3	Barbara Massey	1
Terry McNeill	2	Barbara Sellars	1	Nancy Whitfield	1
Ed Woodall	3				

Board of Trustees

Caroline Ansbacher	2	Lummy Barnes	4	Anna Bass	3
Cindy Brady	3	Paul Cobb	3	Jim Copland	4
Larry Covington	2	Dan Danieley	4	Eddie Gant, Jr.	1
Frankie Jones, Sr.	2	Leo Lambert	2	Helen LeGette	3
Jack Lindley	1	Dave Maner	2	Jan-Erik Nordh	4
Alan Norton	3	Fairfax Reynolds	4	Holt Skinner	1
Tom Ryan	4	Steve Ross	2	Mac Williams	1
Ron Shive	3	Haywood Simpson	4		
Brad Smith	1	Richard Styles	1		

It was suggested that the Organizational Development Committee consider providing guidelines for existing and new directors and officers, including attendance expectations and training on overall expectations from the organization.

Program of Work – Allison Gant, chair

It was reported that the Program of Work mini retreat held on Thursday, March 9, 2006 at the Glen Raven Conference Center was a success. Those present divided into three groups for extended discussion: Grants, Community Awareness and Teacher Retention.

Grants – a lot of focus was on helping the middle schools. Grants were discussed to fund projects such as a job fair, allowing speakers to visit classrooms and a SAT prep course. Job shadowing was also recommended from the membership for future discussion.

Teacher retention – Of the many items discussed, a process for utilizing mentoring and tutoring more effectively was singled out. The use of a speaker's bureau to use teachers to go into the community or to bring community people into the classroom was an alternative. Bringing local churches into the classroom and enabling the chamber to work along with schools to reach students could be of help.

Community Awareness – There was a lot of discussion on a Heroes Campaign to provide role models for classroom students. An effort could bring in local successful community leadership to mingle with students during lunch or to visit classrooms.

There ensued a discussion on the merits of dress codes and uniforms in shaping student attitudes towards discipline and achievement. There are reports of the practice being successful in other areas. A sub-committee to study the feasibility of dress codes and uniforms was appointed by the chair and included the following: Sylvester Lewis, Allison Gant, Joe Barber and Lane Anderson. Allison will contact Jackie Cole from the school board as well. The sub-committee will report at an upcoming meeting.

Community Forum Subcommittee— Ed Woodall reported that the recently concluded Health and Obese forum that was given in conjunction with ARMC proved to be a huge success. Approximately 80 people were in attendance. There was media coverage from News 2 and WXII-TV. Representation from the board of commissioners and the local board of education was in attendance as well. Ed also reported on the most recent community forum program concerning Gang Awareness. Several additional forums are planned for the coming months.

The next events will be a Gang Awareness Forum to be held on two separate dates, March 20, at Alamance Community College Auditorium and on March 30, at North Park Community Center. Both events will be from 6:00 – 8:00 PM and free food and child care are being provided. Additional information can be provided by the ACE office.

Resource & Sustainability Subcommittee – Mary Erwin reported that the sub-committee will be contacting trustees with a mailing and also preparing for the joint director and trustee board meeting scheduled for April 20, 2006 at St. Marks Church.

Executive Director’s Report – No additional information was reported.

Old Business – Chairman Davis reported that preparation has been made for a directors planning retreat on May 18, 2006 from 8:00 – noon. This meeting will take the place of the regular scheduled board meeting.

New Business – None

With no other business raised, a motion to adjourn was made by Angela Thompson-Clark and seconded by Allison Gant. The meeting adjourned at 1:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Foriest
Secretary

Meeting Reminders

Board of Directors meeting: Thursday, April 20, 2006 at noon at St. Mark’s Church Atrium (Meetings are on 3rd Thursdays of every month).

Program of Work Committee: Tuesday, April 11, 2006, at 12:30 PM at the ACE Office located in the United Way Building (meetings are on 2nd Tuesday of every month).

Resource Sustainability Committee: Wednesday, April 19, 2006, at the ACE office at noon. (meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday of every month).

Organizational Development Committee: Wednesday, April 12, 2006, 12:15 PM at ACC,
Room 341 (meetings are on 2nd Wednesday of every month).
Board of Trustees: Thursday, April 20, 2006.

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