



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

Minutes of the  
**Alamance Citizens for Education (ACE)**  
**Board of Directors' Meeting**  
Graham Public Library  
211 S. Main St.  
Graham, NC 27253

Thursday, November 17, 2005

**Directors Present:**

Chris Davis	Terry McNeill	Joe Barbour
Gerald Dillashaw	Becky Loy	Stephanie Huffstetler
Tom Lambeth	Terry Farmer	Tony Foriest
Allison Gant	Mary Erwin	Ed Woodall
Tina Manning	Angela Thompson-Clark	

**Director Proxies:**

Jeff Ellington	Barbara Massey	Nancy Whitfield
Larry Sharpe		

The Board of Directors' meeting of the Alamance Citizens for Education (ACE) was called to order at 12:05 PM by President Chris Davis. Rev. Terry Farmer provided an invocation. A motion to accept the minutes of the October director's meeting was made by Terry Farmer and seconded by Gerald Dillashaw. The motion passed.

A treasury report was distributed by Becky Loy. As of November 17, 2005, a total of \$42,676.92 is on deposit for the organization. Not included in the total is \$7,450.00 in pledges outstanding.

Chairman Davis reminded the members of the two financial goals set at a previous meeting:

1. To raise \$50,000 from community contributions by the end of October
2. To raise \$50,000 directly from trustees and directors as a show of support

Under **Old Business** reports were given by the three standing committees:

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

A report was given by Dr. Davis. The committee met on November 9, 2005 and discussed several issues. The first was a discussion concerning whether the executive director of ACE should also be a board member. It was brought out that, if necessary, the director could be excused from participating in votes or discussions that might be perceived as conflicts of interest. In addition, after April of 2006 it would be a moot point since new officers will be chosen and the director may likely not be nominated for an extended term as a director. A motion was made

by Terry Farmer that the executive director continue as a board member until April. Terry McNeill seconded the motion. The motion passed.

A second item for discussion was about the likelihood of the school system possibly financing a tutor coordinator for Alamance County students. Unfortunately, no money was allocated in this year's budget for this expense.

A third item for discussion was the possible need for a skeletal strategic plan to be considered for ACE. A preliminary outline was passed out with a request from the committee for input from the board.

The last item mentioned was the need for ACE to unbundle compensation for the \$25,000 part-time reimbursement for the executive director. She has been asked to submit weekly time sheets to insure compliance with existing labor laws. The committee reported that equating the job to compensation of \$20 per hour will allow a 24 hour work week goal to be reached.

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

The committee met on November 8, 2005 with Allison Gant presiding

Discussion continued regarding a tutoring coordinator with ACE. Unfortunately, money to support this position is not available through the local school system. It has been discovered that other groups have also discussed mentoring/tutoring programs. ACE will continue to work with other community organizations and programs to develop existing mentoring/tutoring programs.

*ACE Mini-grant Subcommittee*—It was reported the ACE Grant program is under way.

Applications have been distributed with results requested by the deadline. Dr. Gerald Dillshaw reported that proposals received will be reviewed in ACE headquarters on December 6, 2005 at noon.

*Community Forum Subcommittee*—Work is also continuing on the planned community forums. A sub-committee headed by Ed Woodall met on November 15, 2005 to outline details on future forums. The committee decided to host an informal meeting between community leaders and selected invited guests to get more community involvement. This meeting is planned for November 29, 2005 at noon at Sun Trust Bank.

Two forum presentations on the rapid increase in gang activity are being planned on January 23 and January 31, 2006 at Fairchild Park and St. Mark's Church, respectively. More details will be forthcoming.

**Resource Sustainability Committee** – Jeff Ellington, chair

*Fundraising Subcommittee*—A report on fundraising was given by Mary Erwin. She spoke on the need to build a case for support to present to possible contributors. Recommendations may be forthcoming on setting up levels of support from officers as well as outside contributors.

*Kick-off Subcommittee*—Allison Gant reported on progress toward the ACE Kick-Off event. Committees are being formed to work out details of the April 2, 2006 event. Tentatively, events will take place at Rhodes Stadium at Elon University, with Williams Auditorium as a rain alternative. Activities are slated to run from 2 – 5 PM. Issues dealing with speakers, parking, sponsorship, food, etc. will require help from the community.

The new executive director for ACE, Mary Erwin, reported the new web site is operational. Patrick Harmon is helping to update weekly events.

## **New Business**

Members of the community have expressed an interest in receiving copies of ACE minutes to review. Discussion arose over whether to distribute them to the public. Terry Farmer motioned that approved minutes be posted on the ACE web site for distribution to anyone. The motion was seconded by Angela Thompson-Clark. The motion passed.

Discussion arose on sending minutes to interested county commissioner members. Terry Farmer motioned that approved minutes be sent to all Alamance County Commissioners. Terry McNeil seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Foriest  
Secretary

## **Meeting Reminders**

Board of Directors meeting: Thursday, December 15, 2005 at noon at St. Mark's Church (meetings are on 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of every month).

Program of Work Committee: Tuesday, December 13, 2005, 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, December 7, 2005, at the ACE Office at noon.

Organizational Development Committee: Wednesday, December 14, 2005, 12:15 PM at ACC, Rm 341 (meetings are on 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, Dec.5, 2005 at 9:00 AM at Starbucks.

Fund Raising—Tom Ryan and Mary Erwin co-chairs-- next meeting: December 5, 2005, at 12:00PM at ACE Headquarters

Mini-grant Development—Jerry Dillashaw, LaRosa Pinnix-Bailey, and Chris Davis tri-chairs -- next meeting: Tuesday, December 6, 2005 at 12:00 PM at ACE Headquarters.

Community Forum Development—Ed Woodall chair -- next meeting: Tuesday, November 29, 2005, at noon at SunTrust Bank.

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