

ACBC Minutes from Board Meeting March 20, 2025

Call to Order – 5:35 PM

Serenity Prayer

Roll Call – Present: Brandi C., Kira J., Scott M., Roy T., Fred E., Dave G.

Absent : Ron F., Fernando R.

Committee Chairs Present: Dan S. (House), Shannon V. (ACE), Adam F. (Membership), Randy O. (TGAA)

Board Activity:

Secretary's Report – Minutes from January 2025 were reviewed; Dave moved to approve; Fred seconded; Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report – Unavailable due to Fernando's unexpected absence.

Funding Opportunities:

- Meijer – Brandi applied online for a \$5000 cash donation and a \$2000 gift card donation, which is still under review as of March 17, 2025.
- BCCF – Donor Advised Newsletter – Brandi completed the application for the new shed and concrete pad, for \$14,165.45. Kyra responded and accepted the application on February 3, 2025, as no updates were recommended.
- BCCF- Mini-Grant Application- Brandi applied for a “Leadership Development Initiative” on Friday, February 28th. This request was for \$1,299 for Dan Schell to attend the Non-Profit Network, Executive Director Academy in the Spring of 2025. This will begin on March 27th and run through July 10th.
 - Brandi proposed that the board move to approve the club funding Dan's tuition for \$1,299 while the grant is in its review process. Scott moved to approve; Roy seconded; motion approved
- Miller Foundation Grant –Brandi completed and submitted the full grant on Tuesday, February 4th, for the Table of Hope Café project. As the Miller Foundation will fund no more than 10% of a project, the amount listed in the grant application is \$20,500. Brandi then received confirmation that the grant application had been received.
 - Brandi shared details of her meeting with Sara Wallace, Miller Foundation Executive Director, who expressed that she felt confident her Board would support our request. We will find out the final award decision at the end of March.
 - Fred volunteered to attend the mandatory Miller Foundation/Non-Profit Network training in Roy's place to fulfill the board attendance requirements for the grant application.
- Lowe's Hometown Grant- On February 13, 2025, Alicia submitted a grant request for \$50,000 for the “Project Hope: Enhancing Recovery Spaces for Community Wellness”. She

reported that we will find out in June if this grant request is approved.

Funding In Process Updates:

- BCCF- Alicia and Brandi have applied for the Spring 2025 competitive grant through the BCCF. Once a response is received, they will make all necessary updates and submit the final grant application on or before April 9th. They have requested funds for the Recovery Grounds Café and beatification of the building for \$113,500 (half of the projected budget for these projects).
- Walmart SparkGood Programs- Facility giving, customer giving and associate giving programs. Alicia is going to be applying for funds through Walmart.
- Donor box – Brandi is looking more into this.

Old Business

- TGAA Steering Committee Update:
 - On Wednesday, March 12th, during the regularly scheduled meeting, the TGAA Group elected the following individuals to fill the open Steering Committee positions:
 - Chairperson- Randy O.
 - Co-Chair- Shannon V.
 - Treasurer- Kip (will remain in his position for another month to give the group time to elect another Chairperson)
 - Co-Treasurer- Justin T.
 - Secretary- Virat T.
 - Literature Chair- Stacy H.
- Opioid Settlement Funding/Outreach Grant Award – Brandi completed and submitted the January FSR on February 2, 2025, requesting \$8,479.69 reimbursement. We received full reimbursement from Calhoun County on February 25, 2025.
 - Brandi completed and submitted the February FSR on March 5, 2025, requesting \$7,119.89 reimbursement. We received full reimbursement from Calhoun County on March 18, 2025.
 - Community Workshops
 - Anonymous People Movie Screening & Discussion- Roy agreed to facilitate the discussion, and the date was set for Wednesday, April 16, 2025.
 - The ROSC Group has requested that we provide an Anonymous People screening and discussion for Professionals working in the SUD field. The Substance Abuse Council is willing to partner with us to facilitate this training and will pay for lunch. Brandi and Dawn applied for both MCBAP and MDHHS Continuing Education Units and were approved. This training has been scheduled for May 13th from 11am- 2:30 pm, and Kira has agreed to facilitate.
 - Brandi provided updates about upcoming scheduled quarterly workshops for Suicide Prevention, as well as Opioid Awareness and Narcan Training.

New Business

- Alano Club Orientation – Bradi provided updates about her Dan's meeting with the Calhoun County Probation Department and the implementation of the new orientation that is set to be offered twice per week and facilitated by Dan.

- Brandi announced that an intern, Skylar Harvey, will be completing 175 hours at the club through a variety of tasks to fulfill her practicum toward her associate's degree in human services from KCC.
- Ninth Annual Recovery Walk- Brandi provided the flyer discussing sponsorship options to support the Substance Abuse Council's annual event.
 - The board discussed the sponsorship options, which include the amount of \$1000 for the mid-level sponsorship that the club contributed the previous year.
 - Roy moved to approve \$1000 sponsorship; Scott seconded; motion approved.
- BCCF- Organizational Support Fund- Brandi provided copies of the "Spending Election Form" that was submitted, requesting that the current accumulated spendable and annual grant from the organizational endowment fund go into the Alano Club Support Fund.
- Fundraising Committee requests Board input on preferences for donor recognition. The board agreed that thank you emails would be best to respect individuals wishing to remain anonymous.
- Community Impact Day on May 14th – Brandi shared an opportunity to sign up for volunteers and complete a project at the Alano Club. The board discussed utilizing this opportunity for a landscaping project. Final details are to be determined.
- Alano Club Merchandise- Brandi announced that the new merchandise arrived.

Upcoming Events

- Recovery Night- Saturday, March 29th
- Recovery Breakfast- Saturday, April 5th
- Coffee & Creativity Group- Saturday, April 12th
- Between the Covers, Book Club- Saturday, April 19th

Committee Updates

- Executive Committee (Ad Hoc)- Did not meet, therefore no report
 - Next Meeting scheduled for April 24, 2025, at 6:00 pm.
- Finance Committee (Ad Hoc)- Did not meet, therefore no report
- TGAA Steering Committee- Randy O. provided the latest updates.
- House Committee
 - Dan shared the extensive volunteer work provided by Andrew P. with the recent painting projects, and Brandi proposed the board recognize him and provide him with a one-year membership at the club, as well as the Alano Club Guardians hoodie provided with annual membership.
 - Fred moved to approve; Scott seconded; motion approved.
- Membership Committee- Adam F. provided the latest updates.
- ACE Committee- Shannon V. provided the latest updates.
- Fundraising Committee- Kira J. provided the latest updates.

The next scheduled board meeting is April 17, 2025, at 5:30 pm

Board meeting adjourned at 7:11 PM.

Submitted by Kira J, Board Vice President