

ACBC Minutes from Board Meeting March 17th, 2026

Call to Order – 6:12 PM

Serenity Prayer

Roll Call – Present: Brandi C., Roy T., Kyra M., and Scott M.
Absent : Fred E., Fernando R. and Mike M.

Committee Chairs Present: Dan S. (House), and Adam F. (Membership)
Committee Chairs Absent: Lance C. (Fundraising), and Randy O. (ACE)

Public Comment: Virat, Chuck and Kevin attended as members of TGAA. They shared their desire to have more open communication between the Alano Club Board and the TGAA Steering Committee. They requested that an Alano Club Board Member attend their monthly TGAA Steering Committee Meetings.

Board Activity:

Secretary's Report – Minutes from January 2026 were reviewed. Motion: Scott M. moved to approve; Adam F. seconded; motion approved.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurers Report from February and March were reviewed. Motion: Roy T., moved to approve; Kyra M. seconded; motion approved.

Funding Opportunities:

Funds Awarded-

- ☞ **MCCU-** Brandi applied on behalf of the Recovery Grounds Café on October 1, 2025, to support the Financial Literacy Program- \$5,000. Brandi has met with and is working with Laura Van Dyke for funding. On January 22, 2026- we were informed that we received partial approval for funding in the amount of \$1,250. There may be additional funds awarded based on the remainder of our request.
- ☞ **BINDH Foundation-** Dan was awarded \$2,500 on February 15th for operational expense support. There is no reporting requirements attached to this grant.

New Grant Applications Submitted-

- ☞ State of Michigan- Recovery Support Services Competitive Grant 2026- Brandi and Dan submitted grant on January 20th- \$150,000. On Wednesday, February 25th, we were notified that the grant had been declined.
- ☞ Christopher D. Smithers Foundation- Brandi submitted an introductory letter regarding the Recovery Grounds Café on February 2nd- \$25,000.
- ☞ Calhoun County Senior Services- Brandi submitted an application for the Recovery Grounds Café- Appliances & Point-of-Sale on February 3rd- \$4,709
- ☞ Miller Foundation- Brandi submitted an application for the Recovery Grounds Café Appliances & Point-of-Sale system on February 5th- \$4,709
- ☞ State of Michigan- Recovery Community Center Funding- Brandi submitted a letter of interest for funding through the State Opioid Healing & Recovery Fund on February 16th- \$75,000.

In Process Funding Requests:

- ☞ **Consumers Energy Foundation-** Brandi submitted a grant application on September 25th, 2025, for the Recovery Grounds Café- \$150,000. As of January 20th, no decision has been made regarding this request as listed on their grant portal.
- ☞ **Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan-** On Dec 9th, BC submitted a concept paper for their Community Health Matching Grant Program (up to \$50,000). Concept Papers will be reviewed in early February and if invited, we will then complete the grant application.
- ☞ **Huntington Bank-** Brandi emailed Ms. Franklin-Lindsay (West Michigan Community Executive) to request an invitation to apply on December 9, 2025. I shared info regarding the Recovery Grounds Café and our intent to request \$60,000.
- ☞ **Mutual of America Foundation-** Dan submitted the grant application requesting \$75,000 on July 1st, 2025, for the Recovery Grounds Café Project. We have yet to receive a response for this grant request.
- ☞ **Foundation for Opioid Response Efforts-** Dan submitted the grant application requesting \$150,000 (over a 24-month funding period) on July 1st, 2025, for the Recovery Grounds Café Project. We have yet to receive a response for this grant request.

Old Business

- ☞ **Opioid Settlement Funding/ Outreach Grant Award Update-**
 - Brandi completed and submitted the January FSR report on January 3rd, 2026, reporting \$5,594 attributed to the grant funding. This included operational expenses and payroll expenses. This full amount was approved and deposited into our checking account on January 14, 2026.
- ☞ **Recovery Grounds Cafe-**
 - The City has approved and issued all necessary permits for the Recovery Grounds Café Project.
 - Schmidtke Builders has begun the renovations, and we hope to have the kitchen completed mid February.
 - Furniture has been purchased from Michigan Office Environments and is awaiting delivery until the completion of the renovation projects.

New Business

- ☞ Official vote to welcome Adam Fox as the newest Alano Club Board of Directors. Motion: Roy T. moved to approve; Scott M. seconded; motion approved unanimously.
- ☞ Office vote to appoint Adam F. to the Secretary Officer Position for the Board. Motion: Roy T. moved to approve; Scott M. seconded; motion approved unanimously.
- ☞ Battle Creek Community Foundation-
 - Organizational Support Fund (Please see attached statements)
 - The year end amount in our fund was \$34,784.46. Fernando and Brandi made the determination to withdrawal the earned \$9,784.46 for operating and payroll expenses, leaving the full \$25,000 initially invested in the organizational support fund.
 - Endowment Fund (Please see attached statement)
 - The year end amount in our endowment fund is \$17,117.44.

☞ Strengthening Financial Sustainability

- Name Change: The Board discussed and voted to officially change the name of organization. The new name of the organization is the Recovery Grounds Community Center- Home of the Alano Club of Battle Creek, Inc. Motion approved by vote: Fernando R., Mike M. (both proxy vote through Brandi C), Brandi C., Adam F. and Kyra M. Both Roy T. and Scott M. abstained from casting a vote.

- ☞ Due to absence from the last three consecutive Board meetings, Fred E. was removed from the Board in accordance with the organization's Bylaws. This action was also formally brought to a vote. A motion was made by Brandi C. and seconded by Scott M. The motion passed with approval from Brandi C., Adam F., Scott M., Kyra M., Mike M., and Fernando R. (with both Mike and Fernando's vote submitted by proxy through Brandi). Roy T. abstained.

Committee Updates

- **Executive Committee**- Roy Tooke, Board Co-Chair Presenting- No meeting held therefore no presentation (Absent)
- **Finance Committee**- Fernando Rosa, Board Chairperson Presenting- No meeting held therefore no presentation
- **House Committee**- Dan Schell, Committee Chairperson Presenting
- **Membership Committee**- Adam Fox, Committee Chairperson Presenting
- **ACE Committee**- Randy Owens, Committee Chairperson (Absent)
- **Fundraising Committee**- Lance Crull, Committee Chairperson (Absent)
- **TGAA Steering Committee**- Randy Owens, Committee Chairperson (Absent)

Next Scheduled Meeting- Tuesday, May 19th, 2026, at 6pm

Board meeting adjourned at 7:22 PM

Submitted by Brandi Clanton, Board President