

**Asset Building in our Community Board of Directors  
April 22, 2008**

**Our Mission:**

Asset Building in our Community organization is a voluntary, not-for-profit association operating under the patronage of the City of Eaton Rapids Michigan for the purpose of elevating values, pride, and confidence in students and citizens residing in our community.

**Board members attending:**

Claudia Brown Mary Frazier  
Gary Vittoz Ron Byerly  
Jan McRee Mike McGhan  
Dee Cassidy Barb Crockett  
Diane Clone Karen Abrahamson

Jan opened the meeting with prayer, and a reminder from Benjamin Franklin that “energy and persistence conquer all things”.

Members of “ERASE” have been invited to attend our May 13 meeting which will be turned over to them. Rev. Bowles from the First Baptist Church will do a power point presentation about their group and it’s efforts.

ABC is in need of money to produce promotional material, and fund projects. The Board had a discussion about fund raising, especially grant opportunities. It was decided that Karen Abrahamson would contact Mona Ellard, Eaton County Cooperative Extension Director, and ask for her help in discovering such opportunities.

Along with this we also talked about the retreat we held a year ago and decided to follow up with a sub-committee made up of Barb, Ron, Claudia, Gary and chaired by Karen to look at the results of the retreat, and draft a report for the full board as to our direction following the retreat. This committee will meet at First United Methodist Church, room 215 on May 6 at 10:00 a.m.

As the “Write-On” project nears it’s conclusion we needed to finalize arrangements. Dee reported that there will be 25-30 persons attending the celebration at the ER public library on May 4, and she expects that the readings will last about one and a half hours. The decoration and refreshment committees are going to meet with Dee at the library to do last minute planning.

Dee and Jan shared their serious concern about the quality, and number of the written submissions, and how they reflect on our school system here in Eaton Rapids. Following a long discussion we understand that it is of great concern to us all, but we don’t know what we can do to change the situation. We will continue to look for ways we can be of help both to our kids, and the district.

Our next meeting will be May 13, 2008, remember we will have guests.

Respectfully Submitted  
Karen Abrahamson