

THE INTERFAITH ALLIANCE OF ROCHESTER

+People of Faith Working Together For Justice in Public Policy+

Board Meeting Minutes

December 16, 2010

Attending: D.Bird, P.Brayer, S.Chamberlin, B.Elwell, G.L'Esperance, C.Garman, R.Herman, M.Hopkins, M.Howden, N.Jaschik, E.Johnson, E.Metzger, I.Morrison, G.Mott, J.Noronha, H.Parreno, W.Spilly, B.Swan, D.White and M.Wienk.

1. Opening Reflection- By C.Garman.

2. Minutes- Motion by H.Parreno; seconded by S.Chamberlin to approve the November 18, 2010 Board minutes . Approved unanimously.

3. Membership Committee- Report re mailing: By S.Chamberlin- The dues renewal billing for calendar year 2011 has been mailed.

4. Immigration Committee Report:by G.L'Esperance A detailed report was presented orally and in writing.

5. Report re TIAR Archives- By D.White- Archives are held by GRCC. Motion by D.White;; Seconded by G.Mott to contribute \$ 50 for a one year period to GRCC for maintaining the TIAR archives. Approved unanimously.

6. Fair Elections Practices Committee- R.Herman reported re meeting with Dem. & Republican Chairs (Morelle & Reilach) with TIAR representatives Herman and Jaschik and LWV representatives K.Smith, Pres. and S.Abeling and two others to clarify and improve the process. There was good communication and cooperation.

7. GCIEJ Committee- J.Noronha reported. A detailed written report was distributed and a copy was e-mailed to the board.

8. "Structural Racism & Community Building text- Motion by G.Mott; seconded by W.Spilly to order 5 more copies @ \$ 10 to facilitate reading by the board'. Unanimously approved.

9. Interfaith Alliance Project (IA)- N.Jaschik report. He participated in an IA conference phone call. Tentative plan to have portions of the sacred texts of the 3 major Abrahamic faiths read by Muslim, Christian and Jewish faith leaders in some local Christian churches. The process would be filmed and the film distributed through some Muslim networks to illustrate the cooperation of these faith leaders. Motion by N.Jaschik; Seconded by S,Chamberlin to support this project. Approved unanimously.

10. Guidelines for religious institutions to take stands on controversial issues without violating their tax exempt status- Reported by R.Herman who volunteered to lead this project; assistance required from other TIAR Board members would be minor - Preliminary information has been received from IA. Motion by R.Herman; Seconded by

E.Johnson to support this project. Approved unanimously.

The next meeting will be Thursday, January 21, 2011 at 4 PM at Covenant United Methodist Church, Culver at Parsells).