

THE INTERFAITH ALLIANCE OF ROCHESTER
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Board Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2008

Attending: , D.Bird, P.Brayer, S.Chamberlin, G.L'Esperance, P.Hammer, R.Herman, N.Jaschik, E.Johnson, D.McNitt, I.Morrison, G.Mott, H.Parreno, P.Peters, W.Spilly, G.Strothers, and M.Wienk.

Member Guests- Becky Elwell and Barry Swan.

1. **Opening Reflection-** by G.L'Esperance.

2. **Minutes-** (No motion re approval of the December 20, 2007 minutes.)

3. **Response to the recent Washington Post Blog postings by Arun Gandhi-** Rev. Richard Myers (R.Myers) of GRCC and Sr. Gratia L'Esperance (G.L'Esperance) prepared a draft letter to submit to the Democrat and Chronicle (D & C). Copies were distributed to the attending board members. A discussion ensued. A motion was made by N.Jaschik; seconded by H.Parreno that Sr. Gratia L'Esperance would sign a letter with Rev. Richard Myers the substance of which letter shall reflect the substance of the draft letter. It is understood that R.Myers and G.L'Esperance will further edit the draft letter in such manner they deem advisable while maintaining the substance of the draft letter. The draft letter is intended to be submitted to the D & C for publication and copies will be sent to Joel Seligman, President of the University of Rochester and to Arun Gandhi. There was an extensive discussion of the text and the issues. The motion was approved unanimously. A copy the letter, as edited, will be distributed to the members of the TIAR Board and to the members of TIAR.

4. **Power Point Presentation by Elaine Johnson and John Heister-** E.Johnson announced that she and John Heister have prepared a power point presentation of their recent trip to Israel and Palestine. They are available to present it anywhere there is an interest. An attempt will be made to set up a viewing of the presentation by TIAR as it is too long to be presented as part of a regular Board meeting.