

THE INTERFAITH ALLIANCE OF ROCHESTER

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

January 21, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes

Attending: P. Brayer, S. Chamberlin, G. L'Esperance, R. Herman, N. Jaschik, , E. Johnson, E. Metzger, M. Morich, I. Morrison, G. Mott, W.Spilly, and M.Wienk.

Guests- D.McNitt (member) and Eileen Casey (Episcopal Diocese Building Bridges Program)

1. Opening Reflection- By E.Johnson.

2. Minutes Approvals- Motion by P.Brayer ; seconded by I.Morrison to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2009 meeting. Approved unanimously.

3. Immigration Committee- G.L'Esperance reported on the meeting in Ithaca for training for a national effort to get people to contact their legislators for comprehensive immigration reform legislation. Our committee will work on this including a "caravan" to contact some federal legislators from our area.

4. Poverty Committee- No committee report. P.Brayer updated us on the homeless survey for the Homeless Services Corp., a HUD requirement. Volunteers are needed.

5. Outreach Committee- M.Morich reported. The committee met 1/6/10 and will meet again 2/15/10. Guest, Eileen Casey described the Interfaith Conference to be held at Nazareth this spring and the Interfaith Services Event to help prepare for the conference to take place 1/31/10. Motion by G.Mott; seconded by M.Morich for TIAR to cosponsor the Interfaith Understanding Conference 2010 and its antecedent events. Approved unanimously.

6. TIAR Healthcare letters- The Executive Committee approved the short and long letters on healthcare. (the shorter letter appeared as a letter to the editor in the 1/17/10 D & C). The longer letter will, in addition to having been sent to elected federal representatives will be posted on the TIAR web site. Motion by I.Morrison; seconded by W.Spilly to ratify this action taken by the Executive Committee. Approved unanimously.

7. Social Networking and TIAR- N.Jaschik is in the process of putting TIAR on Face Book and creating a "Fan Page." It was suggested various board members might rotate the duty to monitor the page.

8. Phone Conference with Dr. Gaddy and other IA presidents- S.Chamberlin reported that she had participated in such a phone conference. Topics included plans for an election year program to urge greater civility and to monitor faith related expressions. Religious liberty and the military is another priority.

9. Annual Meeting- B.Elwell will chair the annual meeting committee. Immigration was suggested as a focus. Contact her with any suggestions for a speaker.

10. Nominating Committee- N.Jaschik will chair the committee. Advise him of any prospective board members.

11. Financial- I.Morrison informally reported that TIAR had a balance of @ \$3000 as of 12/31/09 and that @ \$300 had come in since then.