

**T.I.A.R. MINUTES**  
**February 18, 2010**

Attending: Dayle Bird, Paul Brayer, Sally Chamberlin, Gratia L'Esperance, Marie Hickey, Neil JaschikElaine Johnson, Isabel Morrison, Gail Mott, Mary Pizzante-Morich, Gil Strother, Barry Swan, David White, and Marilyn Wienk

1. Gail Mott gave a reflection on Howard Zinn.
2. The minutes of the January meeting were amended in the Outreach Committee section – name of the group- The Interfaith Youth Core of Rochester/Building Bridges as the group we endorse and approved as corrected. Swann/Brayer.
3. Isabel distributed an Annual Financial Report for 2009 and a proposed budget for 2010. Our membership income this year is about \$1000 less that last year. The budget for 2010 was approved.
4. Donation to Partners in Health for relief in Haiti was discussed. Marilyn distributed the statement about Haiti. The Executive Committee recommends that we send \$1000. This recommendation was approved. Jaschik/Wienk . The statement will be posted on the web site and it will be mailed to members who do not have Internet access. Gratia volunteered to send out this statement.
5. Neil reported that the theme for the Annual Meeting would be how could people of faith get the information they need to make informed votes. Tom Prietti has agreed to be the speaker. June 13 is the date and it will be a Nazareth College from 3 to 5 pm.
6. Mary reported for the Outreach Committee. Members of the committee made contacts with local colleges. Two people from the U of R Interfaith Chapel met with them. The committee is still working on defining their purpose. Mary is working on our involvement with the April conference at Nazareth. If we have 10 people going to the conference they will give us a \$50 break on the registration fee. We need to know who will be going by the end of February. Neil will contact Shafiq about how to deal with the details. Those who want to attend are Sally, Barry, Gratia, Mary and her husband, Dayle, Neil, Paul, Elaine plan to attend. Gail and Marilyn and Marie are considering going. Marie moved and Marilyn seconded that we provide a \$200 scholarship fund from which people can request assistance in paying the fee for the conference. Your \$200 registration fee should be sent to Isabel Morrison and she will send the total to the conference registration.
7. Roberts Wesleyan is hostting Krista Tippett, March 1 at 7:30 pm at the Roberts Cultural Life Center and a program on Tuesday, March 2. She is the creator and host of Speaking of Faith at American Public Media.
8. LEAAD program weekend grades 9-12 to develop leadership skills in advocating for religious liberty. If we put one on we would have to organize the arrangements and raise the money (\$6000-10,000). They would run the program. 20-30 students could be involved in the training. They have a web site. Marie agreed to look into it.

9. We do now have a fan page on Facebook. Todd and Neil are administrators of the page.
10. Dorothy Day's granddaughter is speaking at Nazareth next Tuesday.
11. Several reported on the immigration caravan. There was an excellent article in the Business Section of this morning's Democrat and Chronicle. Dayle reported on the Greece stop, Barry reported on Sodus and Gail reported on Pittsford.
12. The Commission on Christian Muslim Relations is sponsoring a three-part conversational series "Faith Matters" on Thursdays, March 11, March 18 and March 25 at 7:15 at the Islamic Center.
13. Marie reported on a program by Robert Riggs and Down in the Dirt Productions & Publications.
14. There will be a Vigil to remember the 30th Anniversary of Archbishop Oscar Romero's Assassination on March 24, 4 pm in front of the Federal Building.

Notes by Isabel Morrison for Bob Herman