



THE INTERFAITH ALLIANCE OF ROCHESTER
+People of Faith Working Together For Justice in Public Policy+

Minutes
March 16, 2006
Held at Covenant United Methodist Church
Board Meeting

Attending: P.Brayer, P.Hammer, D.Bird, H.Parreno, G.L'Esperance, R.Herman, N.Jaschik, M.Parsons, S.Brown, A.Nahas, D.Yarbrough and T.LeBeau. Member Guests- Marvin Morris and Peter Peters. Guest- Brian Kane of Interfaith Action

1. Opening Reflection- by S.Brown.
2. Minutes- Motion by P.Brayer; seconded by P.Hammer to approve the minutes of the January 16,2006 meeting as distributed by email. Approved unanimously.
3. Treasurer's Report- A written report was distributed by M.Parsons, Treasurer.
4. New Mailing Address- Reminder: The new TIAR mailing address is PO Box 25245, Rochester, NY 14625.
6. Celebratory Events- Today P.Hammer celebrated his 80th birthday and T.LeBeau advised us that he has passed his last ordination interview and that he will be ordained in June.
7. Interfaith Action- Brian Kane, executive director, presented information about Interfaith Action. This organization has been here for 12 years. Institutions (12 churches and other institutions) make up its membership. It operates in specific areas within the city. A primary goal is to train leaders to make change in the community. It is faith based (Christian and others) It holds public action meetings e.g. presented planks to the mayoral candidates and asked them to sign on. This included the concept of a neighborhood housing trust fund and pending federal legislation to provide a tax credit to single home builders. Interfaith Action's web site is < www.iapico.org >
8. Poverty Task Force- No report. E.Lemon, chair, not present.
9. TIA National Leadership Gathering in Nashville, TN- G.L'Esperance attended and reported. The sessions were worthwhile and well organized. Jennie Davis was very helpful. TIA has raised \$1,000,000 over their income budget amount. She attended the Skill Building Institute, a Stop the Hate Vigil which was held in downtown Nashville as well as various workshops and a plenary session. She had the opportunity to meet Dr. Gaddy. She estimated that between 130 to 140 attended the "Gathering."

10. "Dog Park Project"- P.Brayer reported. The project name is derived from all of the attention county legislators received concerning a proposed county dog park and that they claimed they had heard very little from constituents about the problems of those who are receiving "welfare." 50 people have committed to contacting their respective legislators asking for them to remedy some of the inequities currently impacting those on welfare. Paul is seeking volunteers from each legislative district for these contacts. For more information contact Paul Brayer at 271-3479 or by email at < brayerpm @frontiernet.net >.

11. Annual Meeting- N.Jaschik reported. Tentatively set for June 4, 11 or 18. He has emailed G.Whethers and is awaiting a response concerning available air conditioned space at Nazareth. In addition to the short business meeting, including the President's report, we shall present the "Rosa Parks video followed by a discussion.

12. "New York Access to Justice"- N.Jaschik reported. TIAR endorsed this project based on email board approval.

13. Possible TIAR web site- G.L"Esperance reported. She and R.Herman will meet on March 27th with a potential web master who may volunteer his services to create and maintain a TIAR web site with a link to and from the TIA web site.

14. Theocracy Watch (Joan Bokaer)- R, Herman reported. No change. He recommended we regularly check out the web site <theocracywatch.org>.

The next meeting will be Thursday, April 27, 2006 at 4 PM at Covenant United Methodist Church, (Culver at Parsells).

The next Executive Committee meeting will be Wednesday April 18, 2006 at 8 AM at the South Wedge Diner, S.Clinton Ave. south of S.Goodman St.
(the end of these minutes)