

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

Board Meeting Minutes

March 20,2008

Attending: D.Bird, P.Brayer, G.L'Esperance, P.Hammer, E.Herman, R.Herman, N.Jaschik, E.Johnson, D.McNitt, I.Morrison, G.Mott, A.Nahas, J.Noronha, H.Parreno, G.Strother, and M.Wienk. Member Guests - Jeannie Gloss, Marie Hickey, Marie Parsons, and Barry Swan.

- 1. Opening Reflection-** G.L'Esperance distributed a pamphlet of interfaith prayers, "Prayers For a Global Heart."
- 2. Minutes-** Copies of the January 17, 2008 Board minutes have not been distributed. As a result, no motion to approve those minutes was offered.
- 3. Public Defender Selection Process Issues-** A Campaign for an Independent Commission has formed to support Assembly Bill-A-9087A and Senate Bill S-4311A to create a state level nonpartisan public defender system and selection process. G.Mott will raise this process at the Public Defender Coalition meeting on 3/20/08. Motion by P.Peters; seconded by P.Brayer to authorize the president, in the event she believes the state legislative schedule necessitates action, to support the Campaign for an Independent Public Defense Commission in their support of this or similar legislation and that we shall continue to support the local coalition in their goal for a nonpartisan public defender selection process. Approved unanimously.
- 4. Burial Fund Committee-** H.Parreno- No change.
- 5. Peace Resolution-** Marilyn Wienk- Sent letters to every official and candidate concerning our resolution and the declaration of peace.
- 6. Immigration-** Sanctuary Process- H.Parreno No change
- 7. Rochester Voters Alliance-** P.Brayer- There is a great need for volunteers who will receive training Tuesday, May 6, 2008, at 7 PM at the Center for Disability Rights, 497 State St., at which Board of Elections Commissioners Tom Ferrarese and Peter Quinn will conduct training for the voter registration volunteers. (The next Rochester Voters Alliance meeting will be on Tuesday April 1, 2008 at 4 PM at the same Center for Disability Rights).
- 8. Clean Money, Clean Elections-** N.Jaschik- A program on this subject by Susan Lerner of NYS Common Cause will be held on Monday, 4/7/08, at 7 PM at the Henrietta Library.
- 9. Membership-** D.Bird- Anyone who hasn't paid his or her 2008 dues are urged to do so before follow up letters are sent.

10. Nominating Committee- G.Mott reported the 2008-2009 slate of candidates, a copy of which will be forwarded shortly as a separate document.

11. Annual Meeting- R.Herman- Paul Womack will be the speaker. We are in the process of establishing a title for his address and clarifying his bio material after which preliminary “hold the date” releases and dissemination of information about the program will begin to go out.

12. National Interfaith Awareness Week of the Pluralism Project (April 2008)- N.Jaschik- Question of what is going on in this context on college campuses. M.Hickey, E. Johnson, A.Nahas, J.Noronha, H. Parreno, M.Parsons, G. Strother, and B. Swann agreed to explore this project with N.Jaschik.

The next meeting will be Thursday, April 17, 2008 at 4 PM at Covenant United Methodist Church, Culver at Parsells).