

THE INTERFAITH ALLIANCE OF ROCHESTER

**+People of Faith Working Together For Justice in Public Policy+
March 18, 2010 Board Meeting**

Attending: D.Bird, P.Brayer, S.Chamberlin, B.Elwell, R.Herman, N.Jaschik, E.Johnson, G.L'Esperance, M.Morich, I.Morrison, G.Mott, W.Spilly, G.Strother, B.Swan, M.Wienk, and G.Williams.

Guest- Jeff Hering- Director of the Center for Religious Life at R.I.T.

1. Opening Reflection- None.

2. Minutes Approvals- Awaiting distribution of the February 2010 minutes.

3. Outreach Committee- M.Morich presented Jeff Hering who set out the details of R.I.T. student activities. There may be a good fit particularly in the area of poverty. M.Morich and P.Brayer will follow up.

4. Interfaith Conference- The registration fee has been reduced to \$ 175. The group rate for a table of 10 will be \$ 1500 (@\$ 150 per person in a group of 10. Motion by I.Morrison; seconded by E.Johnson: Because we have 16 TIAR people who will be attending each TIAR will pay \$ 150 and the differential of \$ 150 will be paid from the TIAR treasury. Approved unanimously.

5. Opportunity to meet with Dr. Welton Gaddy- TIAR members and board members will have the opportunity to meet with Dr. Gaddy on Monday, April 12, 2010 between 5 and 6 PM at Nazareth College in a specific room to be announced.

6. Rochester Voters Alliance (RVA)- P.Brayer reported- It is possible, even though this is a non-presidential election year, to have some activity of RVA (without voter registration) mainly via e-mail and the internet. N.Jaschik will contact CFBNY. A follow up is planned for the TIAR April board meeting.

7. 3/5/10 Meeting with State Department Visitor- S.Chamberlin reported that this event went very well.

8. Immigration- Buses will travel to Washington, DC from Rochester to transport individuals to the Immigration Rally on Sunday, 3/21/10.

9. Annual Meeting- B.Elwell reported. The committee will next meet on 3/22/10.

10. Better Choice Budget Campaign- M.Wienk reported- Motion by M.Wienk; seconded by G.L'Esperance for TIAR to endorse the statement of this organization challenging the levels of cuts to education, etc. funding and to support the Better Choice Budget Campaign. Approved unanimously.

11. Membership- D.Bird reported. Each board member is asked to recruit a minimum of 2 new TIAR members. If any questions, contact D.Bird.

12. Next meeting- Elaine Spaul, Executive Director for the Center for Youth and a City Councilperson will attend and present to our board.

13. Proposal for Mayoral Control of the City School District- G.Williams provided additional information.