

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

March 26,2009

Held at Covenant United Methodist Church
Board Meeting

Attending: D.Bird, P.Brayer, S.Chamberlin, G.L'Esperance, R.Herman, M.Hickey, N.Jaschik, E.Johnson, D.McNitt, I.Morrison, G.Mott, A.Nahas, J.Noronha, W.Spilly, B.Swan, and D.White,
Guest: Fr. Edwin Metzger

1. Opening Reflection- By G.Mott.

2. Minutes- Motion by B.Swan; seconded by M.Hickey to approve the minutes of the 2/19/09 meeting. Approved unanimously

3. Public Defender Issues- The scheduled speaker, Katie Blackburn had to cancel her appearance.

4. Request for a contribution to the Social Action Welfare Alliance to help fund the “Reality Tours”- The annual cost to fund the Reality Tours we were advised is \$ 4000. After a review of our policy for TIAR contributions, motion by E.Johnson; seconded by P.Brayer to donate \$ 100. Unanimously approved.

5. Membership Committee- D.Bird reported. D.Bird reminded us as board members that we are charged to provide 5 names as new member potential recruits.

6. Faces of Poverty DVD- P.Brayer reported. Additional presenters are needed. G.L'Esperance, E.Johnson, D.Bird and R.Herman volunteered to help present. We agreed to set out the availability of the newly edited and updated DVD on the web site and ask for bookings for presentations. Based on further study of the edited DVD we agreed to edit out the personal credits at the end of the DVD (the organizational credits will remain).

7. “Faces of Poverty” DVD Marketing Committee- R.Herman reported. Per N.Jaschik's request, Ed Saphar, a retired advertising executive and retired agency head has offered to give us some consulting time for our marketing plan after he returns from Florida in May. In the interim we shall continue to work on the plan.

8. Annual Meeting, June 14, 2009 at 3 PM- In addition to our speaker, Rt. Reverend Prince G.Singh, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese (topic- “A New Economy For A New Era”),we shall have three panelists, Dr. Joseph DaBol-Lavoie, Professor of Economics, Nazareth College, our own Ed Lemon and Sr. Chris Wagner, Director of St. Joseph's Neighborhood Health Center. We plan to run the Faces of Poverty, without sound, in the background and market presentations at the annual meeting.

9. Immigration- S.Chamberlin reported. The Immigration Committee recommended that TIAR endorse the Interfaith Platform on Human Immigration Reform of the N.Y. State Interfaith Network

For Immigration Reform and to join the coalition. Motion by G.Mott; seconded by W.Spilly to so endorse. Unanimously approved.

The next meeting will be Thursday, April 23, 2009 at 4 PM at Covenant United Methodist Church, Culver at Parsells).