

# THE INTERFAITH ALLIANCE OF ROCHESTER

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## Board Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2007

**Attending:** P.Brayer, G.L'Esperance, B.J.Gottorff, P.Hammer, E.Herman, R.Herman, N.Jaschik, E.Johnson, T.LeBeau I.Morrison, G.Mott, A.Nahas, J.Noronah, H.Parreno, M.Parsons, P.Peters, W.Spilly, G.Strother, D.White, and G.Williams. Other TIAR Members: Alan Newton. Guests: Georgia Nesmith, Dirk Hightower, and Nicole Crocker.

1. **Opening Reflection-** by P.Brayer.
2. **Minutes-** Motion by A.Nahas; seconded by I.Morrison to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2007 meeting as distributed by e-mail. Approved unanimously.
3. **TIAR listing in the Program for The GRCC dinner-** Draft was circulated.
4. **Nominee By TIAR for the GRCC "Faith in Action" Award.** Motion by G.Mott; seconded by P.Peters to nominate E. Lemon. Passed unanimously.
5. **Membership-** P.Brayer for D.Bird- Request for all who have not paid dues for the 2006-2007 fiscal year are to do so ASAP to avoid a follow up mailing.
6. **Contribution from TIAR Burial Fund** - A note was received from Sr. Grace Miller in appreciation of the \$500 contribution made by TIAR to assist in funeral and burial expenses recently incurred.
7. **Burial Project-** H.Parreno reported. County stated it had contracted with "Hope Initiative." County wants to hire a "burial coordinator" and wants the position to include fund raising capabilities. G.Williams stated that the \$1200 (v.\$1800) is unacceptable and he wants the county to pre-fund for 1 to 2 years. The county claims that it processes 750 burials per year of which @ 125 require assistance with financing the burial.
8. **Nominating Committee-** G.Mott- The process is well underway and a report will be made by the May meeting.
9. **Monroe County Reentry Task Force-** G.L"Esperance distributed plastic bags and lists of needed items. Each board member will bring a bag filled with needed personal items (for men) to our next board meeting.

10. **Poverty Task Force-** E.Lemon has continued to make DVD/Power Point presentations. Board members and TIAR members are needed to obtain additional bookings.

11. **Rochester Children's Zone-** After an introduction by E.Herman, Dirk Hightower, Nicole Crocker and Alan Newton presented information concerning this most important project. The current geographical boundaries are Main St. on the south; the Genesee River on the west; Norton St. on the north and Goodman St. on the east. This area includes students with the lowest graduation rates. All issues involved are viewed from multiple prospective points of view. More information can be found at the web site: [.http://rcsdk12.org/rcz/](http://rcsdk12.org/rcz/) <<http://rcsdk12.org/rcz/%20>> . This project is based on the Harlem Children's Zone.

**The next Board meeting will be Thursday, May 17 , 2007 at 4 PM at Covenant United Methodist Church, (Culver at Parsells).**

The Annual meeting will be Sunday June 10, 2007 from 3 to 5 PM at the Shults Center at Nazareth College. The guest speaker will be Arun Ghandi, grandson of Mahatma Ghandi and Cofounder of the M. K. Ghandi Center for Nonviolence.