

THE INTERFAITH ALLIANCE OF ROCHESTER
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Board Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2007

Attending: Dayle Bird, P.Brayer, G.L'Esperance, B.J.Gottorff, E.Herman, R.Herman, N.Jaschik, E.Johnson, T.LeBeau I.Morrison, G.Mott, M.Parsons, H.Parreno, P.Peters, W.Spilly, G.Strother, D.White, and G.Williams. Guest- Connie Sanderson, Homeless Services Network.

1. Opening Reflection- by M.Parsons.

2. Minutes- Motion by W.Spilly; seconded by I.Morrison to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2007 meeting as distributed by e-mail. Approved unanimously.

3. Homeless Services Network (HSN)- Connie Sanderson, Chairperson of the HSN presented a detailed description of the HSN. 40 to 60 organization representatives and individuals have been meeting since the mid-90's. The HSN was one of the creators of the "Homeless and Hunger Guide which lists relevant organizations to this issue. (P.Brayer has a copy which was previously shown and described to the board.) Upon receipt I shall e mail distribute a copy of the structure chart. A question and answer period followed the presentation.

4. Annual Meeting- G.L'Esperance reported the status of the annual meeting which will take place on June 10, 2007 from 3 to 5 PM in the Shults Center of Nazareth College. After a very brief business portion of the meeting Arun Gandhi, (grandson of Mohandas K. Gandhi) will speak on "Peace, Not War, In The Name of God." The meeting is free and open to the public so we shall spread the word. M.Lederman has prepared and will distribute media releases. He is also attempting to arrange for Arun Gandhi to appear on the Bob Smith show.

5. Membership-D.Bird reported that the committee members mailed the invitation to the annual meeting, a letter from G.L'Esperance and a membership brochure/application to 600 TIA members who reside in the Rochester metropolitan area who are not currently TIAR members at a cost of @ \$475. The mailing list was obtained from TIA.

6. Burial Project- H.Parreno reported. She presented an update of the project including many questions still unanswered.

7. Nominating Committee- G.Mott reported- The nominations for president, vice-president and secretary will remain the same. Due to M.Parsons imminent move to Florida she will be unable to continue. The Nominee for treasurer is I.Morrison. Two additional board members have been nominated: David McNitt (2010) and Marilyn Wienk (2009) in

addition to returning board members whose terms expire 2007. The following will be leaving the board M.Mich, M.Parsons and C.Appleton.

8. Monroe County Reentry Task Force- G.L'Esperance collected the filled plastic bags of needed items which board members brought. P.Brayer will deliver them.

9. Poverty Education Committee- E.Lemon has continued to make DVD/Power Point presentations. Board members and TIAR members are needed to obtain additional bookings.

10. Rochester Children's Zone- E.Herman reported. E.Herman moved; N.Jaschik seconded a motion for TIAR to contribute \$ 500 to the Children's Zone. G.Williams will serve as the TIAR representative at the upcoming implementation conference. Check their web site to stay updated.

11. Crowne Plaza Workers- P. Peters described the petition drive to show citizens' support. To sign the petition on line go to:
<http://www.rgvalf.org/ht/d/sp/i/45007/pid/45007>
<<http://www.rgvalf.org/ht/d/sp/i/45007/pid/45007>> . The Rochester Genesee Valley AFLCIO hosts this link.

12. GRCC Faith in Action Dinner- There will be a TIAR Table. Tickets are \$30 per person, Send checks payable to GRCC to Marie Parsons and advise G.L'Esperance that you will be attending. TIAR Faith in Action Nominee is E.Lemon. The Metropolitan Award recipients will be Gail and Peter Mott. The event takes place: Clarion Hotel, E.Main and St.Paul Sts, free inside parking; June 12, 2007, Reception 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:15 PM.

13. Poverty Task Force- P.Brayer reported. After an update he announced a planning meeting is scheduled at this home 5/24/07 at 2 PM.

14. Campaign Finance Reform- N.Jaschik reported. A public meeting is scheduled for 5/24/07 at 7 PM at the Brighton Public Library. There will also be a meeting at the Downtown Public Library on 6/13/07 at 8 PM at which Blair Horner will be the speaker.

15. Schedule of Future Board and Executive Committee Meetings- G.L'Esperance distributed the schedule. An additional copy will be separately e mailed to Board members.

The next Board meeting will be The Annual Meeting, June 10. There will be no board meetings in July or August. The September Board meeting will be Thursday, September 20, 2007 at 4 PM at Covenant United Methodist Church, (Culver at Parsells).