

**THE INTERFAITH ALLIANCE OF ROCHESTER  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR 9/18/08**

Attending: Sally Chamberlain, president, Dayle Bird, Paul Brayer, Gratia L'Esperance, Neil Jaschik, David McNitt, Gail Mott, John Noronha, Heidi Parreno, Peter Peters, Bill Spilly, Gil Strother, Barry Swan, David White, Marilyn Wienk, Glenny Williams

1. **Reflection** Sally opened the meeting with a reading of "A Prayer Among Friends" and with the statement of purpose from the Web Site.

2. **Minutes of the Annual Meeting** - approved.

3. **Treasurer's Report** - Isabel presented an oral interim report with our balance being \$5466.17 plus or minus \$10.

4. **New Board Member** - Barry Swan was introduced and elected to the TIAR Board by passage of the motion by Peters/Brayer.

5. **Burial Fund** - Gratia that the funds we were holding have been expended. She and Heidi reported that Citizens for Decent Burial will begin meeting again. Glenny emphasized how important this issue is and offered to help with fund raising.

5. **Logo** - The new logo is up on our web site and on our brochure.

**6. Events to Co-Sponsor**

The following events were discussed and it was decided on motion by the people next to the names to co-sponsor these events with a donation of \$50 each:

a. A series by the Center for Interfaith Studies: "What Religious Values do you Take into the Voting Booth?" Brayer/Mott to co-sponsor and L'Esperance/Jaschik for the \$50.

b. October 17 event, 'Poverty and Violence: Assault on Human Rights Conference" Peters/Spilly

c, Rochester Interfaith Coalition for Darfur - William/Swan

7. **Peacemaking** - Marilyn reported that she had sent a letter to candidates for office in Monroe County drawing attention to the correlation between money spent on the Iraq War and the lack of money for meeting the needs of people at home. Attached to the letter were our "Statement of Principles Concerning Peace as a TIAR Priority Issue for 2008 As Adopted by TIAR Board , November 15, 2007" and a fact sheet from the 2007 National Priorities Project.

8. **Faith and Hunger Network** - Marilyn called our attention to a letter to Governor Patterson from the Faith and Hunger Network raising concerns about poverty in New York State. On motion by Peter/Brayer TIAR will sign on to the letter as an organization.

9. **Children's Zone** - Glenny updated us on the recent events experienced by the Children's Zone project. Iris Bannister has been chosen as executive and their funding from NYS has been cut by 50%.. Iris Bannister will speak to our group next month.

10. **Bob Lonsberry** - Glenny expressed concern about this situation and after much discussion it was decided - Peters/Williams - that TIAR support the work of ARM and offer to support any efforts at the time of FCC renewal of WHAM's license renewal.

11. **Goal Setting** - IT WAS DECIDED TO HAVE A SEPARATE MEETING TO DO GOAL SETTING ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2008 AT 4:00 P.M.

12. **Membership** - Dayle distributed a Membership Report and reminded us to also join the national organization.

13. **Rochester Voter's Alliance** - Paul reported that over 2000 people have been registered to vote. In October the emphasis will shift to getting out the vote.

14. **Poverty Program** - Paul reported that the "Faces of Poverty" DVD needs revising and there is a meeting tomorrow to talk about it. Bookings are needed.

15. **Rochester Literacy Movement** - volunteers for training are need.

16. **Campaign Pledge** - Neil reported that there was a good turn out for the press conference.

17. **Health Care Coalition** - John Norhona will represent TIAR on this group.

Submitted by Isabel Morrison for Bob Herman