

# THE INTERFAITH ALLIANCE OF ROCHESTER

+People of Faith Working Together For Justice in Public Policy+

## Board Meeting Minutes October 19,2006

Attending: D.Bird, P.Brayer, S.Brown, S.Chamberlin, G.L'Esperance, P.Hammer, E.Herman, R.Herman, N.Jaschik, E.Johnson, T.A.Masood, M.Mich, I.Morrison, G.Mott, J.Noronha, H.Parreno, M.Parsons, W.Spilly, and G.Strother. Member Guest- E.Lemon (Chair- Poverty Task Force). Guests- Jeff Kaczorowski, M.D.of the Children's Agenda and Betsy Robinson.

1. Opening Reflection- by A.Masood.

2. Minutes- Motion by W.Spilly; seconded by P.Brayer to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2006, June 4,2006 (annual meeting and September 21,2006 meetings as distributed by e-mail. Approved unanimously.

3. "Children's Agenda"- Jeff Kaczorowski, Executive Director, briefed us on the activities of the Children's Agenda organization. Hew distributed informational folders. One current program is a Children's Sabbath in which religious institutions are asked to focus on a weekend in October or November through prayers, portions of sermons, etc. to focus on the plight of children in Rochester and around the world. For more info, see < www.the <<http://www.the>> childrensagenda.org >. There are many ways listed to help children.

4. International Visitors- H.Parreno, S.Chamberlin, N.Jaschik, G.L'Esperance and P.Hammer met with a group from the Ukraine. A meeting with a group from Indonesia on October 20, 2006.

5. Poverty Task Force- In absence of E.Lemon, J.Noronha and P.Brayer reported. P.Brayer, J.Noronha and R. Herman met (P.Peters was and is out of town) to begin a process to market the DVD/power point/workbook presentations and distribution. E.Lemon and a group he has enlisted ( and may be further expanded ) will make the dvd/power point presentations. P.Brayer, E.Lemon and R.Herman will meet on 10/23/06. We have only one dvd and no workbooks left. J.Noronha has already begun to make contacts. E.Herman recommended that a presentation be made to the board and to invite all TIAR members. M.Parsons offered to try to obtain the Quaker Meeting House Community Room for the presentation. The "Marketing Group" will assume responsibility to follow up. Motion by R.Herman; seconded by S.Brown to order 100 additional DVD copies in a similar manner and for the approximate price paid ( @\$285 ) in 2005. Approved unanimously. R.Herman will follow up. Motion by P.Brayer; seconded by W.Spilly to obtain 100 additional workbooks in a similar manner as in 2005 (expense then @\$230 ). the "Marketing

Group” will follow up.

6. “One Family at a Time” Workshop- G.Strother reported that this event will take place on 11/3 and 4/2006 at the Church of Love Faith Center, 700 Exchange St.. It is sponsored by the Rochester School District. For more info, contact Cathy Little at 262- 8000 x1200.

7. Burial Issue- H.Pareno report. The County is unwilling to rescind its contribution reduction. ( \$1850 was reduced to \$1250 ) The County agreed it would screen for eligibility assuming a fund is created to provide the difference for what is needed to provide a minimal burial. The task force working on this project plans to meet after election day.

8. Reentry Case Management Project- P.Brayer reported. (for those reentering the community from prison. Topic will be on next month’s agenda.

8. Hotel Workers- P.Peters away. No report.

9. “Let Justice Roll”- E.Johnson reported. The steering committee is ready to proceed. N.Jaschik will be TIAR’s representative. Next meeting will be 11/2/06.

10. Theocracy Watch (Joan Bokaer)- R, Herman reported. J.Bokaer e-mailed a detailed update which R.Herman will forward to the TIAR board members.

11. CBGNY- N.Jaschik reported on the book titled “Three Men in a Room” and requested that we cosponsor an event with CBGNY at Barnes & Noble. Motion by S.Brown; D.Bird seconded to cosponsor a program and contribute \$100 as our share. Approved unanimously.

12. Fair Campaign Practices- S.Brown reported. The process is in effect.

**The next meeting will be Thursday, November 16, 2006 at 4 PM at Covenant United Methodist Church, Culver at Parsells).**