

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

**October 18, 2007**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**

**Attending:** D.Bird, P.Brayer, G.L'Esperance, P.Hammer, E.Herman, R.Herman, E.Johnson, T.LeBeau, E. Lemon, D.McNitt, I. Morrison, G.Mott, A.Nahas, J.Noronha, H.Parreno, and M.Wienk. Guest- Member- Marie Parsons; Non-members- Marie Hickey and John Landrau.

**1. Opening Reflection-** provided by I.Morrison.

**2. Minutes-** Motion by P.Brayer; seconded by H.Parreno to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2007 annual meeting as distributed by e-mail. Approved unanimously.

**3. Reentry Program-** P.Brayer advanced \$110. to purchase "toiletries, ball pens, etc. on short notice of the program needs for a picnic held for the program beneficiaries. Board members were requested to donate through Paul toward the amount he advanced.

**4. Quarterly Financial Statement-** I. Morrison distributed the quarterly financial statement.

**5. Two Tier Tax System presented at last month's board meeting by Marvin Morris-** After discussion and having had the opportunity to review the written material and oral presentation by Marvin Morris presented at the September board meeting it was agreed that we were not in a position to evaluate the proposal sufficiently and that that it was outside the scope of TIAR purposes and goals.

**6. Children's Zone-** E. Herman reported that she had met with a Children's Zone board member, Dirk Hightower who reported that the project is advancing, has received a contract for a \$4-million grant and is seeking a temporary executive officer. He feels that good progress is being made. D. Bird reported that Rob Brown, another board member, in a recent presentation at DUPC, reported similar progress.

**7. Rochester Voter Alliance for 2008-** P. Brayer reported that Chris Hildebrandt, (a participant in the project in 2004) of the Center for Disability Rights, will provide office space at 497 State St. (at Jay St.) The project is seeking @ 300 volunteers to provide in one way or another the equivalent of one day per week for 4 months (June, July, August and September 2008 ).

They are contacting the organizations which participated in 2004.

**8. Human Rights and Race Programs at DUPC-** P. Brayer moved; I. Morrison seconded a motion to be a sponsor of this program and contribute \$25 to it. Approved unanimously.

**9. Nominating Committee-** G. Mott reported that the committee comprising of herself as chair plus P. Brayer, S. Chamberlin, R. Herman, and I. Morrison was proceeding with its work.

**10. Peace-** M. Wienk on behalf of herself and H. Parreno reported that they had communicated with TIA (national) concerning whether TIA had taken a position relative to the Iraq war or to Iran. The response from national was that national had not and that national believed the issues were outside the main focus of TIA which was religious freedom and separation of church and state. M. Wienk and H. Parreno agreed to draft a short resolution concerning these issues and disseminate the proposal to the board before the next Executive Committee which would review it and report its recommendations to the board at its next meeting.

**The next Board meeting will be Thursday, November 15, 2007 at 4 PM at Covenant United Methodist Church, (Culver at Parsells).**