

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

Board Meeting Minutes: October 2, 2008

Attending: D.Bird, P.Brayer, S.Chamberlin, B.Elwell, G.L'Esperance, R.Herman, M.Hickey, N.Jaschik, E.Johnson, D.McNitt, G.Mott, H.Parreno, P.Peters P.Rublely, W.Spilly, G.Stokes, and M.Wienk, Member Guest- Alan Newton.

1. This was a special meeting of the board to discuss and set priorities for TIAR. There was considerable discussion of the possible priorities, interest areas, areas of concern and some implementation issues. There were expressions of a desire to assess at some time in the future the degree to which the priorities have been achieved.
2. Motion by D.McNitt; seconded by D.Bird to list possible goals/priorities. Unanimously approved followed by a listing and discussion. The discussion identified a difference between priorities and areas of concern or interest.
3. Motion by P.Peters; seconded by D.McNitt to recognize Health Care as an area of concern. Unanimously approved except for one abstention.
4. Motion by P.Peters; seconded by M.Wienk to adopt the following as the priorities of TIAR:

Poverty and Economic Justice

Local/State/National Issues

Peace and Nonviolence

Approved unanimously.

For clarification we recognized that there will be many activities which will be covered under each priority and in some instances more than one activity may be included within each priority. For example, Health Care as well as Immigration might be identified under "Poverty" as well as under Local/State/National Issues. Some areas of activities include, but are not limited to Clergy & Laity United for Economic Justice (CLUE), "The Faces of Poverty" DVD/ power point presentations, Health Care, Immigration, Monroe County Re-Entry Program, NY State Government Reform, Peace & Nonviolence, Promotion of Interfaith Dialogue Among the Student Population, Rochester Surround Care Community Corporation (formerly Rochester Children's Zone), Rochester Voters Alliance and the Fair Elections Practices Committee.

The next meeting will be Thursday, October 16, 2008 at 4 PM at Covenant United Methodist Church, Culver at Parsells).