

# **THE INTERFAITH ALLIANCE OF ROCHESTER**

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

**October 15, 2009**

**Held at Covenant United Methodist Church**

**Board Meeting**

**Attending:** D.Bird, P.Brayer, S.Chamberlin, G.L'Esperance, B.J.Gottorff, R.Herman, M.Hickey, N.Jaschik, E.Johnson, M.Morich, I.Morrison, A. Nahas W.Spilly, G.Strother, B.Swan, D.White, and M.Wienk.

**1. Opening Reflection-** By G.L'Esperance

**2. Minutes Approvals-** Motion by E.Johnson; seconded by B.Swan to approve the minutes of the May 21,2009 meeting. Approved unanimously. Motion by B.Swan; seconded by M.Wienk to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2009 meeting. Unanimously approved.

**3. Fair Elections Practices Committee (FEPC):** N.Jaschik reported. FEPC is a joint project of TIAR and the League of Women Voters. The project has incurred \$266 in expenses. Motion by N.Jaschik; seconded by W.Spilly to reimburse the League for 1/2 of those expenses (\$133.) Unanimously approved.

**4. "Faces of Poverty" DVD copies-** R.Herman reported. 100 copies of version 4 of the DVD were ordered from Spinergy at a cost to TIAR of \$ 211 (including clamshell cases, labels and inserting the DVD's into the cases) A "brainstorming" session followed to elicit suggestions to improve marketing of the DVD.. R.Herman will prepare a summary of that discussion and distribute it subsequently.

**5. TIAR Health Care Resolution-** S.Chamberlin reported that she distributed copies to U.S., State and local officials and leaders as well as to City and the Messenger Post.

**6. Membership Committee-** D.Bird distributed the committee's annual report.

**7. October 14th City of Rochester Interfaith Conference-** S.Chamberlin reported. TIAR was represented by her as well as others; about 400-500 people attended. She considered the program impressive and that there was diversity among the attendees.

**8. Rochester Community Alternatives to Violence Project-** M.Hickey reported. The project is successfully running a "Youth Cafe" on Friday evenings at the West Avenue Methodist Church.

**9. Immigration-** G.L'Esperance reported. The Immigration Committee is waiting for the ACLU's convening a meeting of all local groups working on immigration. This is expected to occur in November.

**The next board meeting will be Thursday, November 19, 2009 at 4 PM at Covenant United Methodist Church, Culver at Parsells).**