

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

Board Meeting Minutes
November 16,2006

Attending: D.Bird, P.Brayer, S.Chamberlin, B.J.Gottorff, P.Hammer, R.Herman, N.Jaschik, E.Johnson G.L'Esperance, I.Morrison, J.Noronha, H.Parreno, M.Parsons, L.Rao, G.Strother, and D.Yarbrough. Guests- Ann Mason and Rev. Fredrick D. Jefferson (member).

1. Opening Reflection - by L. Rao.

2. Minutes - Motion by S.Chamberlin; seconded by P.Brayer to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2006 meeting as distributed by e-mail. Approved unanimously.

3. Monroe County Reentry Task Force - Re reentry of ex-offenders into the community. Presentation by Ann Mason. Monroe County has the highest "reentry" population in NY State outside of NY City. There is a need for faith communities to provide support - mentors, financial assistance, underwear and toiletries are needed. What role might there be for TIAR? [to be discussed at a later date]

4. Program - "A Land Twice Promised"- Third Presbyterian Church, Temple B'rith Kodesh and the Islamic Center - 7 PM to 830 PM on March 10, 2007; Place unknown at this time.

5. Poverty Task Force - In absence of E.Lemon, J.Noronha reported. We have received an additional 100 DVD's which are in the custody of P.Brayer. We need a brochure. G.L'Esperance agreed to draft one. Aquinas Institute and Nazareth College have agreed to use the DVD. Specifics are still open.

6. Workers' Concerns at Crowne Plaza Hotel - P.Peters is away. Next vigil is scheduled for 12/11/06

7. Human Rights Day - Motion by N.Jaschik; seconded by I.Morrison that TIAR be a cosponsor of Human Rights Day and that TIAR contribute \$ 25. Approved unanimously.

8. Burial Issue - H.Parreno and G.L'Esperance reported. TIAR will hold contributions temporarily listing them on a separate line in financial reports.

9. “Let Justice Roll”- N.Jaschik reported. The group met with Kelly Reed of Monroe County Human Services. Problems re phone access were discussed.

10. Book titled “Cancer in the Body Politic”- by Peter Mott has been recently published and is now available.

11. Death of Devorah Lederman - Community activist and wife of board member Milton Lederman. Motion by N.Jaschik; seconded by S.Chamberlin to make a contribution in her memory to WXXI. It was agreed that G.L’Esperance would write a letter of condolence to Milton on behalf of the board. (The contribution has been made and the letter written.)

12. Fair Campaign Practices - A meeting to debrief 2006 election experience will take place 12/13/06.

13. Bus Fairness Coalition - Currently there are no bus riders on the R-GRTA Board. Motion by H.Parreno; seconded by I.Morrison to support a Citizens Advisory Board and seek legislation to permit some citizen representation on the board. We do not support the concept of a veto power by either the CAB or any citizen permitted to join the board.

14. December 14, 2006 Board Meeting - We agreed to devote that meeting to one topic - “Immigration, a primer on immigration issues.” The presenter will be Kay Embrey

The next meeting will be Thursday, December 14, 2006 at 4 PM at Covenant United Methodist Church, Culver at Parsells).