

THE INTERFAITH ALLIANCE OF ROCHESTER
+People of Faith Working Together For Justice in Public Policy+
Minutes of November 19, 2009 Board Meeting

Attending: D.Bird, P.Brayer, S.Chamberlin, B.J.Gottorff, R.Herman, M.Hickey, N.Jaschik, E. Johnson, G.L'Esperance, M.Morich, I.Morrison, G.Mott H.Parreno, W.Spilly, and M.Wienk.

Discussion Facilitator - Sr.Jacquelyn Reichart

Member guests and Guests-, Paul Gongloff, Peggy Meeker, Michael Nicosia, and Helen Williams.

1. Opening Reflection- By G.Mott.

2. Minutes Approvals- Motion by H.Parreno ; seconded by M.Morich to approve the minutes of the October 15,2009 meeting. Approved unanimously.

3. Discussion of same sex marriage: (Facilitated by Sr. Jacquelyn Reichart. This discussion was not intended to result in a position by TIAR. It was for the purpose of allowing each of us to state our respective opinions, ask questions and listen carefully to what others had to say.

4. Demonstration at the Border Patrol office 171 Pattonwood Drive, 12/14/09 3 PM- Motion by E.Johnson; seconded by G.L'Esperance to participate in this demonstration to support immigrants' rights.

5. Immigration Committee- H.Parreno reported that the ACLU had sponsored a one day event which she and G.L'Esperance attended. The focus was on two main themes: 1) the constitutional rights of immigrants and 2) Effective Advocacy. The meeting was well organized and attended by representatives from Rochester, Buffalo, Syracuse and staff from New York Immigration Coalition. Identified were six strategies as an infrastructure for action: 1) resource sharing, 2) information sharing, 3) media/communication, 4) training- know your rights, community education, 5) legislation/ policy, advocacy, and 6) Coalition of Faith Alliance - ally building. There were volunteers and chairs in each of these areas. A summary of the meeting will be sent to the attendees.

6. Outreach Committee- M.Morich has agreed to assume the role as chair. Current members of this committee include M.Hickey, A.Nahas, S.Chamberlin, G.Strother and J.Noronha.

7. ReEntry Committee- P.Brayer reported. He is gathering zip lock bags of toothpaste, razors, tooth brushes, etc. for released prisoners. In addition, he attended the recent meeting of the Homeless Services Network. Their next meeting will be 12/16/09 at 100 West Avenue. For more info, contact P.Brayer.