

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

**December 18,2008 Board Meeting**

**Attending:** D.Bird, P.Brayer, S.Chamberlin, G.L'Esperance, R.Herman, N.Jaschik, D.McNitt, I.Morrison, G.Mott and J.Noronha.

**1. Opening Reflection-** Read by R.Herman.

**2. Minutes-** Motion by G.Mott; seconded by D.McNitt to approve the minutes of the 9/18/08, 10/2/08 special meeting, 10/16/08 and 11/20/08 meetings. Approved unanimously

**3. Web Site Fees Advanced by Todd Goddard-** Motion by D.Bird; seconded by G.L'Esperanza to reimburse Todd Goddard for all out-of-pocket expenses which he advanced for the TIAR web site since its inception. Approved unanimously. Neil has asked Todd for a figure, but has not yet received an answer.

**4. Report of the Committee to Propose Guidelines for Financial Contributions by TIAR-** R.Herman reported on behalf of the committee whose members were, R.Herman (chair), P.Brayer, S.Chamberlin, N.Jaschik, I.Morrison. (G.L'Esperance and J.Noronha were members who were unable to attend the committee meeting). N.Jaschik moved; I.Morrison seconded a motion to adopt this report. Approved unanimously. The guidelines, as adopted, are set forth in Attachment 1 of these minutes.

**5. Issue of a gift to Interfaith Alliance (national)-** S.Chamberlin reported that in her communications with national there was no indication of a request or need for funds from TIAR. Given our new guidelines for contributions from TIAR no further action was proposed.

**6. Rochester Voters Alliance-** P.Brayer: About 5400 voters were registered this election cycle including about 2100 first time voters.

**7. Program to fund for more child care in Monroe County-** N.Jaschik will check with the Children's Agenda and report back to the TIAR Board.

**8. Fair Election Practices Committee** -It appears that the FEPC received no complaints this year.

**9. Let Justice Roll Living Wage Campaign ( \$ 10 by 2010 )-** After discussion N.Jaschik moved; I.Morrison seconded a motion to authorize TIAR president to sign a letter to relevant members of Congress supporting the living wage campaign. Approved unanimously.

**The next meeting will be Thursday, January 15, 2009 at 4 PM at Covenant United Methodist Church, Culver at Parsells).**

**Attachment 1: Guidelines for Financial Contributions by TIAR**  
**as adopted by the TIAR Board December 18, 2008**

**Findings:** TIAR is not a funding organization. Our appropriations should be limited to operational needs and implementing TIAR programs, especially support of those activities we choose to participate in as cosponsors.

We agreed that a basic annual budget should be prepared at the beginning of each calendar year by or under the supervision of the Treasurer. The budget should estimate income (primarily dues) and expenses (based on prior years' experience) for the coming year. I. Morrison agreed to undertake this process. We further recommended that our contribution to the Rochester Voters Alliance (RVA), a project that occurs every four years, should involve an annual budget allocation to accrue the amount need at each four-year interval.

It was also agreed that knowledge of certain possible contributions likely to be of interest to TIAR members could be provided to TIAR membership with background information. Each member would make his or her individual choice whether or not to contribute. This process could be done via e-mail or via our web site, or both.

**Guidelines for TIAR Contributions:**

1. Contributions should be limited to causes or programs directly affecting the local area.
2. Contributions should relate to TIAR's mission and priorities, including advertising value. In general, a request to help support an agency's annual campaign for ongoing activities would not be approved; a request to deal with a unique or emergency situation might be, depending upon the specifics of the request.
3. Contributions for purely sectarian purposes shall not be approved.
4. Barring unusual circumstance the maximum contribution should not exceed a range of \$ 50 to \$ 100. All contributions should not strain TIAR's existing financial condition.
5. Requests for contributions should be forwarded to the President. Unless time prohibits, each request shall be reviewed by the Executive Committee and, if appropriate, submitted to the Board with the Executive Committee's opinion as to whether or not recommended.

The above-guidelines are intended to relate to contributions other than cosponsorships. Unless there are unusual circumstances, any payments relating to cosponsorships should come from a sum identified in a TIAR annual budget. (See above Findings)