

## **INTERFAITH ROUNDTABLE OF KAUAI**

**MAY 30, 2014**

**Lihue Hongwanji, 3-3530 Kuhio Hwy, Lihue**

**Minutes Submitted by Al Albergate**

**Present:** Vel Alahan, Al Albergate, Rita Andriello, Sister Deborah Burnham, Charlene Dorsey, Patrick Feren, Cynthia Moore, John Moore and Stacey Gillette (Keiki to Career Kaua'i)

**Opening Prayer:** Al Albergate

### **Welcoming and Call to Order, Introductions**

**Minutes from last three meetings:** Read and approved the minutes (and Addendum to the February minutes) from the meetings in February, March and April. Made one change in the March 28 minutes: it was at Sister Deborah's request (not Catherine's) that Sharon West began taking notes after Deborah had to leave early.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Vel reported that Jeffrey had sent the draft for a form that will be used to approve requests for expenditures and it appears to be fine. Our bank balance is \$794.37 after approved reimbursement of \$414.82 to Sr. Deborah Burnham for outlay of funds for National Day of Peace, 2013, and \$289.50 for the May, 2014 retreat. There are requests for payment that we will look at next month. Concerning the process to complete a bank signature card, Vel said he will bring it to the next meeting so it can be completed and mailed in. Two signers are needed. The bank is questioning whether Vel is the treasurer; he will show them meeting minutes which identify him as our treasurer. Also, Vel has ordered checks for the organization.

### **Chairperson's Report**

Sister Deborah, sitting in for Jeffrey, discussed three new committees being formed:

Membership Committee: John has agreed to chair.

Public Relations Committee: Al said he has been approached by Jeffrey to be on this committee and has agreed. He understood at least one other person also is under consideration.

Programming Committee: Cynthia Moore volunteered to co-chair this one, but requested to have a co-chair. The matter was tabled until the next meeting when perhaps more potential volunteers will be present and Jeffrey can report on his progress in finding people to serve on these committees.

### **Committee Reports**

#### International Day of Peace

Sister Deborah displayed a banner from the 2013 International Day of Peace. Rita shared a brief remembrance from last year's event. There was a discussion of the cost of printing a banner.

## National Day of Prayer

No chairpersons have been appointed yet for 2015. Several persons shared their observations of this year's event and agreed it went well in general. It was suggested that our former chairperson, Catherine Stovall, might want to participate again in 2015. Patrick shared that his only disappointment was not having a larger attendance; we need to do more outreach next year. Charlene said her faith group announced it in their churches, but nobody came. John noted his concern that although Wanda from the governor's office attended, she was not asked to speak. As chair of the membership committee, John said he will invite the mayor and other politicians to be a part of the gathering.

### **Announcement**

Charlene reported that their minister Tyler is leaving in two weeks; he really enjoyed meeting members of the interfaith community and regrets he could not attend today's meeting. A new minister will arrive in July and Charlene will ask her to join the roundtable.

### **Program**

Revs. Patrick and Rita followed up on the visioning activity done at the retreat last month. The goal for today is to determine: what is our next step. In discussion with the whole group in attendance today, they boiled down some of the many ideas expressed during the retreat into the following:

1. What is our Highest Vision (a centered place from where we are coming): Love is one, paths are many. We are open to listen and share our diversities and focus on our similarities.
2. What do we need to empower this vision: We are an empty vessel for trust, love, respect, light, transparent; (Rita drew a chalice-like vessel on the board.)
3. What needs to be released: Fear, separation, the need to be right, and judgment;
4. What do we need to embrace: The one source of life;
5. What else needs to be known: Family, fun and joy; we need to understand we are one family.

**Next meetings:** June 27, July 25, August 29; 12 noon to 1:30 p.m., Lihu'e Hongwanji Temple.

### **Announcements:**

Revs. Rita and Patrick handed out invitations to the First Birthday Celebration of the Center for Spiritual Living on July 6, 9 a.m., at the Aston Aloha Beach Hotel, Kapa'a, followed by a potluck picnic at Lydgate Park.

Stacey Gillette, a coordinator with Keiki to Career Kaua'i, explained the mission of her group and invited everyone to attend an event at Kaua'i Community College on June 5 featuring Karen Pittman.

### **Adjourn**

**Closing Prayer:** Rev. Rita.