

INTERFAITH ROUNDTABLE OF KAUAI
P.O. Box 1442 Kapaa
August 29, 2014
Lihue Hongwanji, 3-3530 Kuhio HWY, Lihue
Minutes
Submitted by Sharon West

Present: Jeffrey Pears, Sister Deborah Burnham, Sharon West, Al Albergate, John More, Rev. Cynthia Moore, Manfred Burgmier, Joanne Watanabe, Rev. Patrick Feren, Rev. Rita Andriello,

Opening Prayer: Rev. Rita Andriello

Welcome and Call to Order: Jeffrey Pears

Minutes from July 25, 2014: Read by Jeffery and approved as read.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Vel was not present. Jeffrey delivered report. Balance as of 7/25/2014 was \$834.37. \$175.00 was spent for 8/7/2014 interfaith gathering and reception for Brother David Stendl-Rast and Anthony Chavez. Event was held at Kauai and co-sponsored by IROK. Current balance as of 8/29/2014: \$659.37

Discussion of 501c3: Jeffrey has researched requirements for getting 501c3 status for IROK with input from past member, Laura Barzilai. Jeffrey's concerns: Ensure tax advantage for contributors; risk management and liability protection for IROK-sponsored public events, and fundraising to continue sponsoring our three primary events during the year and meet operating expenses.

Treasurer's report accepted.

Message from Chairperson: Jeffrey shared a reading from the book, *Religion, Values, and Peak Experiences* that was recommended by Brother David Steindl-Rast.

Committee Reports

Membership

John Moore is asking for further input on getting additional members and donations.

Discussion: Who can become a member of IROK? In keeping with the intent of the founders, it is agreed that anyone with interest in IROK's mission and goals may be considered for membership. It was moved and voted that one of the co-chairpersons will read the IROK mission statement at the beginning of each meeting or event.

It was moved and voted that a donation basket be available at each IROK sponsored event.

Public Relations

Al Albergate passed out copies of the proposed brochure. Response was very positive. He is asking for more pictures of past IROK events to be considered for the brochure.

Program

Cynthia has updated the monthly program calendar:

Sept. 26, 2014	Rev. Monalisa Lolohea	West Kauai United Methodist
Oct. 31, 2014	Annaleah Atkinson	Fellowship of Innerlight

Nov. 21, 2014	Sister Deborah Burnham	Brahma Kumaris
Dec. 19, 2014	Jeffrey Pears	Kauai Hospice - Death, Dying & Rebirth
Jan. 30, 2015	Al Albergate	Soka Gakkai International Nichiren Buddhism

Website

Jeffrey updated the website Upcoming Events page and added a Submit an Event option in the menu bar allowing other faith groups to submit their events open to public attendance.

International Day of Peace

The Day of Peace is September 21st. The IROK celebration will be at Lydgate Park from 4 to 6 PM. A large tent will be set up near the Peace Pole. Activities include crafting, group singing, prayers for peace, a labyrinth walk, and potluck. The Sacred Earth Choir will perform as well as the Joyful Noise Taiko drummers. It was moved and approved that we spend \$510.00 to rent the tent, tables, chairs and cover the cost of supplies and printing of the flyers. Members who were present donated \$300.00 to the cause.

Pat and Rita from the Center for Spiritual Living - \$200.00; Joanne Watanabe - \$20.00; Cynthia and John Moore - \$20.00; Al Albergate - \$20.00; Jeffrey Pears - \$20.00; and Sharon West - \$20.00. The remaining \$210.00 will come from the treasury.

Meeting Presentation

In consideration for our guest presenter, Diane Cline, the agenda was put on hold for about 30 minutes.

Diane guided the group through pranayama, meditation, and sacred sound from the Kundalini yoga tradition.

New Business

- The membership voted and approved that the organizations acronym will be IROK.
- The membership voted and approved that members can go to the website to submit an event they wish to publicize. If congruent with (in alignment or supportive of) IROK's mission, the chairperson will approve and post it. If the submitter of the event also would like to have a flyer sent out to the IROK email list (as an attachment to the minutes or agenda email), it must be in alignment with the IROK mission, and be approved by two officers of the organization.
- January 18, 2015 marks the 10th anniversary of the founding of The Interfaith Roundtable of Kauai. Al will submit an article to the Garden Island publications. It was suggested that the anniversary year be noted at all IROK activities and events.
- Members volunteered to handle specific preparations for the International Day of Peace:
 - Jeffrey: arrive at 2:30/ bring donation basket, plates etc. and supervise overall set up and manage peace prayer participation.
 - Cynthia: manage crafting activities.
 - John: take photos.
 - Sharon: bring card table, soft drinks/manage registration table
 - Rita and Pat: set up and manage labyrinth participation, distribute info.
 - Annleah: coordinate food/distribute interfaith prayer books
- Jeffrey reported meeting with one of the former chairpersons of the Interfaith Roundtable of Kaua'i, Monroe Richardson. It was concluded that IROK should continue to focus on just three events per year, doing them well and emphasize what IROK is and does. It was

mentioned that there be a greater membership presence and participation at IROK sponsored events.

Next meeting: September 26, 2014 at noon, Lihue Hongwanji

Closing Prayer: Sharon West "I Will Be Gentle With Myself"

OUR MISSION

The Interfaith Roundtable of Kaua'i exists as a forum of local representatives from different spiritual, religious, and spiritual educational organizations who gather to share our faiths and explore our diversity while focusing on our similarities. We promote understanding, respect and harmony across different spiritual, religious and cultural groups in our shared community of Kaua'i.

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May Peace Be With You