

**INTERFAITH ROUNDTABLE OF KAUAI**  
**P.O. Box 1442 Kapaa**  
**November 21, 2014**  
**Lihue Hongwanji, 3-3530 Kuhio HWY, Lihue**  
**Minutes**  
**Submitted by Sharon West**

**Present:** Jeffrey Pears, Sister Deborah Burnham, Sharon West, Vel Alahan, Al Albergate, John Moore, Cynthia Moore, Annaleah Atkinson, Manfred Burgmeier, Joanne Watanabe, William Garavato, Rev. Jeannie Thompson

**Opening Prayer:** Jeffrey Pears

**Welcome and Call to Order:** Jeffrey Pears

**Minutes from October 31, 2014:** Accepted as corrected.

**Treasurer's Report:** Current Balance: \$457.78

Jeffrey distributed draft of letter and form to be used by those who wish to donate to IROK. Vel stated we can use IROK's banking and routing number to establish a Pay Pal account to facilitate acceptance of donations.

**Message from Chairperson:** Jeffrey read a statement recapping IROK activities for 2014. His comments acknowledged the members for successfully navigating many changes over the past year. In his recap, he noted significant IROK activities and sponsored events. Highlights include:  
February - Review of Operational Guidelines and Bi-laws  
April - Election of new officers. First annual IROK weekend retreat  
May - National Day of Prayer  
July - Revised Mission Statement approved  
August - Attended Multi-faith Gathering with Brother David  
September - International Day of Peace

**Committee Reports**

Membership

Discussion revolved around ways to communicate to religious groups about IROK. It was proposed that we organize a meet-and-greet activity and individual meetings to foster authentic connections with those who may not have a clear understanding of the essence and intention of IROK.

Public Relations

Jeffrey distributed a draft of the brochure and asked for suggestions. It was agreed that two of the pictures would be changed out. Those present posed for a group picture.

Programming

Dec. 19, 2014	Holiday party	Potluck and fellowship
Jan. 30, 2015	Al Albergate	Soka Gakkai International Nichiren Buddhism
Feb. 27, 2015	Cynthia Chiang	Planned Parenthood

March 27, 2015

Jeffrey Pears

Kauai Hospice - Death, Dying & Rebirth

Website

No discussion.

### Martin Luther King, Jr Celebration

Discussion centered on the IROK intent and perception of the MLK Day celebration. Rev. Jeannie Thompson of UCC Kapaa will again hold a service in acknowledgement of MLK on the evening of Jan. 19, 2015. IROK members agreed to attend and participate in the Kapaa UCC event. Jeffrey offered to create a flyer for her event, as well as for IROK's event. Sharon West, chairperson of the IROK MLK Day celebration event has scheduled the committee to meet on Monday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> at Wilcox hospital cafeteria at 3 PM to finalize the direction and scope of the IROK-sponsored January 19, 2015 day event.

### **Meeting Presentation**

Sister Deborah Burnham of Brahma Kumaris shared the history and tenets of her faith. She also led us in a meditation and shared food and Brahma Kumaris cards.

### **Old Business**

None at this time.

### **New Business**

None

**Next meeting:** NOTE: This will not be a regular meeting. It will be our holiday party on December 19, 2014 at noon, Lihue Hongwanji. You are invited to print out and bring a song, prayer, or chant from your tradition to share and give out to the attendees. Also, this will be a potluck so bring a dish to pass.

**Closing Prayer:** Sister Deborah Burnham

### **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.

**ALOHA!**

*May Peace Be With You*