

**Interfaith Roundtable of Kaua'i**  
**September 1, 2017 Minutes**  
**Lihue Hongwanji, 3-3530 Kuhio Hwy. Lihue, HI**  
Submitted by Terry Waters

**Present:** Terry Mansfield, Catholic; Bettyjo Dux, Athiest; Bob Vlach, Franciscan; Lynda Driscoll, Church of the Latter Day Saints; Peggy Price, Center for Spiritual Living; Diane Decker, Center for Spiritual Living; Deborah Burnham, Brahma Kumaris; Lucky Wells, Baha'i; Radha Harvey, Hindu; Jim Jung, Buddhist; Nicole Sakurai, Happy Science; Terry Waters, Al Anon/Quaker, Petra Sundheim, The Way of the Heart; Anna Smithwick, Baha'i, Annaleah Atkinson, Fellowship of the Inner Light.

**Opening Prayer:** Diane Decker

**Welcome and Call to Order:** Annaleah Atkinson

**Minutes of July 28, 2017** approved as submitted.

**Treasurer's report:** IROK account balance is \$1,731.11

**Committee Reports:**

**International Day Peace:** (Annaleah Atkinson) "Pathways for Peace: Respect, Safety, and Dignity for All. It will be on Sept. 17, 2017 from 2-4 at the Main Pavilion at Lydgate Park. Snacks and beverages will be served. Isa Maria will be the keynote speaker speaking on non-violent communication. Cindy Combs will be our musician. There will be activities for all ages including a puppet show from the Aloha Peace Project, US. Rep Tulsi Gabbard will write a letter read by Kaulana Finn. The event ends with a dove release. Annaleah

**URI:** The URI people have been focusing on the IDOP

**Retreat:** (Sister Deborah Burnham) Date is fixed at Oct 26-28. Food will be provided. People were reminded to bring warm clothes, pillows and sleeping bags. She encouraged people to join the committee. Annaleah asked if anyone wanted to pay their \$60.00 fee.

**Program:**

Sept. 29: Rev. Peggy Price, CSL: "Parliament of the World's Religions"  
Oct. 27: Anna Smithwick on the Baha'i Faith. This will be during our retreat.  
Nov. 17: Linda Driscoll on the Mormon Faith  
Dec. 15: Our Holiday Luncheon and Party  
Jan. 26: Bettejo Dux on Secular Humanism (Atheism)

**Membership:** Sister Deborah Burnham offered to restart the membership committee.

**No New Business:**

**Announcements:**

Nicole Sakurai handed out flyers for the Bridge of Peace Festival on 9/16 10-4:00. Jeffrey, Jim, Al and Annaleah will be at an IROK table at Nicole's Bridge of Peace.

Peggy Price handed out flyers regarding the Parliament of The World Religions at our Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Terri Mansfield announced that St. Catherine's is having Healing Masses and Hands on Healing done by Lay Ministers. There are plans for Interfaith Healing at St. Catherine's in the near future.

Radha Harvey shared about Hindu Kirtan at the Kilauea Parish Hall on Thursdays at 7pm in Kilauea. She also volunteered to make 200 cookies for IDOP.

Lucky Wells shared that the Baha'i Faith is celebrating the 200<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Baha'ullah on Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> with luncheon at the Wahoo Restaurant at 12:30pm. We're invited.

**Speaker Presentation: John Latkiewicz, Steve Taylor, Sterling Snyder, Ben Sullivan, Dr. Helen Cox, and Jon Tenbriggeneate from the Kauai Climate Literacy Initiative** spoke of the urgency and need for community support and the necessity to give accurate information to the public. All colleges in the state are working to reduce their footprint. Colleges provide vision, resources and education regarding climate change.

Recycling was emphasized, and we were encouraged to seek more ways to recycle. Churches are trying to reduce their footprints also. Spirituality and protecting the environment go hand in hand. We have a moral obligation to pay down our Karmic debt.

We were asked to think about how we could help them.

**Agenda items for next meeting:** IDOP review, Retreat information, and presentation by Rev. Peggy Price "Parliament of the World Religions". To learn more about Peggy go to the link that the Parliament Ambassadors put out this month in their newsletter.

[https://parliamentofreligions.org/blog/2017-09-11-1644/aac-profile-peggy-price?utm\\_source=Parliament%20Ambassadors&utm\\_campaign=bf67502415-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2017\\_09\\_07&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_30d076f6b0-bf67502415-87741361&mc\\_cid=bf67502415&mc\\_eid=e0bc97f504](https://parliamentofreligions.org/blog/2017-09-11-1644/aac-profile-peggy-price?utm_source=Parliament%20Ambassadors&utm_campaign=bf67502415-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2017_09_07&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_30d076f6b0-bf67502415-87741361&mc_cid=bf67502415&mc_eid=e0bc97f504)

**Closing Prayer:** Jim Jung recited a Buddhist prayer.