

**INTERFAITH ROUNDTABLE OF KAUAI**  
**P.O. Box 1442 Kapaa**  
**Janaury 30, 2015**  
**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, Joanne Watanabe, William Garavato, Rev. Rita Adriello, Rev Patrick Feren, Rev Michael Christianson, Adam Prall, Jonathan Cender, Hiromi Cender, Kamaka Contrades

**Opening Prayer:** Al Albergate

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

**Minutes from November 21, 2014:** Minutes approved with one correction (Vel says it is not necessary for IROK to have a bank card in order to receive donations. People can make donations through a PayPal account).

**Treasurer's Report:** Current Balance: \$642.80

At the MLK event, Revs Adriello and Feren donated \$100.00 and the public donated \$85.00. Jeffrey received a reimbursement of \$285.40 for what he personally spent on the event, but also donated an additional \$240.83 for printing of the programs, flyers and other items. Al Albergate donated \$135.42 for the sound system. Sharon West donated \$200 cash for food and an estimated \$300 barter exchange for the videographer. Deborah Burnham donated \$50.00 for an honorarium (Itemization of total accounting of 2015 MLK event expenditures is available upon request).

**Message from Chairperson:** Jeffrey read a statement thanking the IROK membership for its participation in making the 2015 MLK event a success. Jeffrey expressed gratitude to those who graciously participated in the program including Kumu Sabra Kauka, our own Cynthia Moore, Aunty Hana and her grandson Lono, Blu Dux, Nadine Nakamura from the mayors office, Kipukai Kualii from the Office of the County Council, the 15 service organizations who set up tables and offered information to attendees, and Mary Mulhall for the table cloths and palm ferns for the tables. Jeffrey also thanked those involved in the planning of the MLK event including Sister Deborah Burnham, Sharon West, Al Albergate, Cynthia Moore, John Moore and Annaleah Atkinson for providing contacts and information from her years of organizing the MLK Day celebration. Finally, he thanked all who volunteered including Charlene Dorsey, Patrick Parks, Rita and Patrick, Manfred Burgmeier, Willie Garavito, Renate (Sharon's niece), Jeannie Thompson, Nicole Sakurai, Joanne Watanabe, Robb and Roseanne, Jonathan and Hiromi, and other members who assisted in some way. It was determined (by the number of programs distributed) there was between 160 to 180 who attended the event.

### **Committee Reports**

#### Membership

Rev. Michael Christianson, pastor of the Hanapepe UCC introduced himself and expressed an interest in making a long-term commitment to participate as a member of IROK. There was also

a discussion that when people are invited to come to an IROK meeting that they be given a brochure, an explanation of what is meant by “interfaith,” and a clear picture of our mission.

#### Public Relations

Many thanks were extended to Al Albergate for the fine and thorough job he did in getting the word out about the 2015 MLK Day Celebration. There were several new articles that appeared in the Garden Island and Midweek newspapers. John Moore was thanked for the photographs taken of the event. Jeffrey distributed the new brochure. Vel was thanked for getting the brochures printed by the Hindu Temple.

#### Programming

Feb. 27, 2015	Cynthia Chiang	Planned Parenthood
March 27, 2015	Jeffrey Pears	Kauai Hospice - Death, Dying & Rebirth

#### Website

Jeffrey promised to put a donation button linked through Paypal up by next meeting so IROK can receive donations via the website.

### **Meeting Presentation**

Al Albergate presented on Soka Gakkai International Nichiren Buddhism.

### **Old Business**

During the December IROK holiday party, the IROK board (and other members) agreed that IROK would donate \$100 to Lihue Hongwanji to help their ministry and as a small token of appreciation for the use of their facility for the IROK monthly meetings. A check was written and later delivered to Rev. Kazunori Takahashi.

### **New Business**

- Annaleah Atkinson invited IROK members to participate in the Kauai Peer Mediation Conference to be held on April 24, 2015.
- Sister Deborah Burnham volunteered to chair the committee for the IROK retreat to be held Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. Annaleah, Willie and Cynthia signed up for this committee.
- Sharon West announced that she would be stepping down as Secretary of the IROK, but will continue to be active in the organization. Adam Prall volunteered to take over the position.
- It was proposed and approved that the monthly IROK meeting be extended to two hours duration. The business meeting will now be 75 minutes and the program speaker will have 45 minutes.
- It was proposed and approved that the members of the IROK make a suggested monthly minimum donation of \$5.00.
- John Moore asked that the monthly minutes give a more detailed treasurer’s report.

### **Next meeting**

Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm at Lihue Hongwanji

### **Closing Prayer: Al Albergate**

#### **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*