

Interfaith Roundtable of Kaua`i
Minutes of Meeting April 29, 2016
Lihu`e Hongwanji, 3-3530 Kuhio Hwy, Lihu`e
Submitted by Sally Wilson

Present: Al Albergate - SGI Buddhist Chapter, Diane Decker - Center for Spiritual Living Kaua`i (CSL), Deborah Duda – Hospice and STC, Jeffrey Pears – Yoga, Jim Jung – Buddhist, Sharon West – New Thought/The Gathering, Rev. Rita Andriello – CSL Kaua`i, Rev. Patrick Feren – CSL Kaua`i, Marquis Ishaq Mohammed – Islam, William Garavito – Christian Mystic, Dr. Hari Khalsa – Sikh, Cynthia Moore – United Methodist, Petra Sundheim – Way of the Heart, John Bonn – Roman Catholic, Joanne Watanabe – United Church of Christ, Deborah Burnham – Brahma Kumaris, Sally Wilson – Judaism, Sonia Song – Free Spirit, Tim Eddy – Free Spirit, Hiram Cender – Soka Gakkai Int., Jonathon Cender – Soka Gakkai Int., Michael O. Christenson – Hanapepe United Church of Christ, Nicole Sakurai – Happy Science

Meeting Program: Mayor Bernard Carvalho presented about his life, values, philosophy, spirituality and faith. In summary, he is the oldest of four children, who were primarily raised by their grandmother. Church and school were the centers of life for him. He attended UH and then played football for the Miami Dolphins. He met his wife on the mainland and they returned here to his home and county government. Faith has taught him several principles which guide him as a person and as Mayor. Take each day one step at a time. A spiritual light touches everyone. Live by your spiritual compass to find the right direction. He balances his heart with his mind, in the service of ALOHA. We are all connected, so he stays open to all people everywhere. And working with many of the cultural leaders on the island, he helped with a significant project to create 6 *moku* (land divisions) on Kaua`i reflecting the tradition of the Hawaiian culture. Each area has a local head. Thus, each division can more directly speak to the issues and concerns of the residents within that area.

1. **Opening Prayer:** Waimea United Church: “Praise G-d from whom all blessings flow.”
2. **Welcome and Call to Order:** Jeffrey Pears
3. **Minutes of March 25, 2016:** Approved as submitted
4. **Treasurer’s Report:** IROK account contains a balance of \$867.70.
5. **Message from Jim Jung, Co-chair**
We need to acknowledge efforts made to contribute to other people’s happiness, such as Mayor’s Track and Field Day, PMRF efforts to teach Westside middle school kids about Earth Day, Special Olympics, and others.
6. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. Public Relations – National Day of Prayer flyer was distributed to 19 media sources, including radio and print.

- b. Programming Committee – Program is full till the end of 2016. December will be the holiday party.
- c. Membership Committee – Email list has 311 contacts. There are 24 people at this meeting – a very good turnout.
- d. URI Committee – Received signatures on the application for those wishing to participate. Application will be submitted to move forward in becoming a cooperation circle.

7. Announcements

- a. Annual retreat in July will be a 2-night event. Twelve people are interested in attending. A committee will be formed.
- b. At our May meeting nominations for officers will be called for. There is at least one person who is interested in serving; by-laws require a co-chair. Sally Wilson will continue to serve as recording secretary; Al Albergate will continue to serve as treasurer; Sharon West stated she is interested in serving on the steering committee.

8. Next meeting will be May 27th at Lihu`e Hongwanji from 12 – 2 p.m.

9. Donations accepted at the meeting: \$284.80

10. Meeting adjourned.