

INTERFAITH ROUNDTABLE OF KAUAI
P.O. Box 1442 Kapaa
September 26, 2014
Lihue Hongwanji, 3-3530 Kuhio HWY, Lihue
Minutes
Submitted by Sharon West

Present: Jeffrey Pears, Sister Deborah Burnham, Sharon West, Vel Alahan, John More, Rev. Cynthia Moore, Rev. Patrick Feren, Pat Parks, Annaleah Atkinson, Charlene Dorsey, Lucky Wells, William Garavito, Rev. Mona Lisa Lolohea, Langi Lolohea

Opening Prayer: Sister Deborah Burnham

Welcome and Call to Order: Jeffrey Pears

Minutes from August 29, 2014: Summarized by Sister Deborah and approved as read.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Vel Alahan was not present at this point in the meeting (he arrived later). Jeffrey delivered the report. Balance as of 9/26/2014 was \$727.37. As chair of the International Day of Peace Celebration (that took place on Sunday, September 21st), Jeffrey submitted the following report detailing expenditures for the event:
Total Expenses \$1134.55. IROK Treasury paid \$784.55
Jeffrey donated \$350.00 in non-reimbursable contributions.
Sharon West donated \$50.00 toward expenses.
\$34.00 was received by IROK as donations at the IDOP registration table.
Annaleah Atkinson donated \$300 for a \$1 million liability insurance to cover all of IROK activities through the year beginning September 21, 2014 and running to September 20, 2015. State Farm wrote the policy. The total premium of \$300.00 has been paid.
Jeffrey submitted a reimbursement request for \$36.04 to pay for binders and copies of documents and reports for the IROK executive team. The request for payment was approved.
The treasury report was accepted by vote of the membership present.

Message from Chairperson: Jeffrey shared his experiences and observations when he attended the one-day workshop titled Exploring the Converging Paths of Religions, which was held at University of Hawaii on Oahu on Labor Day weekend. The event was co-sponsored by The All Believers Network (Belnet), The University of Hawaii's Religion Department, and Mulin: Association for Promoting South Asian Culture. These groups are planning an International Interfaith Conference for 2016 to be held in Hawaii on Memorial Day weekend.

Committee Reports

Membership

John Moore acknowledged Jeffrey for the fine job he did in chairing the International Day of Peace event. It is estimated more than 100 people were in attendance and John reported that 21 people signed up to get notifications of IROK upcoming events.

Discussion: John will work with the group that is pulling together a business plan for IROK. John circulated a proposed thank you letter for approval which would be sent to anyone who donates, financially or in services, to the IROK. One of the goals for raising funds is to be able to offer scholarships to young people who want to attend interfaith conferences and classes in Honolulu.

Public Relations

Al Albergate was traveling and unable to attend the meeting. Jeffrey reported the outlets that carried articles or calendar notices of IOPD event.

Programming

Cynthia and John met with Mayor Carvalho and hope to schedule him to present at one of IROK's meetings in 2015. Here is the current monthly programming calendar:

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 is working on a module for the web page that will allow those who get approval to display their events to edit their posts.

International Day of Peace

Jeffrey will reserve Lydgate Park for next year's IDOP event September 20, 2015.

Several suggestions were offered to help in planning next year's celebration to include emphasizing the promotion of the pot-luck and the layout of the food; include a minimal \$5/plate donation for those who are unable to bring food; and change the logistics of where the prayer gathering will happen so people won't have to stand too long and prayers will be heard by all.

Meeting Presentation

In consideration for our guest presenters, the agenda was put on hold while the presenters shared information. Rev. Mona Lisa Lolohea and her husband, Langi of the West Kauai United Methodist Church shared how their cultures have influenced their ministry. She is of Samoan heritage, and he is of Tongan heritage.

Old Business

Discussion of 501c3: Jeffrey has continued researching requirements for getting 501c3 status for IROK. He presented several documents and invited other members to be involved with the writing of a business plan as the first step to applying for non-profit status. Jeffrey will pursue information regarding IROK and its current relationship with its original parent-organization.

New Business

To acknowledge IROK 10th year anniversary, we will begin with an as yet to be determined presentation as part of the MLK DAY event, The National Day of Prayer event, and the IDOP event.

The planning committee for the MLK celebration scheduled for January 19, 2015 is as follows: Sharon West, Annaleah Atkinson, Sister Deborah Burnham, Jeffrey Pears, Pat Parks, and Cynthia Moore. A meeting for this committee is scheduled for Sunday, October 19 at 2:30 p.m. at the home of Sharon West.

Next meeting: October 31, 2014 at noon, Lihue Hongwanji

Closing Prayer: Rev. Mona Lisa Lolohea

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