

INTERFAITH ROUNDTABLE OF KAUAI
August 28, 2015
Lihue Hongwanji, 3-3530 Kuhio Hwy, Lihue
Minutes submitted by Jeffrey Pears

Present: Jim Jung, Jeffrey Pears, Rev. Rita Andriello-Feren, Rev. Patrick Feren, Sr. Deborah Burnham, Rev. Michael O. Christensen, Marquis Dawkins (Ishaq Mohammad), Rev. Mieko Majima, Cynthia Moore, Sat Rattan Khalsa, Dr. Hari Simran Singh Khalsa, Vel Alahan, Petra Sundheim, Sharon West, Joanne Watanabe

Opening Prayer: Rev. Michael Christensen

Welcoming and Call to order: Jim Jung

Minutes from Last Meeting: Summarized by Jeffrey, no changes needed, approved by all.

Treasurer's Report: In the absence of treasurer, Al Albergate, Jeffrey reported that after payment to State Farm for liability insurance, our balance is \$931.21.

Message from Co-chairperson: Jim's message was sharing the story of Sadako Sasaki, the Japanese girl who was two years old when the American atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, Japan. Sadako is remembered through the story of attempting to fold a thousand origami cranes before her death (each one bearing a prayer of peace for the world) and is to this day a symbol of innocent victims of war.

Committee Reports:

- a) **Membership:** John Moore was unable to attend the meeting due to job responsibilities. Jeffrey said our membership statistics are: 240 names on Kaua'i email list. Active membership is between 20-30.
- b) **Public Relations:** Al Albergate was unable to attend the meeting. Jeffrey shared the press release for the International Day of Peace.
- c) **Programming:** Cynthia, Moore reports the program calendar is as follows:
 - a. Sept: Ishaq Mohammad, Islam faith
 - b. Oct.: Sr. Carol Reichert, Thomas Merton film viewing and discussion
 - c. Nov.: Rev. Patrick Feren and Rev. Rita Andriello, Center for Spiritual Living Kaua'i
 - d. Dec.: Holiday potluck, shared faith and spiritual expression
 - e. Jan.: Sharon West, The Gathering
 - f. Feb.: Sr. Deborah Burnham, LVE
 - g. Mar.: Deborah Duda, Spiritual expression
 - h. Apr.: Jim Jung, Buddhism
- d) **Website/Facebook/YouTube:** Ishaq discussed the Facebook site for IROK, of which IROK members can write and share individually. Michael suggested and members agreed the initial posts should be fully-moderated.
- e) **International Day of Peace:** Co-promote the IROK Sept. 20th event with the Hanapepe Sept 21st event. Mark suggested we create a drop-box for people to digitally upload their pictures and videos of the event.

Monthly Donation: \$116 was received at the conclusion of our monthly meeting. Suggested donation is \$5 each meeting.

New Business: None

Old Business: Tenth anniversary IROK coffee mugs are now available for \$20 each. Amendment to the by-laws to reflect that a **one-year term limit** for each steering committee member (co-chairpersons, treasurer, secretary) may be voluntarily extended to the following year if those present at the June monthly meeting are in agreement. For those positions that are vacated, nominations may be announced at the May monthly meeting.

Program: Rev. Michael Christensen spoke about United Church of Christ.

Announcements: Petra Rose will be holding a book signing of her new book “Everything Scattered Will Be Gathered” which reveals her emergence from Patriarchal fundamentalism through A Course in Miracles. Book signings on Tuesday, September 8th at Hanamaulu Kalepa Village Community Room from 7 – 9 pm that includes a 20-minute presentation beginning at 7:15 pm. Friday, September 11th at Hanapepe Talk Story Bookstore from 5:30 – 9 pm RSVP to Petra at 332-0504

Next meeting: 12-2 p.m. on Friday, September 25, 2015 at Lihue Hongwanji.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned.

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OUR MISSION

The Interfaith Roundtable of Kauaʻi 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 Kauaʻi.