

**INTERFAITH ROUNDTABLE OF KAUAI**  
**September 25, 2015**  
**Lihue Hongwanji, 3-3530 Kuhio Hwy, Lihue**  
**Minutes submitted by Sharon West**

**Present:** Jim Jung, Jeffrey Pears, Sr. Deborah Burnham, Sat Rattan Khalsa, Sr. Carol Reichert, Marquis Dawkins (Ishaq Mohamad), Rev. Mieko Majima, Sharon West, Annaleah Atkinson, Dr. Hari Simran Singh Khalsa

**Opening Prayer:** Ishaq Mohammad

**Welcoming and Call to order:** Jeffrey Pears

**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. Expense report for International Day of Peace was \$1079.83 total expenses of which Jeffrey is to be reimbursed \$679.83 Current bank balance as of this meeting is \$1175.21

**Message from Co-chairperson:** Jeffrey thanked all who participated in the planning and volunteering at the International Day of Peace. Additionally, he outlined the program for Peace Building on Kauai: An Interfaith Dialogue scheduled for Saturday, September 26 from 10:30AM to 12:30PM at Christ Episcopal Church in Kilauea. The scheduled discussion will include use of the Appreciative Inquiry model.

**Committee Reports:**

- a) **Membership:** John Moore was unable to attend the meeting due to job responsibilities. Jeffrey said our membership statistics are: 270 names on Kaua'i email list. Active membership is between 20-30.
- b) **Public Relations:** Al Albergate was unable to attend the meeting due to being off island.
- c) **Programming:** Cynthia, Moore was unable to attend the meeting due to job responsibilities.
- d) **Website/Facebook/YouTube:** No significant changes. It was discussed that we post the ALOHA concept on our website: Akahai - to be kind; Lokahai - to create this opportunity for unity; 'Olu 'olu - to listen and be agreeable; Ha'a ha'a - to be humble; and Aho hui - to be patient.
- e) **International Day of Peace:** International Day of Peace Debriefing: Event was well received by those in attendance (estimated 100-120). Music and opening ceremony acknowledged. Gratitude for all who participated. Areas of improvement: Problems with sound system. Event was well publicized. Perhaps other events on island that day competed for the attendance of some who might have come to the Peace celebration. It was discussed that IROK might consider offering more low key events to relax the demands on its members for big productions. Some agreed this might be considered, others commented they enjoy the time spent in preparing for and presenting our three annual events.

**Monthly Donation:** \$52 was received at the conclusion of our monthly meeting. Suggested donation is \$5 each meeting.

**New Business:** None

**Old Business:** None

**Program:** Ishaq Mohammad presented a compelling outline of his journey in becoming a Muslim and in the beliefs of the Islamic faith.

**Next meeting:** 12-2 p.m. on Friday, October 30, 2015 at Kaua`i Hospice, 4457 Pahe`e St., Lihue.

**Closing prayer:** Ishaq Mohammad

**Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned.

**ALOHA!**

*May Peace Be With You*

### **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.

### **THANK YOU EVERYONE!**

Thank you for all of your hard work and efforts in the planning, participation and fulfillment in the International Day of Peace Celebration this year. It is estimated 100-120 people attended. It was truly inspiring to hear Joyful Noise and Kyle Chew perform, Aunty Hana & Lono pray and bless the event and food, Jim share the Sadako Sasaki story, the Mayor share the Aloha message of peace, Michael & Carrie Fox perform and sing with the keiki, the WWII Veterans Jiro, Norman, and Quentin interviewed by Dennis Fujimoto, and the food donated and served by Joseph, Olympic Cafe, Pau Hana Bar & Grill, and In His Hands Catering Company. Additionally, we appreciate Nicole Sakurai, Annaleah Atkinson, Barbara, Noreen, and the others who managed the keiki craft tables, Michael who brought the prayer incense table, Jim who brought the doves, flags, and fish kites, Ron who took the photos, Jerry and Mark who helped co-promote it with their event in Hanapepe, Al who picked up and dropped off the tables and chairs Nicole lent us, Jeannie for loaning us the sound system, Sharon, John, and Cynthia for greeting everyone at the registration table, Adam for helping with the sound, Mary for bringing the decorations of foilage and helping with the balloons, and Jim for removing the refuse after it was all over.

And thank you to those who helped, who I may not be aware of. May peace be with all of us. It truly takes a village and Aloha spirit for these celebrations!

With kindness and highest regards,

Jeffrey