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| meeting Minutes |
| HHA Members meeting |
| Date:  | Aug 4 2025  |
| Time:  | 5:48PM  |
| Meeting called to order by:  | Charlie K  |

# In attendance

See sign-in log

# Approval of minutes

# Budget

Jun reconciliation:

Scholarship acct:

Primary acct:

MHYC acct:

# reports

Committee reports

* Fundraising/Special Events –
	+ Christmas Pa’ina 12/9 at Lanikeha. Menu TBD, possible prime rib & dessert contest. $1000 prize budget
	+ Grant approved for 2026 Kuhio Day. HHA will invite playwright and fundraise with a Luau & plate sales
* Veterans & Website – check out hoolehuahomesteaders.org for what HHA has been doing & calendar of events.
* Health & Wellness –
	+ Awaiting OHA grant opening. Statewide amount reduced to $270k from $750k.
	+ TShirt orders on the backburner. Ordering still open.
	+ Catholic Charities Hawaii avail to help individuals w/financial difficulties.
	+ Website includes a link to fill out a form for kupuna home assistance.
	+ GIA assistance may be possible (through HCDC). but HHA may need to reapply to increase our non-profit status to have/accept larger funding.
	+ Applied for a grant, find out if approved in Oct.
	+ UH Carpentry class approved to assist kupuna housing projects
* Education, Economics, & Entrepreneurship
	+ MHYC – name change & group changed to include all island homesteaders (not just Hawaiian homesteaders.
		- Pillar 1: Farming methods/techniques – New celluponics system setup for MHYC participants.
		- Pillar 2: Community Service – ongoing opala stations
		- Pillar 3: Food system advocacy
		- Pillar 4: ‘Ainapreneurship – USDA youth loans were discussed with MHYC. Potential for personal & financial growth.
		- Event planned for Sat, Oct 18 at Lanikeha. Collab w/other food system groups. Grant approved for $8k. MHYC & other island youth group showcases.
		- MHYC/HHA grant approved for new opala station trailer for mobile opala station & MHYC storage container.
	+ Scholarship committee. Feb or Apr brunch buffet fundraiser planning. Money is already in account for Spring award.
		- We receive money from TIDES Foundation.
		- Discussing “give back” requirements for recipients.
		- Aunty Barbara would like to implement regular check-ins/care packages for recipients.
	+ Partner w/Kanoe Dudoit (MAC & Hwn Arts Partnership)
		- Connecting art w/ag to promote cultural & environmental stewardship. Farmers market. Hosted workshops (2 per month). Aug 16 workshop: Kukui. Instructor-Kawaila. Location-H’hua Makeke container. Sept: Ti Leaf. Oct: Niu. Ages/skill/# of participants are determined by the practitioner.
		- \*MAC received $ to reinvigorate Hwn arts. HHA partnership will provide practitioners/event booths.
		- \*Potential for HHA to develop info brochure.
		- Makeke Saturdays 10-12a est.
* Policy & Communications –
	+ SCHHA consultation on Act 80. Lowering blood quantum on successors of lessees. Robin Danner to come and discuss TBA, Aug/Sep.
	+ Act 167 signed. Sept is Hawaiian History Month in HI
* Homesteading – Not discussed
* Water – Not discussed
* Upcoming Events:
	+ Aug 13 Zoom. USDA Transportation Reimbursement Program.
	+ Aug 14 1230. SSA benefits. Liz Acrienega.
	+ Aug 26 6p zoom. SCHHA consultation on Act 80.
* Other
	+ JR discussion/question on HHA acquiring & managing a community pastoral area. Potential for org fundraising.

# Next meeting

## Next meeting Oct 6 & Dec 1.

Adjourn 8:04p