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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