Moloka'i Arts Center Minutes for August 14, 2010 Meeting

In Attendance, Emillia Noordhoek, President, Dan Bennett, Vice-President, April Torres, Recording Secretary, and Kim Markham, Treasurer.

1st point of business: Dan Bennett moved to accept the minutes of the August 1, 2010 meeting. Emillia 2nd the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Molokai Arts Center is incorporated as of August 6, 2010. We still need a fiscal sponsor to complete the grants we are working on.

After repeated trips to Coffees by Art Parr, Rick Harder and Dan Bennett it was determined that much work is needed to strengthen and straighten the existing structural members for safety. The work will cost approximately \$20,000. Given that the work is so much greater than expected, it was decided that Dan and Kim will meet with Maria at Coffees to negotiate with Coffees of Hawaii to share perhaps half the cost with us or extend the lease at the same price.

We have had to postpone the date of our first fund-raiser because it was declared unsafe to enter the building until necessary repairs are done. We are now looking at October 23rd or November 6th of 2010.

Kim and Emillia are working on three grants to fund this project including the USDA grant for a 9kW solar system. The proposed system would net us 15 thousand kilowatts which would allow us to fire a kiln once every 10 days. We would definitely have to beef up the roof of our structure if the system were placed there. Other options are to build a car-port or mount it on another structure. With only 30 left for Kualapu'u, we need to reserve a block of the grid-tie energy before it is all taken. Kim recommends we have Dr. Marco Mangelsdorff take care of this for MAC. Kim will submit the application for this 100% funded USDA grant by September 8th, 2010.

We looked at Todd Yamashita's proposed logos and there is a preference for the vessel or the fern design. In looking for fund raising ideas Kim proposes selling soap with a design on the packaging done by Annie Van Epps.

Next board meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 12, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. at Dan's.