

Minutes of Meeting
December 8, 2012

MEDAH Board Meeting - Saturday, December 8, 2012, at Ward's Rafters, 3810 Maunaloa Ave. The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m. by President Natalie Phoenix.

In Attendance – President Natalie Phoenix, Vice President Kari Meyer, Secretary Renée Arnold, Treasurer Dorothy Wheeler, Members-at-Large Anna Han, Dee Dee Valencia and Tammy Yee-Custodio; also new 2013 Board Member-at-Large Jasmin El Gohary.

Minutes of the last meeting in October were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Dorothy Wheeler read the report. The current balance is \$4,147.74. A check for \$50 to a member of the Island Oasis Ensemble for the Sept. 19 Garden Nile show is outstanding. Checks will be written to members who cooked for the Journey through the Silk Road event and for cleaning of costumes in the fashion show. Revenue from the event was \$653, of which \$50 was given to Jackie Ward, leaving a total of \$603, minus expenses of \$531.91 leaving a net of \$71.09.

Old Business:

Journey through the Silk Road – The event consisted of the food, fashion show and performances. The results of the voting for the 2013 board were announced. MEDAH received positive comments: it was better than last year; some missed other events in order to attend; there was more food than last year. However, there were negative comments as well: there needs to be a break in the show so people can get up and mingle; there are too many performers; some performers are not professional; late comers were allowed to sit at a table with first arrivals; one dancer was too overweight. It was suggested that we announce to the audience that some of the performers are students. The food should be put into better order. The recipes should be tripled rather than quadrupled, as they were this year.

Princess Farhana workshops and show - The Venue is booked for the show on March 29. A deposit of \$300 to be paid right away. Set-up to be 2 hours before the show; doors open 7 – 11; \$1200 minimum bar for 4 hours; \$200 for every extra hour; last drink at 10:30; Show should end at 10:00 p.m.; “last drink served at 10:30” to be put on flyers and program; the Venue holds approximately 120 people; can pay a fee to the Venue for credit card use at the door; presale: \$15 member/ \$20 nonmember; Door: \$20 member/\$25 nonmember. Workshops – Mamiya Theater was discussed, but would cost \$100/hr. for a classroom; Dream to Dance Studio will likely be booked for the workshops. Presale: \$35 member/\$45 nonmember; Door: \$40 member/\$50 nonmember; Both workshops Presale: \$60 member/ \$70 nonmember; Door: \$70 member/\$80 nonmember; The Burlesque community will be invited to the event; The event will be called “MEDAH presents Princess Farhana.” Anna will look into credit card use at Costco through the telephone. Advertising: Alia, the dancer/sponsor of Princess Farhana in Australia, is using www.constantcontact.com for advertising. She emailed Renée that it is easy to set up an account and fill in the templates and the first 2 months are free. Tammy will investigate the site.

Website – Discussion was continued from the September meeting regarding photos for the website. Photos will be mailed directly to Tammy, who will no longer be a member-at-large

but will continue to be MEDAH's webmaster. Tammy has Bob McKeand's latest dvd of photos to be posted on the website.

Yahoo - Because we are using the free blogger for our site, we had discussed stopping payments to Yahoo at the September meeting. Tammy explained the need to continue to pay the yearly \$119 to Yahoo for the domain name and site.

Facebook – Updates of the 2013 Board will be made by Tammy.

New Business:

MEDAH business cards - Tammy will investigate using Vistaprint.com for business cards for the board and members. It may be possible to get 200 free cards for only \$10 shipping.

Meetings in 2013 - New M-A-L Sarah Katsuyoshi is unable to attend meetings on Saturdays. The board decided to have meetings on Sunday mornings at Ward's Rafters, perhaps alternating each month. Most preferred to meet on Saturdays. Sunday meetings are ok for Natalie, Dorothy, Renée, Jasmin and sometimes for Anna. Sarah and the other new Member-at-Large, Trisha Drennan, were not in attendance to voice an opinion.

Future event venues and events – Doris Duke Theater fee is \$1700, seats 280 people (no standing), and can offer good advertising; Loading Zone – huge, new venue downtown Chinatown (47 N. Hotel St., next to Bar 35), to be considered for a membership drive hafla for Feb 8 or 9, BYOB; Elk's Club – Anna and another MEDAH member, Carol Beresiwsky, are members and can sponsor a MEDAH event, has valet parking or self-parking at the Kapiolani Park, can be considered for the MEDAH fundraiser in July. Waikiki Yacht Club – Renée will check with the contact Kayla (ph. 955-4405) about having the MEDAH fundraiser there in July. If a sponsor is needed, Renée knows yacht club member Robert Koide, who attended the Journey through the Silk Road event, and who suggested that the club can be rented for a whole day and that we would have to have dinner and drinks.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30. The next meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, January 6, 2013, at Ward's Rafters.

Respectfully submitted by

Renée Arnold
MEDAH Secretary