

Minutes of Meeting  
January 6, 2013

MEDAH Board Meeting – Sunday, January 6, 2013, at Ward’s Rafters, 3810 Maunaloa Ave. The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m. by Vice President Anna Han.

**In Attendance** - President Natalie Phoenix, Vice President Anna Han, Secretary Renée Arnold, Treasurer Dorothy Wheeler, Members-at-Large Trish Drennan, Jasmin El Gohary, and Sarah Katsuyoshi, and webmaster Tammy Yee-Custodio.

**Minutes of Meeting** – Minutes of the last meeting were approved as submitted.

**Treasurer’s Report** – The report was read by Treasurer Dorothy Wheeler. The approximate balance is \$2,183.98. Natalie misplaced her debit card, was issued a new one with a new number; Natalie used the debit card to make a \$150 payment on Dec 10, for Dream to Dance Studio rental for 5 hrs for the Princess Farhana workshops in March; and used Dorothy’s card to pay \$300 to reserve the Venue for the Princess Farhana show; paid approximately \$826 + transfer fee in Dec. to Sarah, the Australian travel agent, for airfare for Princess Farhana. Natalie to confirm exact amount. A check for \$500 was paid in Dec. to Pleasant Gehman (Princess Farhana) for the 2 workshops; MEDAH received \$140 for 7 new memberships.

**Old Business:**

Princess Farhana event – Natalie will send all the information to Tammy after the meeting, for an early Flyer; Princess Farhana will receive 20% of the door for the show at the Venue on Friday, March 29. The two workshops on Saturday, March 30, will be called *Orient Noir: Volatile Combinations* and *Basic Burlesque with Princess Farhana*. MEDAH will pay her the remaining \$500 after the workshops.

Journey through the Silk Road - Dorothy will not need to dry clean the costumes. She also found the lost headpiece for one of the costumes.

**New Business:**

February 9 Membership Drive and Hafla - MEDAH will ask Island Oasis Ensemble to play. Natalie contacted but hasn’t heard from the venue, Loading Zone (new venue located above Amys, corner of Smith & Hotel). She will contact another new venue, Lemon Grass Café (corner of King & Smith, the size of Wards Rafters). To perform one must be a member, including students. To be on the Flyer: “Membership Drive - free for renewed or new members; \$10 for non-members; cash or check only”. There was discussion to charge \$25/yr for membership, but it was proposed to keep it at \$20 and to raise it in 2014; Justification for raising the yearly fee: rising costs of bringing guest dancers; Silk Road event is very expensive; more costly reimbursement for some expenses for events. More discussion will take place; Time of the hafla: doors open 6:30; show 7:30-9:30; street or muni parking; It was suggested we attach the Google or Yelp map of Chinatown; Anna will send a map of

parking lots; post a sign on the street to direct the way; there will be no lineup; performers will sign in at the door casually. BYOB; Natalie needs to ask about food at the Lemon Grass Café if we end up considering it instead of Loading Zone. Paypal payments due by Friday, Feb. 8, by midnight; Natalie must check for a PA system. Dance floor – Loading Zone has wood; Anna has a loud speaker to use for a small venue. First performances to be to recorded music; Band to play later for anyone who chooses to dance; Anna to contact the Island Oasis Ensemble (Kip) [kipm@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:kipm@hawaii.rr.com). She will ask them to become members; Dorothy to bring cookbooks for sale.

Website & Facebook - It was suggested that we look into Sharepoint, a site for creating a calendar or attaching a calendar for just the Board's use. Tammy will look into further use of a community calendar. Trish will review our mission to see if we need to add to it or change it.

MEDAH Calendar - There was discussion about creating a MEDAH calendar to sell at events. Tammy will look into sites for creating and promoting a calendar so that we can perhaps have one to sell by September at a fundraiser.

Cookbook Sales – Tammy will look into uploading the cookbook for purchase through PayPal, iBooks and Amazon.

Venues – Anna suggested the Elks Club for future events, but they need money up front, there must be food and a minimum drink; and it is hard to find open dates; possibly good for a fundraiser and or a special party; Renee will contact the Waikiki Yacht club for possible fundraiser events.

Tip Basket – It was suggested we have a tip basket for performers at MEDAH events, to be divided among the performers; however this will not be implemented at the February membership drive hafla. More discussion is needed.

Promotion of Events - Alia of Australia suggested using ConstantContact.com for promoting and email events. There are easy-to-use templates and the first month is free. Trish will investigate right after the meeting and email results to the Board.

Suggested Calendar of Events for 2013:

Feb – Membership Drive and Hafla – Feb. 9; Loading Zone? Lemon Grass Café?

Mar – Princess Farhana Hafla and Workshops – Mar. 29 & 30

April – No events

May - Student Recital –25<sup>th</sup> at Loading Zone?

June - No events; Natalie gone all month

July – Midsummer Night's Gleam 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat; & Tribal Fest

Aug – Greek Line Dance 17<sup>th</sup> + hafla (must do workshop to perform)-Loading Zone?

Sept – Fundraiser 14, or 21 - Elks Club, Yacht club, or Lemon Grass Café?

Oct – No events; voting by end of month

Nov – Journey through Silk Road , 9<sup>th</sup> - Ward's Rafters? Other?

The meeting was adjourned at 12:08 p.m. The next meeting will be at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, February 3, 2013, at Ward's Rafters.

Respectfully submitted by

Renée Arnold  
MEDAH Secretary