

MEDAH Board Meeting
2-13-2010

MEDAH Board Meeting held at Ward's Rafters. The meeting was called to order by President Margery Shadiya Doescher at 1:26 p.m.

In attendance were MEDAH members: President Margery Shadiya Doescher, Vice President Kalae Kaina, Secretary Renée Arnold, Treasurer Dorothy Wheeler, Member-At-Large Tara Severns, members Amy Bright and Bob McKeand.

Minutes were read. Motion was made to approve the minutes as amended. The duty of emailing the membership shall be changed from the President to the Vice President.

Treasurer's Report was given by Dorothy Wheeler: MEDAH has a balance of \$2,209.96. There are two checks, totaling \$40, from new memberships to deposit.

Old Business:

Bob's Proposal – At the last meeting, his proposal to film and photograph all MEDAH events, and to scan the Z back issues was reviewed; the Board considered what is best for the membership, particularly regarding intellectual property.

The Board questioned the purpose of a video archive. It was considered by some to be of historical interest. There are VHS tapes of famous dancers available for rent by members, but they are never watched. There is no list of videos – no awareness. Videos are VHS and would need to be transferred. There was a suggestion to put the list on the website to promote awareness of the list. However, VHS is an outdated format and dancers now have more access to DVDs and films on YouTube. Previous board wanted to archive all events. The new board is asking who will watch these, as most dancers hire Bob for their own performances. There is concern of dancers that others have footage of their performances. The question of what to do with the current VHS archive was deferred to the next meeting.

Regarding the continuation of Bob's filming of MEDAH events, MEDAH does not want the responsibility of handling waivers of all the members. Bob was paid \$200 (\$100 for 10 videos; \$100 for photos; \$2.00 per issue of the scanning of the Z.) Thw Board would prefer to have the \$200 go toward the archiving of the Z. Bob will keep an index so that we will know which issues are missing. Vice President Kalae gave him her copies of the Z to begin the project.

There was a motion to have Bob scan the Zs on CD at \$2/issue and he will report on progress at the next meeting on March 6, at which time it will be decided on a deadline for the work to be completed. Bob is to present the Board with an invoice. Instead of doing waivers and release forms for filming and photographing of MEDAH events, Bob will make agreements with individual dancers. The motion was passed.

New Venues – The Board continued to discuss new venues. Janice Itsuno had suggested Paki Hale during the membership meeting held just before the Board meeting. Events were concentrated at Wards Rafters in 2009 in order to save on rental and in order to raise money through the donations, but there was agreement to add venues such as McCoy Pavillon, , the Vet Center in Foster Gardens, the Art Zone, or a private home, such as Amber Ricci's. Tara will follow up with Amber, Bob with the Vet Center, and Kalae with the Art Zone.

New Business:

Website – Jessica reported that the website went down and she spent 3 hours and 45 minutes, for which she sent an invoice dated Jan. 31, 2010. At the last meeting the Board voted to accept her proposal to be paid \$50 per month and \$25 per hour for time spent over 3 hours. There was a motion to pay her \$18.75 for the extra 45 minutes, a total of \$68.75. The motion was passed.

Z submissions - Amy and Tara volunteered to submit information on Malia's recent workshop and Yoko's trip to Japan, respectively. All teachers have been contacted and must rejoin by the 15th of the month in order to have their listings in the Z.

Membership Drive – Dorothy mailed out 107 letters to all members from 2006 through 2009, on January 31, 2010. Fifteen were returned with no forwarding address. Six people rejoined as of the day of the meeting. The Board will ask Jessica to update the renewal slip to show that members pay half price to advertise in the Z. This must also be posted on the Website.

PayPal - There was discussion about adding PayPal to the website in order to allow people to join MEDAH online. Dorothy will have to set up an account and then ask Jessica to put it on the website. The price will be \$20.60 as 60 cents must go to PayPal.

Transfer of materials – Amy brought the MEDAH video library, banner, post office key for Shadiya, the back issues of Z, and miscellaneous materials. Dorothy gave a checkbook to Shadiya for checks numbered 1850 through 1879. One camel was destroyed in a car fire and one camel is still in the possession of Ephrosine Daniggelis, a former MEDAH member.

Haflah on March 13 at Ward's Rafters -- The Board decided to promote International Women's Day (March 8). Suggestions were to invite non-members to showcase other forms of dance from around the world, such as Persian, Flamenco, Indian, in addition to various forms of Middle Eastern dance. However, it was also suggested we stay true to the grassroots political agenda of IWD, as a labor movement, peace movement, and advocate for women having a political voice. It was suggested we have only Middle Eastern dancers, but we pass a hat for donations to go to women of Haiti, through CARE.org, an organization that helps to empower women and girls.

We would do a press release in the paper for free; get radio and TV time; promote in the Honolulu Weekly; and have Jessica put it on Facebook and MySpace. We must provide Jessica with the information by the 15th of this month. Tara and Shadiya will come up with the ad for the haflah and give the information and the Care.org information to Jessica. Per Jackie's request, information about the Care.org and about the performers will be sent to her so that she may embellish her email promotion.

Non-members would be invited to perform. The haflah doors will open at 6:30 and the show begins at 7:30.

Other calendar events :

April – Discussion of the dinner show at Pyramids is deferred to the next meeting.

May – First Friday we can have an event at Open Space Yoga upstairs from Indigo Restaurant at 1111 Nuuanu St. It was suggested we could post the framed photographs that Jessica mentioned at the last meeting. It was suggested we have members come in costume even if they do not perform.

Next meeting is scheduled for 1:00 p.m., March 6 at Ward's Rafters.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Renée Arnold
MEDAH Secretary