

MEDAH Membership Meeting
2-13-2010

MEDAH General Membership Meeting at Ward's Rafters.

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, guest/former member Janice Itsuno.

The meeting was called to order by President Shadiya at 1:00 p.m.

New Business:

In an effort to bring back former members who had left the organization, the new board invited former members to attend and report past concerns and offer suggestions about what members would expect or appreciate from MEDAH. Janice Itsuno attended and said entry fees to haflahs used to be free when Janice first became a member. If food was offered, dancers were given the option to bring food, or to pay just \$5.00 to enter. Before she left, several years ago, members were asked to pay for MEDAH events. She and others did not approve of having to pay to enter. She also stated that vendors at MEDAH events would donate a percentage of earnings to MEDAH.

Amy, former MEDAH president, stated that more recently, during her years as president, the dancers were not asked to pay for haflahs.

Venues were then mentioned. Janice said she liked Paki Hale as a venue, and that former member Harriet Ho was the liaison for obtaining the city & county venues, but that she had retired.

Another past concern was the irregularity of the Zagoreet. The board has already addressed this issue and is making an effort to post the Z on the website on the first of every month. The shift to online availability of the Z was made in order to end the high cost of publishing. MEDAH is now using funds to outsource the publishing of the Z and maintenance of the website, in an effort to ensure regular publishing. Also, the lack of submissions to the Z is still a concern.

A third concern from Janice is to have a complete list of teachers. The board explained that teachers must pay dues before being listed in the Z or on the website.

The membership meeting was adjourned at 1:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

MEDAH Secretary
Renée Arnold