

Minutes of Meeting  
4-3-10

MEDAH BOARD meeting, Saturday, April 3, 2010, at Ward's Rafters, 3810 Maunaloa Avenue, Kaimuki. The meeting was called to order by President Margery Shadiya Doescher at 1:21 p.m.

***In Attendance*** were President Margery (Shadiya) Doescher, Secretary Renée Arnold, Treasurer Dorothy Wheeler, Members-at-Large Tara Severns, Larry Ward and Heather Crotsley (by phone from Ohio).

***Minutes*** of the last meeting were accepted as corrected.

***Treasurer's Report*** was given by Dorothy Wheeler. MEDAH has \$2350.40. A check was written to Jessica Rose for \$100 for the website maintenance for February and March. There was one new membership as a result of the haflah. A check for \$225, the total of the haflah donations, was sent on March 23 to Care Organization. There was an expense of \$15.35 for food for the haflah. On March 31 the P.O. box was renewed for one year for \$72. MEDAH also received dues from six members. In 2004 a check for \$45 was sent to MEDAH from New York Public Library for a 3-year subscription for Zagoreet. It was never cashed and the library contacted MEDAH in 2007. The check was not found at that time. Vice President Kalae found the check and Dorothy wrote a letter of explanation and returned the check to the library. It has now been returned to us again.

***Old Business:***

Website – Jessica was paid for website maintenance for February and March and she worked in her time constraints.

Paypal – There was discussion about the use of Paypal. It was decided that the use of Paypal would bring MEDAH into the 21<sup>st</sup> century as well as support the current Board's mission to be paperless. The small fee of 60 cents per \$20 payment is near the price of stamps and envelopes. For bookkeeping ease, an email message can be sent to Treasurer Dorothy to alert her to the use of Paypal. There is also a way to set up a button in order to allow the member to input personal information. It will provide a convenient way to renew membership. It is also an acceptable business expense. Motion was made to set up the Paypal account and the motion passed. Other ways to renew membership will still be available. Tara will meet with Dorothy to help her set up the account. Jessica will announce the Paypal account on the website. She will also announce that the membership fee and the \$10 portion of the upcoming fundraiser ticket are tax deductible.

Haflah – the haflah of March 13 was discussed. Tara has the banner. Shamira (Linda Axelrod) brought a check for \$40 to the haflah. It was written to CARE, so Dorothy forwarded the check to CARE.

It was noted that the room was full and the audience response was more positive than that of the previous haflah.

Dinner Show – The April 22 fundraiser at Pyramids was discussed. The Dining Out article was released by Secretary Renée, who brought a copy of it to the meeting. Shadiya gave all board members 10 tickets to sell and to keep track of sale to members vs non-members. Shadiya will be out of town from April 6 - 13, but will be able to receive calls on her cell phone regarding ticket purchase. No reservations will be made; when a ticket purchased by mail, it must be postmarked by Monday, April 19. We must communicate with Dorothy to keep track of tickets and make sure she has enough to mail out. There were 55 tickets printed and 65 seats available. Numbers 1-54 are regular tickets; # 101-108 are vellum tickets, 2 of which will be used for comps to Tammy for having made the flyers and tickets. Dancers wishing to perform must pay for a ticket and register by April 19. Jessica will be sent a flyer to post on the website, Facebook, MySpace and on Bhuz.com. There was discussion of submitting an announcement to the MidWeek Calendar. It was decided to allow members and non-members to perform at the fundraiser; all participants must buy a ticket. There was a motion to allow a non-member to purchase a \$40 ticket and become a member for a discount price of \$15. All were in favor and the motion passed. Dorothy will bring extra forms for sign-up; a form will also be included in a program, along with the MEDAH calendar, lineup for the show, and a possible Pyramid coupon. There was motion and approval for paying \$25 to Moana to bring a good sound system with a microphone for announcing the dancers. Tara will bring the MEDAH banner and Kalae will bring the MEDAH tee shirts. Dancers may need to send CD of music ahead of time unless Moana can bring her sound system. It is preferable to have dancers bring the music that night. Dancers must come in costume. Soloists will have 5 minutes; troupes 7-10 minutes.

First Friday Event – May 7 - The Moroccan Tearoom at Open Space Yoga, 1111 Nuuanu St., above Indigo Restaurant, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. This event is confirmed and for members only. There will be continuous performing. Dancers are to arrive in costumes and there will be a MEDAH photo exhibit. We will post a request on the website for volunteers to help at the event, and for submissions of photos. We need 9 more 8x10 photos, minimum 300 dpi, maximum of 2 submissions per dancer. Photos may be mailed to the MEDAH P.O. box, brought to the fundraiser, or emailed as .jpeg to the dropbox that Tara will create and send to Jessica. Photos must be labeled, including the names of performers and/or troupes.

Student Recital – the date of June 26 at the Art Zone has been confirmed. Jessica will announce the date on the website with a call to teachers to prepare their students.

Midsummer Night's Gleam – July – No plans were made. Some dancers no longer wish to participate. This will be discussed further in a future meeting.

Makiki Festival – July - To be discussed at a future meeting. This was a success last year.

Greek Workshop - August 22 (Sunday). To be discussed at a future meeting.

***New Business:***

Reasons for the fundraiser – Discussion of reasons for the fundraiser resulted in suggestions such as bringing in a guest dancer for a workshop and haflah; a holiday haflah at Casablanca or other such venue; and /or bringing a band for a haflah.

Workshop and showcase haflah with guest dancer – Heather Crotsley volunteered to contact the following dancers about fees and availability in October: Zahar Zuhair, Cassandra Shore, Karim Nagi of Boston (folkloric and percussion), Sharon Kihara (tribal fusion), Dondi, Sahra Saeeda, Eve Cernick (with husband violinist Rachid), Salome of Oregon, and Jim Boz of San Diego.

Reserves – Discussion of how much MEDAH would be able to pay toward fees, airfare and lodging led to the question about how much MEDAH should keep in reserves. Dorothy had left the meeting early, so this will be discussed with Dorothy.

Mendi workshop – May 22 was suggested as a date for a Mendi workshop; Mendi artist and venue to be announced.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

The next meeting will be a committee meeting at April 24, 2010, 1:00 p.m., at Ward's Rafters, to choose submitted photos for the photo exhibit on May 7.

The next Board Meeting will be on May 1, 1:00 p.m., at Ward's Rafters.

Respectfully submitted by

MEDAH Secretary,  
Renée Arnold