

Minutes of Meeting
5-1-10

MEDAH BOARD meeting, Saturday, May 1, 2010, at the home of the MEDAH President. The meeting was called to order by President Margery Shadiya Doescher at 2:26 p.m.

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

Minutes of the last meeting were accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report was deferred to the next meeting because Treasurer Dorothy Wheeler was absent.

Old Business:

Dinner Show/Fundraiser – The fundraiser at Pyramid Restaurant on April 22 brought in \$750. 53 tickets were sold. Member-at-Large Larry Ward will also pay \$35 as a donation. MEDAH got 3 new members at the event.

First Friday Event, May 7, at Open Space Yoga, 1111 Nuuanu Av., downtown - Shadiya and Renée will come to the venue, on Wednesday, May 5, to set up the photo exhibit. Tammy will print cards to be placed on the photos. Tara brought the pictures to Shadiya's house. Tara has some new photos that have been submitted and she will pick up some new prints. Some dancers need to provide the name of the venue where their photos were taken. We will not have the space for a month as previously thought. Rather, we will only exhibit for that night of the event. Moana will have her sound system available. Dancers must submit 2 pieces of music by 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 5 or bring the CDs to the event. Tara will have the playlist on iphone and ipod as a backup to Moana's system. Dancers must RSVP to Shadiya by Wed. and dancers should arrive at 6 p.m. and expect to perform at 7 or 7:30. Kalae received some photo submissions which she will forward to Shadiya. Pictures will be kept for future exhibits or auction. There was motion to hire Moana for the event upon acceptance of a proposal from her.

Student Recital, June 26 - owner KK will do professional lighting at the venue, the Art Zone in Nuuanu. The garage will be the dressing room. We will need a sound system, for which we will hire Moana for 4 hours, per her proposal. We will ask for admission. Members should pay \$5 or bring a dish for free entry. Non-members would pay \$10. Other details were deferred to the next meeting.

Paypal – Tara sent a message to Jessica to set up a gmail account in order to set up a voicemail account. This would enable MEDAH to use the same phone number when the board changes. Once this is accomplished, the paypal account can be set up.

Visiting Dancer Workshop & Show – Heather Crotsley researched mainland dancers we are considering bringing to Hawaii. Zahar and Cassandra made the best offers, but we have not contacted several others. Tara will see if Eva Cerniak will be coming with Souhail, who plans to come in late Oct. Kalae will find out what Janie, who will be here in the fall, charges for a show and workshop. Heather will find out what Zahar would charge for a show, as she did not give that information earlier. It was suggested we print out the previous document Heather had sent so that we can compare the costs at the next meeting.

New Business:

Moana proposed \$25 or \$30 per hour for her to set up and operate her sound system for MEDAH events. She proposed \$75 for the First Friday event and \$100 for the Student Recital. Tara made a motion to accept this proposal; Larry seconded it and all were in favor.

Mendhi Workshop with Monica Dang, 1 – 4 p.m., May 29, Kapahulu Center, 3410 Campbell Av - The venue was confirmed at the \$50 rate for 4 hours, a special rate for non-profit organizations. We will also have this venue for free, for our August haflah. Monica Dang sent a proposal to do a lecture on henna, lead a mendhi practice and answer questions; provide free kits and prizes. The event would be 3 hours; \$45 for members postmarked by May 26; \$50 for non-members; minimum of 8 students/ maximum 20 students. Monica would pay for the venue; She would split the profit 60/40 ; pre-registration required; submit 10 days before the event (May 10) . Motion was made to approve the proposal, but MEDAH would pay for the venue in lieu of having a class minimum. We will ask Monica if she will do it with fewer students. The workshop would be 1 – 4 p.m.

Visiting Dancer Workshop Venues -

1. Mark's Garage offers several options, including doing PR. Charge is \$13.50 per person for entrance. Tara has contact.
2. Doris Duke at AA - Steve is the contact person; 280 seats; \$1100 to rent; open to negotiations; \$30-\$50 entrance; will do PR. Larry has the contact and will call to discuss other options.
3. Mamiya Theater at Chaminade – Larry may have contact.
4. McCoy Pavillion
5. Martini Lounge (former Red Elephant)
6. Fresh Café –Queen St.– warehouse in back holds 200 people

Meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

The next Board Meeting will be on June 5, noon, at Ward's Rafters.

Respectfully submitted by

MEDAH Secretary,
Renée Arnold

