

Minutes of Meeting
8-7-10

MEDAH BOARD Meeting, Saturday, August 8, 2010, at Ward's Rafters, 3810 Maunaloa Ave. The meeting was called to order at 1:40 p.m., by President Margery (Shadiya) Doescher.

In Attendance – President Margery (Shadiya) Doescher, Secretary Renée Arnold, Treasurer Dorothy Wheeler, Members-at-Large Larry Ward and, by phone, Tara Severns.

Minutes of the last meeting were accepted as corrected.

Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer Dorothy Wheeler. On July 20, 2010, MEDAH paid only \$2.50 to file tax information with the Hawaii State government. Yahoo.com charged MEDAH \$119.40 on July 6, 2010 for our Annual Website Charge (12 months @ 9.95/month). The MEDAH balance is \$3,160.59.

New Business:

Grant proposal - MEDAH received a letter about a grant from the Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and the Arts and the Board was informed at the last meeting. Member-at-Large Larry Ward looked into the grants being offered to produce a dance program that relays a story about cultural acceptance or diversity. The Board discussed various ideas for a program: show how different cultures borrowed from Middle Eastern music and dance; give performances of dances of Central Asia, Egypt, Flamenco, Greek, and Tribal Dances; promote peace, understanding & communication between cultures; promote public awareness of MEDAH: promote in schools, libraries, coffee shops– speakers, performances, etc – over a span of 6 months. It was argued, however, that it is the same amount of work to do each small event as one big event; therefore, it was suggested to invite the schools to come to the one event by having some daytime shows, but keep the production at one venue. The grant would be made out to MEDAH and we would select the artists, members and nonmembers; we would pay a choreographer and/or producer; the grant covers production, advertising; we would need facilities and services donated. We will inquire if the grant would pay for travel of artists. Motion was made to pursue a grant to do a large-scale production. Shadiya will set up a meeting with Larry to look for grants.

Old Business:

Paypal Account – The Paypal account has not yet been set up. Dorothy and Tara are working to have it established by the end of August. They will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, August 9.

Mid-summer Night's Gleam on July 17 – MEDAH participated as an organization, thus solidifying our place in this annual event. Vice Pres. Kalae Kaina coordinated the event. Kalae's group Shakti and Amy Bright performed .

Greek Line Dancing Workshop - August 22, 2010, in the basement ballroom of Kapahulu Center, 3410 Campbell Av. After the July board meeting, the Board voted via email to provide the workshop instructor with an honorarium of \$50 and the pricing was clarified as such: \$5 for MEDAH and Kapahulu Center members; \$10 for nonmembers. Haflah is free for workshop participants, performers and those who bring a potluck dish for 6 people; \$5 for MEDAH and Kapahulu Center members; \$10 for nonmembers. The board discussed music to be played by Larry and Tara. Full-page flyers will be taken to Greek restaurants by board members. Sec. Renée will send the Membership list to Dorothy to use at door. Dorothy will buy paper plates, cups & napkins, utensils and will bring them to the workshop. The banner will be hung at the Center; Shadiya will bring a boombox; and only CDs will be used for performances. Participants are to wear leather shoes, no slippers, or rubber soles; comfortable clothes. The Board discussed having blue & white streamers for decoration and Tara may be able to get a projector for projecting pictures of Greece. Shadiya will inquire about use of the Center air conditioning and the refrigerator.

Workshop with visiting dancer/instructor Jaynie – Oct 9 & 10. The venue is to be announced. Vice Pres. Kalae Kaina is organizing the workshop and haflah. The haflah will be on Oct. 8 or 9; Fresh Café is being considered as a venue. Dorothy suggested Sandra Lull, a dancer from Seattle, who is willing to come to give a workshop in future.

Souhail Workshop, October - MEDAH has received no new information. There maybe a haflah organized by MEDAH member Naia on Friday, October 29.

Zagareet - Kalae is to send an email blast with the Zagareet link. The Board decided that publishing that MEDAH is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit gives credence to our status, and is helpful for those who may want to donate to MEDAH.

Jessica reported that Members were polled and they wanted listings of where to get belly dance supplies. Shadiya will inform Jessica that the Board decided to allow a list of vendors in the Zagoreet and on the website with this statement:

“MEDAH does not endorse any specific entity and provides the listing below as a service to the Middle Eastern dance community. Please contact MEDAH if you would like to add to this list.”

Because there was no Membership in July, the Board decided to have a Membership meeting at the haflah after the Greek Line Dancing Workshop, on August 22.

Holiday Party – deferred to next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

The next meeting will be on Saturday, September 4, 2010, at 1:30 p.m. at Fresh Café, 831 Queen Street near Ward Avenue in Kaka'ako.

Respectfully submitted by

MEDAH Secretary,
Renée Arnold