

Minutes of Meeting
October 1, 2011

MEDAH General Membership Meeting and Board Meeting – in compliance with the bylaws, a General Membership Meeting was called at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, October 1, 2011, before the Board Meeting, at Ward’s Rafters, 3810 Maunaloa Ave.

In attendance - President Masayo Loyd, Vice President Natalie Phoenix, Secretary Renée Arnold, Treasurer Dorothy Wheeler, and Member-at-Large Tammy Yee-Custodio. Also attending were MEDAH members Kari Meyer and Ricardo Custodio.

The General Membership Meeting was called to order at 2:17 p.m. by President Masayo Loyd. As there were no concerns from the MEDAH members in attendance, the Board Meeting was called to order.

Minutes - The Minutes of the September Meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer’s Report - The Treasurer’s Report was read by Treasurer Dorothy Wheeler. MEDAH has a balance of \$2,550.94. The revenue from the September Hafla at Ward’s Rafters on September 24 was a total of \$247. \$50 was given to Jackie Ward for expenses; \$197 was split between MEDAH and the 5 musicians in the Island Oasis Ensemble. They were given \$100 so they could split it evenly; MEDAH kept \$97. After expenses of \$49.02, MEDAH’s total revenue was \$47.98.

Dorothy reviewed the following MEDAH Treasury activity for Members Kari and Ricardo: The first deposit of the year was \$100 for renewal memberships; From January to March 22, MEDAH was taking in money. Jessica Rose was paid \$145 for website maintenance; the March Hafla brought in 17 membership renewals with net proceeds of \$215; \$200 was received from KCC for participation in their International Festival in March; we took in \$570 and sent AM Red Cross of Japan \$685; The fundraiser at Pyramids on June 4 brought in \$386; The Student Recital brought in \$235 and Island Oasis was paid \$250 for rental fee, \$55.99 was spent at Costco for pupus; Jessica was paid \$75. The State was paid \$2.50 in July for our registration as a non-profit organization. The balance on December 12, 2010 was \$1,663.59. Today it is \$2,550.94.

Old Business:

Hafla with live music by Island Oasis Ensemble at Ward’s Rafters, September 24 – The hafla was successful and it was a full house. Two concerns were raised. First, there were not enough performers. Kari was asked why she didn’t dance at the event. Some board members thought perhaps she did not know that recorded music was available, in case she didn’t want to perform to the live music. She replied that the options were clear, but she just did not want to perform that night. Also, the ambient music was shut off for a while. We need to ensure that there is background music when the doors open.

New Business:

November Event at Ward’s Rafters – The title will be “Journey through the Silk Road.” The flyer will say also “a sampling of food, fashion and dance from Egypt through Central Asia.” The date was confirmed for November 12. After the last meeting, Secretary Renée Arnold checked with Hawaiian Rent-All (687-2335) about the rental of a projector and a screen and

she emailed the Board the following information. They have 5 projectors on hand at a cost ranging from \$100-150 for 24 hours. If all lights are off, the cheaper one of 2100 lumens would be adequate. If some lights are left on, the 3,000 lumens would be needed. A deposit of \$200 on credit card is required. A screen of 70 in. x 70 in. (86 to 90 in. with tripod) is available for a deposit of \$100 on credit card. They suggested we go there in person with a laptop in order to get instructions. Natalie will try to get a projector, or the DVDs may not be shown at this event. Ricardo suggested projecting the images on the white drapes at Ward's instead of a screen. Renée also emailed Larry Ward before the meeting and found that the capacity of Ward's Rafters is 80-90 people seated, plus standing room. The doors will open at 6:00 p.m.; the show will be 7:00-9:30. We will show up at 5:30 to set up. The flyer, with title and description to be sent to Larry for his email blasts. Ricardo has Uzbek and Kazak robes and can bring and model them. He suggested having the models already dressed to greet people as they enter the event. Each table could represent a country with a flag (printed by Tammy) on the table or with a game for people to guess the country. Incense was suggested, but because of allergies, it was dropped. It was suggested that Adly Mirza be asked to sing and that Dr. Saleem Admed (retired professor, formerly at East-West Center) be asked to attend and/or speak. Dorothy will send the recipes to Tammy to Xerox. Some board members will help Dorothy with the cooking before the event. Descriptions will be next to each dish. There will be a period for questions and answers. There will be food for 100 people; people will form a line and volunteers will be needed to dish the food. The fashion show featuring Dorothy's costumes, with descriptions, will last for 30 minutes while people are eating. 8 models will be needed. Dance performances will be the last hour.

Sat. October 22 – Meeting at Dorothy's at 2 p.m. to see the fashions and the dvds and to prepare for the event on Nov. 12. Dorothy will loan the costumes at that time so that models will be prepared ahead of time.

Voting - A letter will be written by Secretary Renée Arnold asking members to nominate officers for the 2012 Board. She will also prepare a current membership list of names only. These will be sent by eblast by Monday, October 3, to the members, along with a link to the officers' duties which are in the bylaws on the MEDAH website. The nominating committee includes Renée, Treasurer Dorothy Wheeler, and Vice President Natalie Phoenix. Natalie will investigate Survey Monkey for use in the final voting online rather than sending out letters and ballots in regular mail.

MEDAH email problem – During the meeting Jessica Rose sent a new password to President Masayo Loyd for the MEDAH email. Jessica reported a problem with the email.

The Meeting was adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

The next meeting will be on November 5, 2011, at 2:00 p.m. at Ward's Rafters.

Respectfully submitted by

MEDAH Secretary,
Renée Arnold