

Minutes of Meeting
November 5, 2011

MEDAH Board Meeting – Saturday, November 5, 2011 at Ward's Rafters, 3810 Maunaloa Ave. The meeting was called to order at 2:29 p.m. by President Masayo Loyd.

In Attendance - President Masayo Loyd, Vice President Natalie Phoenix, Secretary Renée Arnold, Treasurer Dorothy Wheeler, Member-at -Large Shirlita Jones

Minutes - Minutes of the last meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report – The report was read by Treasurer Dorothy Wheeler. As of October 6, MEDAH has a balance of \$2,570.94, which included one new membership paid by check. Treasurer Wheeler expressed concern over ebcasts going out to the MEDAH membership for some dancers' ads but no payment received. Dorothy also said that the new President must go to the bank with her in January with a copy of the minutes to sign papers.

Old Business:

Voting – Vice President Natalie Phoenix brought the voting results of the online voting done on Survey Monkey. Twenty-seven members voted. The results:

President – Natalie Phoenix 21; Shirlita Jones 6

Vice President – Kari Meyer 12; Shirlita Jones 8; Mandy Jansen 7

Secretary - Renée Arnold 21; Mandy Jansen 6

Treasurer – Dorothy Wheeler 27

Members-at-Large - Shadiya Doescher 15; Jessica Rose 14; Tammy Yee-Custodio 13;

Dee Dee Valencia 13; Mandy Jansen 10; Ricardo Custodio 8; Muriel Lighter 5

Mandy, Lita, and Masayo still want to be involved with MEDAH. Lita wants to continue contacting the media. Shadiya has already declined. There will be a follow-up to confirm with Jessica and Tammy, as both were originally less adamant about running for office. Mandy Jansen was very interested in being on the board, so she would be given the M-A-L post if Jessica or Tammy wish to decline.

Journey to Silk Road Event - November 12, at Ward's Rafters. Costumes of Dorothy's have been distributed to models. Dorothy will type up descriptions for costumes and be the MC for the fashion show. Nikki will be the main MC for the event. Natalie can cook Roz Bukhari on Friday. Jessica is cooking Macarona Bechamela. The Mashu recipe has to have a correction and Dorothy will make it. Dorothy will also make a soup, called Shorbet Lahma; Tammy will make the Molokheyyah and Lita will make Roz Sha'reya. There will be a total of 6 dishes. Each recipe is for 6 people or for 6-8 people. All recipes must be doubled, but Lita will triple her dish. We must arrive by at least 5:00 to set up; doors to open at 6:00; food to be served 7:00-7:40; fashion show 7:40-8:00; dancing 8 – 9:30. The new board will be announced between the food service and the fashion show.

We will use the kitchen and the larger table for the food. Cooks must save their receipts, sign their name and phone number on the receipt and give it to Dorothy. Tammy is compiling the book. Dorothy is to send her bio, the correction to Mashu, and information about the dishes, and the rest of recipes to Tammy by later today. We will ask for a \$5 donation for a copy of the book. Masayo will ask Tammy to make 60 copies of the book. Dorothy and Natalie will bring plates, napkins and utensils (which MEDAH already has), and Dorothy will buy Styrofoam cups for the soup. Tammy will bring photos, flags and maps to

represent the countries of our fashions. These will be put on the tables. Dorothy will talk to Tammy and Jessica about what to do. Tammy will be asked to get chicken thighs for her dish. We must let Larry know about our plan to use this table and we must bring a "Reserved" sign. The big table can be pushed toward the curtain to provide more space for serving the food. We will ask the new board members to come early and help with serving. We must clarify who will serve. We will ask for 6 servers, possibly Dee Dee Valencia, Mandy Jansen, Natalie's husband Jesse, Anna Han, and Shadiya's daughter Mehina. We also need to bring spatulas, a ladle, big serving spoons, and a slotted spoon. Serving the food will be first on the agenda. Nikki will announce Dorothy who will describe the dishes. We will announce the cookbook for \$5, tax deductible. Food will be served, beginning with the back and going in sections (the dancer in the appropriate costume will call sections by the country). Dorothy will say, "Sahtain" (Arabic for bon appétit). As people are eating, Nikki will then announce Dorothy again and Dorothy will describe the fashions as they are modeled. For the Fashion Show, there will be 7 countries and 10 to 11 models. Ricardo will bring 2 costumes and he will model both or we will ask Larry to model one.

Order of the models:

1. Kari - Traditional Egyptian
2. Natalie - Modern Egyptian
3. Lita - Qatar
4. Ricardo - Uzbekistan (or Larry?)
5. Renee =Uzbekistan
6. Nikki - Uzbekistan
7. Tammy - Afghanistan
8. Jessica - Kazakhstan
9. Ricardo - Kazakstan (or Larry?)
10. Masayo - Kyrgyzstan
11. Dorothy - Turkmenistan

Masayo will ask Larry about the costume. We will also ask Saleem Ahmed and Adly Mirza to attend. Lita will email Saleem and add to email list; Renee will invite Adly.

The Board telephoned Member-at-Large Tammy Yee-Custodio during the meeting and discussed the event. Lita sent her by phone a picture of the list of countries for help in making the flags, etc. for the tables. Natalie has a line-up of 13 dance performances; dancers must send her a bio and an mp3 file of their music by Thursday, November 10. Masayo and Nikki will do the sound for the event. Dancers will be restricted to 5 minutes for solos and a bit longer for groups.

Website reorganization - deferred to next meeting.

Paypal issues - deferred to next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

The next meeting will be on Saturday, December 3, 2011, at 2 p.m. at Ward's Rafters.

Respectfully submitted by

Renée Arnold
MEDAH Secretary