

Minutes of Meeting
December 3, 2011

MEDAH Board Meeting – Saturday, December 3, 2011, at Island Oasis in Aloha Tower.
The meeting was called to order at 5:47 p.m.

In Attendance – Vice President Natalie Phoenix, Secretary Renée Arnold, Treasurer Dorothy Wheeler, Members-At-Large Shirlita Jones, Nikki Gomez; and 2012 Vice President Kari Meyer and Member-At-Large Dee Dee Valencia.

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

Treasurer's Report – MEDAH has a balance of \$2,594.92. The Journey Through the Silk Road event at Ward's Rafters brought in \$305 from the door. 17 cookbooks were sold at \$5 each; \$65 was received for 13 of the books; 4 were given in lieu of \$20 owed as reimbursement for cooking supplies; 2 were given to Dorothy; 39 cookbooks remain. MEDAH checks must be obtained from outgoing President Masayo and given to Natalie, the new President. Natalie and Dorothy must go to the bank to sign the MEDAH account signature cards. Consideration will be made for a second debit card for Natalie.

Old Business - Journey Through The Silk Road haflah at Ward's Rafters was a big hit and feedback was very good. There was a full house up to the end. Authenticity of the food was verified by some attendees reporting it was like they had at home. The fashion show perfectly represented the traditional costumes and the music went well. More money could have been brought in had we continued to mention donations. Also, there was no one minding the door at the beginning of the event.

Events of 2011 – A recap of the year's events was given. A calendar was tentatively suggested for 2012 and other dancers' conflicting events were noted:

Feb. or Mar. - Hafla; Rachel Brice is coming in Feb.

April – Fundraiser, usually at Pyramids Restaurant.

May – First Friday event; Tribal Fest is in May.

June – Student Recital; Willow's Puja event is in June.

July – Midsummer Night's Gleam.

August – Greek Line Dancing Workshop.

September – Teacher workshop.

October, November and/or December – Visiting Dancer; voting; holiday hafla; Malia's workshop/event is the first week of November.

New Business - Suggestions for 2012 – Neighbor Island Dancer Workshop; Instructor Workshop; McCoy Pavillon Event; Sewing Costume Bee; MEDAH Blog; Question of the Month on Facebook or in the Z. Areas of improvement include planning events early, reorganization of the website and review of PayPal issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

The next meeting will be at 2 p.m., January 14, 2012, at Ward's Rafters.

Respectfully submitted by

Renée Arnold
MEDAH secretary