

Minutes of Meeting
February 5, 2011

MEDAH BOARD meeting – Saturday, February 5, 2011, at Ward’s Rafters, 3810 Maunaloa Ave. The meeting was called to order at 2:15 p.m. by President Masayo Loyd.

In Attendance – President Masayo Loyd, Vice President Natalie Hiratsuka, Secretary Renée Arnold, Treasurer Dorothy Wheeler, Members-at-Large Nikki Gomez and Tammy Yee-Custodio, and Webmaster Jessica Rose.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer Dorothy Wheeler gave the Treasurer’s Report. MEDAH has a balance of \$1,908.41 after a recent deposit of \$134.82 for seven new members, of whom nine paid through PayPal. MEDAH also received \$10 for an eblast and ad from Kalae Kaina. Dorothy has not received an invoice from Jessica for last month’s services.

Old Business:

Website – Due to illness, Webmaster Jessica had not posted the January Zagoreet. She will send an eblast with a link to the Zagoreet for January/February right away.

Modernizing MEDAH - Jessica will set up Twitter in a couple of days. She will connect the website to Facebook. Member-at-Large Tammy will get the passwords so that she can take over the website if Jessica is unable to do so. Jessica can have a separate PayPal page with buttons for different events so that people can pay for membership and workshops, or make a donation. She will have this set up in time for the October party and workshop tentatively planned. After sending the eblast to MEDAH’s complete email list, including nonmembers, Jessica has a list of rejected email addresses. She will send them to Dorothy and Renée in case some should be contacted by phone. Jessica said she can make a link on the website from the list of officers to the officers’ biographies. The archived Zagoreets now have dates in the index

Press Releases and Media – Former MEDAH President Shadiya was contacted by President Masayo for her list of media contacts. Masayo sent the list to Member-at-Large Shirlita Jones to use for promotion of MEDAH events. A nice photo must be selected for the purpose of advertising.

Visiting Dancer Workshop – Nikki reported on the expenses and terms for bringing Ava Fleming to do a workshop and performance. The charge for a workshop is \$200/hr; \$300 for a short performance. She would require airfare, lodging, food and chocolate. She did not mention any cut of our take at the door. She is flexible with work, minimums, etc. for friends. Nikki has hotel connections with Outrigger and can get a rate of \$130/night. Nikki will ask her about her availability in October

and will ask about the length of her workshops. There was discussion about having one long workshop on Saturday and two shorter workshops on Sunday. We will need to find out the cost of airfare from Arizona.

Membership Drive at Island Oasis – The fundraiser was moved from February to March due to trouble finding a venue and due to competition from other dance events during February. The board voted over email to have the fundraiser on March 26 at Island Oasis. Shadiya offered a price of \$250 flat rate, including sound; or for MEDAH to just pay her 30% of what we take at the door and we would pay \$50 for sound. The capacity is 100 people. The board decided on the option to pay 30% to Shadiya and pay \$50 for sound. Nonmembers would pay \$15, or \$20 to become a member plus \$5 for entrance (total of \$25). Members would pay \$5 whether or not they perform. No payments made in advance. Door would open at 7; show from 8-10. Shadiya has water and will keep that money. Dorothy would bring pupus; BYOB; we will pitch in to clean up. We can allow Shadiya to model some costumes for sale. We can allow vendors and have the charge go to Shadiya. We will leave that up to her. To advertise the event, Shirlita will contact the media list given to MEDAH from Shadiya. Natalie will contact Froso for the MEDAH camel. Jessica will send a high resolution MEDAH logo to Tammy to make a flyer. Tammy will send the flyer to Shirlita who will then send it to the media. It was decided that the fundraiser would not be connected to International Women's Day this year. Masayo will contact Shadiya about the Board's decision.

New Business:

KCC International Festival – Secretary Renée will handle organizing dancers for performance at the annual International Festival on Thursday, March 17. MEDAH has a slot from 1:00 – 1:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. The board needs to know if there is room for changing; if we can get parking passes; if we can use ipods as well as CDs; if we can have a table for our banner and literature; if we could possibly have an hour time slot. Jessica volunteered to man the table. Renée will contact the director. Jessica will send an eblast asking for dancers to contact Renée, along with a reminder to send in their new membership dues. Masayo, Renée, Nikki, Tammy and Natalie are available to perform.

Calendar for 2011 - MEDAH made a tentative calendar of events for the year:

- March 17 – KCC International Festival
- March 26 – membership drive hafla at Island Oasis
- April – fundraiser at Pyramids – pre-sale of tickets
- May – hafla at Ward's Rafters
- June – student recital
- July (3rd Sat.) – Midsummer Night's Gleam
- August 20 – Greek line dancing/teacher workshop (Festival should be 27th)
- September – hafla at Ward's Rafters or Island Oasis
- October – visiting dancer Ava Fleming
- November – winter hafla

Natalie will ask Kalae about the Glean and who to contact. Amy has information as well. Amy should be asked about the Makiki Festival contact person. MEDAH participated in 2009 and was asked to return, but the festival was canceled in 2010. MEDAH need to make connections with the Greek Church and check with Kapahulu Center about AC and a new floor before having the line dancing workshop there. Jessica will announce the tentative calendar on the MEDAH website and on Facebook.

Venues – President Masayo heard back from Waikiki Community Center which requires \$350 deposit (refundable) and charges \$50/hr for rent. \$1 to rent each chair (non-refundable); no music equipment. Free parking and ample parking lot. It would be a good place for a teacher workshop.

The Board will contact other venues and inquire about costs, parking, availability in Aug. and Oct., etc., and email the other boardmembers:

Jessica to contact Mission Theater downtown

Natalie to contact Ana Banana's and Dream to Dance Studio

Tammy to contact McCoy Pavillion and Kapahulu Center

Masayo to contact Moiliili Center

Renée to contact KCC about Maile Theater

Masayo to contact Waikiki Community Center about Aug. 20 date.

Masayo to contact Shadiya about the April fundraiser last year.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

The next meeting will be on Saturday, March 5, at 2 p.m. at Ward's Rafters.

Respectfully submitted by

MEDAH Secretary, Renée Arnold