

Minutes of Meeting
March 5, 2011

MEDAH BOARD meeting – Saturday, March 5, 2011, at Ward’s Rafters, 3810 Maunaloa Ave. The meeting was called to order at 2:14 p.m. by President Masayo Loyd.

In Attendance – President Masayo Loyd, Vice President Natalie Hiratsuka, Secretary Renée Arnold, Treasurer Dorothy Wheeler, Members-at-Large Shirlita Jones and Tammy Yee-Custodio.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as amended, changing “Dream to Dance Studio” to “Honolulu Dance Studio”, as a studio that Natalie contacted for future events.

Treasurer’s Report - Treasurer Dorothy Wheeler read the report. MEDAH has a balance of \$1,753.41 as of February 24. Dorothy requested that dancers first send in payment for an ad or eblast. Then a message can be sent to Jessica to post the ad and send the eblast. When people sign up for membership, we need an area for the person’s address. Members cannot sign up as a troupe, but only as individuals. Dorothy received a check from Shadiya for renewal but needs to confirm the address, which is different from that on our membership list.

Old Business:

KCC International Festival – It as agreed to send another eblast to advertise the performance on Thursday, March 17, but the performers list is already complete. Jessica needs the KCC flyer before she can send an eblast. MEDAH will do 45 minutes of performances, including Nikki Gomez (Egyptian solo) Shadiya (Algerian and Tunisian solos), Shirlita Jones and Tammy Yee-Custodio (Saidi duet), Naia (Egyptian troupe and solo), Masaya Loyd (Egyptian solo), Renée Arnold (Egyptian solo), Natalie Phoenix (Tribal fusion solo). Solos are to be 3 – 5 mins and troupe numbers to be 7 mins. Music may be on CD or ipod. Performances will be interspersed with comments or introductions of the dancers by Masayo. KCC will pay a stipend to MEDAH for the performances, through Treasurer Dorothy Wheeler. Renée will email a KCC flyer to the board. Tammy will make a MEDAH flyer. Jessica offered to sit at a MEDAH table. If she cannot attend, the board will alternate manning the table. Renee will ask the KCC newspaper to interview or report on our performance. Renee will secure 6 parking passes for dancers and verify having a table for MEDAH and hanging the banner. Renee will email dancers to confirm and to ask for a description of their performances. During the show, Renee will introduce herself, then introduce Masayo.

Island Oasis Haflah – March 26, 2011 – 1 Aloha Drive, 2nd floor, 96813 zip. There will be validated parking. Set up at p.m., but must be verified by Shadiya. Door to open at 7 p.m.; show 8-10 p.m. Fee for members is \$5 entrance, even for performers; \$25 for nonmembers to join (\$5 for entrance); \$15 for nonmembers

entrance. MEDAH is to pay 30% of the door to Shadiya and \$50 for sound system. Dancers are to contact Masayo by email to perform. Free light pupus will be provided, picked up by Dorothy; BYOB; Shadiya will provide water for purchase. No other vendors will be invited; Shadiya may present a fashion show.; Shirlita will send information to the media. An eblast will be sent. Jessica needs a flyer for the hafla before she sends the eblast.

Websites – The board spoke to Jessica by phone. Jessica is still able to handle the website, although she has been ill. Tammy has been handling the Facebook page. Teachers need to go to the site and check their teaching schedules and send her any changes. She needs a new photo for Shirlita. She may have a computer at the KCC festival for checking the website. Jessica will make a new button for ads and the Z on separate pages for accepting money. Jessica will add “please pay for ad before it will be posted” to the website. Jessica is to provide a high resolution photo to Tammy. Shirlita needs the MEDAH email address for herself in order to do the Twitter account. Jessica will send an email address and password to Shirlita. Jessica will send an eblast about the KCC festival and Island Oasis hafla. She will also send an eblast with a link to a Jan/Feb Zagoreet. Jessica will revise the MEDAH calendar and take off the venues. She suggested MEDAH find a journalism student at UH or KCC to work regularly with MEDAH to provide stories and photos for the Z and websites. Renee will contact the KCC journalism dept. and the service learning coordinator about internships. Jessica will add to the Zagoreet and website a note to clarify that membership is only for individuals and not for troupes. She will also add the costs for ads and eblasts on the Zagoreet.

Venues for events –

Mission Theater – Jessica checked on it. It must be booked 1 year in advance and parking is problematic.

Arts & Mark’s Garage is better. Jessica sent us the costs by email. There are 90 chairs, stage options, lighting and music system. We must clean up. \$320 for 3 hours, non art-related. May be less for our event.

Honolulu Dance Studio – Natalie checked on this. A one-time workshop is \$45/hr. or \$50/hr. for a big room. It is smaller than KCC Maile Studio). Located on Queen Street; tiny parking or parking on street.

Ana Banana – we keep the door and they take the bar. We pay the sound guy. More details are needed.

Maile Studio at KCC – Renée checked on this. They no longer allow commercial events; there are no chairs and no working staff on weekends. No use on Sundays; no use on Saturday mornings.

Waikiki Community Center – Masayo is waiting for availability for Aug. 20.

Moili’ili Community Center – Masayo checked on this. The upstairs studio is available Mon 6-9 or Sat 5-9; \$65 for first hour; \$28 for additional hours.

Manoa Studio - \$24/hr for small studio; ok for a workshop.

New Business:

April Hafla – It was decided to have a hafla in April and move the fundraiser to May. After discussing dates of other events, Masayo confirmed April 23 for Ward’s Rafters after the meeting was adjourned.

Fundraiser – Pyramids will be the venue for this event, now moved to May. Masayo will speak with Tarek for further details. It must be before May 17, as tribal dancers will leave for Tribal Fest. Also, Garden Nile Bellydancers is sponsoring Aziza on May 21 and 22 (this information came to the secretary after the meeting adjourned). Last year’s fundraiser was \$35 for members; \$40 for nonmembers).

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

The next meeting will be on Saturday, April 2, at 2 p.m. at Ward’s Rafters.

Respectfully submitted by

MEDAH Secretary, Renée Arnold