

Minutes of Meeting  
April 2, 2011

**MEDAH Board Meeting** – Saturday, April 2, 2011, at Ward's Rafters, 3810 Maunaloa Ave. The meeting was called to order at 2:20 p.m. by President Masayo Loyd.

**In Attendance** - President Masayo Loyd, Secretary Renée Arnold, Treasurer Dorothy Wheeler, Member-at-Large Nikki Gomez, Webmaster Jessica Rose by phone.

**Minutes** – Minutes of the March meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report** – The Treasurer's Report was read by Treasurer Dorothy Wheeler. MEDAH has a balance of \$2,373.69. \$315 was received from the membership drive hafla at Island Oasis. Thirty percent (\$95) was paid to Shadiya for rental of the venue, leaving net proceeds of \$215. \$75 of donations was received for aid to Japan. Dorothy will write separate checks to Red Cross from each person who donated. The yearly payment of \$72 was made for the MEDAH P.O. box and there was a total of \$183.12 of balance transfers from Paypal. Membership of 15 people was through Paypal. At the hafla we received payment from 16 members, 9 of whom were new. We are waiting for a \$200 stipend from MEDAH's participation in the KCC International Festival on March 17. By phone, Dorothy asked Jessica to clarify the advertising rates on the website. Dorothy also requested we add an address line on the sign-up form.

**Old Business:**

Visiting Dancer workshop & hafla – Nikki Gomez reported on the costs of bringing Ava Fleming from Arizona. She is available the first week of September and the first and second weeks of November. There was discussion of having 2 workshops on a Saturday and one on Sunday. The cost would be \$200/hr, or \$1200 for teaching 6 hours; \$300 for a performance at the hafla; \$700 for 5 nights at a hotel at a special rate of \$130/night + tax, which Nikki is able to get. There was concern about other workshops and visiting dancers being brought to Honolulu by other teachers. Aziza is coming in May, Karen Barbee in October, the Tribal Fest is also in May (16-28). Masayo will email instructors to confirm any other events in order to best choose a time to bring Ava. Nikki will check on airfare and on hotel costs. A vote will be taken by email so that Nikki can let Ava know right away.

Membership Drive Hafla at Island Oasis – the Board discussed some negative feedback about the hafla. Some performers were unhappy about having to pay the \$10 entrance fee. This fee helped cover the \$95 rental cost, the \$50 for sound, and for the food. Since the venue is rather small and many of the attendees were performers, it was thought by some Board members that we would need to have a larger space and advertise more in order to have performers enter for free.

However, in the future, there could be a discount for performers or those who bring food, depending on the type of event. There was also a complaint that there was shopping going on in the store area during the performances. There was a comment that it was not clear who was putting on the event because the MEDAH banner was not hung, although Natalie did bring the banner. There was a complaint that the Board did not help with cleanup. Masayo called Shadiya during the meeting and Shadiya did not know of a complaint. She did say it would be nice if we could help mop the floor after a future event, but that she herself does not have a mop. Therefore, it is not something she is used to having, and probably did not expect of MEDAH. The Board should consider this for the next time we do an event at I.O. and perhaps one of the Board members could bring a mop.

April Hafla (Japan Fundraiser) – Ward’s Rafters, April 23. The show will be from 7:30-9:30, doors opening at 6:30. All donations, minus expenses, will go to Japan Earthquake and Tsunami Relief. Jessica suggested we do a raffle and the Board will find things to donate for the raffle. Jessica will print tickets and will eblast everyone to find performers, even non-members on our email list. Masayo will ask Moana to provide sound for \$75.

Pyramids Fundraiser – The Board decided to plan the fundraiser on May 30, Memorial Day. Masayo and Renée will meet with Tarek during the week to discuss the date, the menu and the costs.

**New Business:**

Photographer – the Board voted to invite the KCC student, Lyle Amine, to take photos at MEDAH events, for no charge in exchange for the experience and transportation to and from the events. He is available on weekends, when most of MEDAH events take place. Dorothy agreed to give him a ride as he lives near her house. He will provide photos for the MEDAH website and Zagoreet for no charge.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:38.

The next meeting will be on Saturday, May 7, 2011, at 2 p.m. at Ward’s Rafters.

Respectfully submitted by

MEDAH Secretary, Renée Arnold