

Minutes of Meeting
May 7, 2011

MEDAH Board Meeting – Saturday, May 7, 2011, at Ward's Rafters, 3810 Maunaloa Ave. The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m. by President Masayo Loyd.

In Attendance - President Masayo Loyd, Vice President Natalie Phoenix, Secretary Renée Arnold, Treasurer Dorothy Wheeler, Members-at-Large Nikki Gomez and Shirlita Jones, Webmaster Jessica Rose.

Minutes – Minutes of the April meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's Report was read by Treasurer Dorothy Wheeler. MEDAH has a balance of \$2,171.71. The April 23 fundraiser for Japan at Ward's Rafters brought in \$805. A check for \$685.00 was sent to American Red Cross on Apr 26, including all money to date that we got for Japan from the Island Oasis hafla, plus other donations, attached with a list of people who gave cash. For those who wrote checks, Dorothy made a copy of each check and filled out a separate form for each. The \$200 cash seed money was re-deposited. Expenses were \$75 for Moana who provided the sound, and \$81.46 for Costco pupus, paid with our debit card, without taxes since it was for resale. MEDAH received 9.48 through PayPal from Dixie Prichard for a \$10 full-page ad in the Zagoreet for the Aziza workshops and show.

Old Business:

Japan Fundraiser Hafla - The April 23 fundraiser for Japan was a huge success. It was the fullest we had seen for a hafla at Ward's Rafters. It was overheard that the dancing was very professional. There is room for improvement for future events. Moana arrived late and we were unable to provide background music. Some dancers did not face the audience on the right side because the photographers were on the other side. Dancers need to be reminded to face both directions. The stage carpet is very stained and is very obvious in the photographs. It was suggested we pay to replace it or for MEDAH to have our own carpet to bring to events. The lineup needs to be made in advance and not changed. It was problematic when some dancers needed to change their time. It was suggested we ask the performers ahead of time to let us know if they have a time constraint. Lyle, the new photographer who is Jessica's intern, emailed some photos to her. We need to find out how dancers can view his photos or if he has a website. Should each dancer contact him separately? We need to remind dancers to leave Ward's very quietly, as some of them were accosted by a rude neighbor who complained of noise.

Fundraiser Dinner Show at Pyramids June 2 – Photographers must pay entrance and must stay at the front of the restaurant. They may take posed photos in other areas

of the restaurant after the show is over. Dancers must pay even if performing. Dorothy will be at the podium and will give a receipt for performers who wish a tax write-off. The sound system can accommodate ipods or CDs. Motion was made to hire Moana and her sound system for the price of 2 tickets for the dinner and show in lieu of cash. The motion passed. Moana will use 2 of the 6 tickets that Shadiya was given to sell. Moana will arrive at 5:30 for setup and sound check. We will have a raffle because we still have leftover donated items from the Japan hafla. Dorothy will bring the raffle tickets. Items will be given to Lita who will put them in gift bags. Jessica will eblast about the fundraiser, payments through PayPal, and call for dancers to contact Natalie by May 23. They may also contact Jessica by phone. Shirlita will contact the media; several suggestions were: Midweek, Honolulu Weekly, and KORL 101.1 and KTUH radio stations. Jessica will ask Tammy to send a high resolution flyer for making a poster. A poster will be taken to Pyramids and Island Oasis. Tammy will make a program after Natalie gets the dancer lineup on the 23rd and gives the list to Tammy on the 24th. Natalie will contact the dancers and ask about the time slot and get a bio from each dancer ahead of time. It was questioned if we should put dancers' photos in the program. Natalie will be gone to Tribal Fest from May 18-22. Dancers will be at Pyramids by 6:30 and bring their music to Moana. We must pay for 50 people even if we don't sell the tickets. \$26 x 50 minimum guests = \$1300.

Masayo gave each board member a task as follows:

Shirlita – contact the media; inventory the raffle items and give to Nikki; do the raffle at the fundraiser; put them in give bags beforehand.

Tammy – do the flyer and program (can we have a photo of dancers?)

Jessica – do the eblast, online ticket sales; call Dorothy and tell her so Dorothy can record the ticket numbers to save for the people at the door.

Nikki – announcer at the fundraiser

Natalie – help Shirlita with the raffle

Dorothy – Needs to know each guest's ticket number, but the waitress will take the ticket from the guest; will give raffle ticket to guests; bring Lyle, be at the door, keep tickets and member list; needs to know beforehand if someone paid; must be emailed the ticket numbers and whether or not the person is a member by June 1; must know how many tickets were sold for \$36 or \$41; will pay Tarek after the show; will get all ticket lists and numbers from the board members.

Renee – give poster to Tarek; assist Dorothy at the door.

Jessica – compose the eblast and send it to us for feedback, especially from Dorothy regarding the payment procedure; the eblast should say that “all sales will be final”; will get the poster printed and give it to Renee.

Visiting Dancer Workshop – The board decided we do not have enough money to bring Ava Fleming. Nikki will contact her so that she can stop holding the September dates for us. We are interested in bringing her next year and we must plan ahead for fundraising events to raise the money. Natalie offered to ask Michael Azure, a teacher of American Tribal who lives here but usually teaches on the mainland. He also teaches some Egyptian and folkloric steps, so could appeal to all

dancers. Natalie will find out his fees and availability in Sept. She suggested using a new studio on Queen Street.

New Business:

Midsummer Night's Gleam, July 16 – MEDAH has a slot from 4:30 – 5:30. We need to know how many dancers will perform 1-2 weeks before the date. We must find out about a dress code and mention it in the call for dancers.

Student Recital – The board would like to have the recital on Sat., July 2, during the long weekend, at Island Oasis. Performing members free, non-dancing members would pay \$5; nonmembers pay \$10, nonmember performers pay \$5; must be teachers or involved in a class to perform. The event will be from 6-10 with the show at 7.

Event entrance fees – the Board discussed having different entrance fees per event for performers or non-performers. Stamping people at the door was also discussed. Jessica will research getting a “dancer” stamp.

Website – Jessica discussed the buttons for PayPal. She showed the Board the current website and wanted advice. The Board decided a separate button for each should be on the main page: Membership, Events, Advertising. Jessica will ask Tammy for feedback.

General Meeting – The Board will announce a General Meeting on June 4 along with the Board Meeting. Jessica will do an eblast for the general meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

The next meeting will be a General Meeting and a Board Meeting and will be on Saturday, June 4, 2011, at 2 p.m. at Ward's Rafters.

Respectfully submitted by

MEDAH Secretary, Renée Arnold