

Minutes of Meeting
July 9, 2011

MEDAH Board Meeting – Saturday, June 4, 2011, at Ward's Rafters, 3810 Maunaloa Ave. The meeting was called to order at 2:19 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 Tammy Yee-Custodio, and webmaster Jessica Rose.

Minutes – The minutes of the last meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer Dorothy Wheeler. MEDAH currently has a balance of \$2631.85, and has two outstanding checks. MEDAH took in \$235 at the student recital, including two donations of \$10 each and one donation of \$5. The expenses were \$305.99 (\$250 rental fee for Island Oasis and \$55.99 for food). We received the \$200 stipend from KCC for participation in the International Festival on March 17. Dorothy will notify the State this month to declare our non-profit, tax-exempt status, and pay \$2.50 online (\$5.00 by regular mail).

Old Business:

Student Recital – Island Oasis – The event was very successful, with a variety of performance. Teachers who performed and featured their students: Masayo, Shadiya, Glo, Kalae, and Natalie. The money spent did not cover the costs, but the recital is a way of giving to the community and providing a venue and opportunity for students to perform, and is not meant to be a fundraiser. Six members attended without performing. To increase the audience, we may need to branch out and mix the recital with a workshop or another event in order to bring in more of an audience. Some teachers will not come to Island Oasis. A suggestion was made to call it a Showcase rather than recital – to attract community and “educate” them. In advertising, we need to have “bellydance” in the ads, because the public does not know term “Middle Eastern dance.” We must target the audience with correct wording. Staging at Island Oasis is somewhat confusing for students. The sound person would not take instructions about the music. In the future, when making the lineup, we must make a note if the dancer needs to enter or already be onstage when the music begins.

Midsummer Night's Gleam – Natalie contacted performers personally and was able to line up 18 performers. The person taking charge that night is yet to be determined. . Music must be on CD. Dancers get meal tickets and may park on site. Conservative dress is required. Natalie will confirm the number of meal tickets by email.

Greek Line Dance Workshop – Island Oasis, August 20, date confirmed. Cost to rent is \$25/hr. We will rent for 3 hours (11:30-2:30), including setup and cleanup. The workshop will be 12 -2 p.m. Tarek will post flyers/posters in Pyramids, Greek Corner and Greek Marina restaurants. Entrance is \$10 members/ \$15 nonmembers; memberships can be paid at the door; preregistration through PayPal at \$8/\$13. Deadline to pay is Wednesday, August 17. Tammy will make flyers; Masayo and Jessica will print posters; we will advertise on First Friday.

October Visiting Dancer Workshop - Mike Azure may back out, due to personal issues. The board discussed other options: have a teachers workshop and add teachers to the August Greek Workshop; do a dinner/costume/ culture “Silk Road” event in Oct. to educate the community; talk about dishes and combine a food event with workshop, even if Mike Azure is able to come; show dvds of dancing (from Dorothy’s dance collection) during intervals when there is no live performance; aim for not losing money; anything over the entrance fee would be profit, such as sales of a cookbook based on dishes in Dorothy’s collection. Motion was passed to have Dorothy write a food book and publish online; Tammy would do the graphics. Tammy will ask about costs of getting an ISBN for selling on Amazon. It was suggested we have Dorothy make some of her dishes and we supplement with the regular foods from Costco; perhaps have Tarek help with serving, catering, getting people to come; ask Sunny, Shadiya, Paulette, Monica and others to vend. Contact Kajira and Dixie from the other islands to participate; ask Vanessa to perform flamenco. We could call it a festival, with food tasting, vending, and performing. Venues: ArtZone or Veterans Center? The latter needs to be checked in person. Needed: place to change, place for vendors, lighting, sound, projector, sink, chairs, tables. Is it ok to have food and alcohol? Need to check availability and cost. Board will call the Veterans Center and then go see it in person.

New Business:

Shadiya asked MEDAH to do a hafla at Ward’s Rafters with the Island Oasis Ensemble in September. The board will discuss the available dates with Larry.

Jessica offered to donate the rest of the year’s work to MEDAH and not receive more payment for her services as Webmaster. She asked for help from some members to improve the website. She also suggested doing a MEDAH YouTube page.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

The next meeting will be on Saturday, August 6, at 2 p.m. at Ward’s Rafters.

Respectfully submitted by

MEDAH Secretary, Renée Arnold