

Minutes of Meeting
February 11, 2012

MEDAH Board Meeting - Saturday, February 11, 2012, at Ward's Rafters, 3810 Maunaloa Ave. The meeting was called to order at 2:08 p.m. by President Natalie Phoenix.

In Attendance – President Natalie Phoenix, Vice President Kari Meyer, Secretary Renée Arnold, Members-at-Large Mandy Jansen, Dee Dee Valencia and Tammy Yee-Custodio, and MEDAH member Shirlita Jones.

Minutes – Minutes of the January 14, 2012, meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Dorothy Wheeler gave the report by telephone. The current balance is \$2,598.44. MEDAH spent \$236.26 to dry clean the costumes used for the Journey through the Silk Road event in November. All costumes have been returned to Dorothy. There was a deposit of \$120 on January 27, 2012, for 6 membership renewals. Checks and the Post Office key were given to Natalie. Dorothy still needs to get a second debit card for Natalie.

Old Business:

Membership Drive Hafla – February 24, 2012, Ward's Rafters, 7:30-9:30. The Board will arrive at 6 p.m. to set up. Kari will bring pupus, paper products. Tammy made a flier. Natalie will do the dancer lineup and music. Dee Dee will be the MC. New Board members will be introduced at the hafla. Board members are to send a bio to Natalie. Performers are to send their music sound files to Natalie by Feb. 20. Dorothy is to bring cookbooks or give to another board member if she is unable to attend. Dee Dee will mention donations several times and will ask for people to join MEDAH. We will bring hard copies of the flier for the March Naga Sita workshops and show with Souren in order to advertise.

Naga Sita and Souren event – Visiting dancer Naga Sita, top student of Rachel Brice, will teach workshops tentatively on March 23, 24, and 25. There will be a show the evening of the 25th in which she will perform with visiting musician Souren and the Island Oasis Ensemble, and other local dancers to be announced. Rather than being co-sponsored with the Big Island dancers, this event will be sponsored entirely by MEDAH. Dancers from the Big Island will travel to Oahu to participate. Souren had already planned to be here for other events and has agreed to collaborate in the event as well as a separate music workshop. Workshops to be at Ballet Hawaii at 3:00-5:00 on Mar. 23 and 24; and 12:00-3:00 on Mar. 25. Costs: \$45/hour for rental. The show will be at The Venue on Mar. 25. Costs: No rental fee on Sunday; \$300 refundable deposit; bar should make \$700 for the first 3 hours, \$200/hr after that; \$60 for the soundman; Rent for 4 hours must have \$900 bar sale and MEDAH keeps the door. Souren will be paid \$100 and band members paid \$50 each. Entrance for show: \$12 presale/ \$17 at the door. The first set would be to recorded music and dancers; then Naga Sita would perform; Then live music and dancers. Dancers should perhaps be required to attend the workshops in order to perform in the show. Paypal should be set up. Workshop fees: Members \$35/ Non-members \$45 for the 2 hour workshops; Members \$45/ Non-members \$55 for 3 hour workshop; Members \$100/ Non-members \$130 for all workshops. Costs for Naga Sita: \$1300 total, includes \$700 for airfare, \$100 for performance, 30% of the workshop entrance fees. She will lodge with friends. Possible MCs: Tara Bowman, Tara Mansfield. Souren could possibly teach 2 workshops on March 31 at 12:30-1:30 and 2:00-3:30. Fee: \$20 for each, \$35 for both.

Suggested venues for the music workshop are OngKing or Kapahulul Center. Details, dates and venues to be confirmed.

Fundraiser Event – Kari will contact Casablanca and ask for availability and costs for April 12, 22 or 26. Renée will send Kari the proposal made to Pyramids in 2011, as well as details from the meeting minutes before and after last year's event.

KCC International Festival – MEDAH will perform on Thursday, March 22, in the KCC cafeteria from 2:00-2:45 p.m. Dancers will contact Renée.

Venues for events and for exhibit of framed photos of MEDAH dancers - Kari contacted Fresh Café but the lower floor is booked all year for artwork. For an event, the rental is \$90/hour. There is no seating nor parking. Coffee Talk, Glazers, Chez Pasta, Casablanca and Pyramids are other possible venues for the photos.

MEDAH email – Lita will handle the emails and eblasts. Natalie will contact Jessica about how to read the Medah.org emails.

Website and Zagoreet – All board members need to send a photo and bio to Tammy for the website that she created on Blogger. Tammy will talk to Jessica about updating and modernizing the website. It will be set up to allow all board members to post articles and announcements, thus relieving Jessica of so much work. The new board members need to be added to the Facebook page. The Zagoreet may be changed to a quarterly rather than monthly newsletter. The format of the Zagoreet will be discussed later. Natalie will talk to Jessica about the website, emails and facebook.

New Business:

UH International Festival – Mandy will inquire about the date of a possible International Festival at UH Manoa. Renée will ask the KCC festival coordinator if he knows anything about it.

Calendar – Renee will revise the MEDAH and send it to the Board. We will consider that there are other events in March (Dalia), April (Souhail on Big Island), June (Drummer Esom, and Willow's Puja), and in October (Malia Showcase). The Journey event may be moved back to Nov. Also, we will add Souren's workshop to March.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

The next meeting will be on March 3, 2012, at 2:00 p.m. at Ward's Rafters.

Respectfully submitted by

Renée Arnold
MEDAH secretary