

Minutes of Meeting  
March 3, 2012

MEDAH Board Meeting - Saturday, March 3, 2012, at Ward's Rafters, 3810 Maunaloa Ave. The meeting was called to order by President Natalie Phoenix at 2:15 p.m..

**In Attendance** – President Natalie Phoenix, Vice President Kari Meyer, Secretary Renée Arnold, Treasurer Dorothy Wheeler, and Members-at-Large Mandy Jansen, Dee Dee Valencia and Tammy Yee-Custodio.

**Minutes** – Minutes of the February 11, 2012, meeting were approved as submitted.

**Treasurer's Report** - The report was given by Treasurer Dorothy Wheeler. The current balance is \$1,873.72. Expenditures include \$1037 to bring Naga Sita. Of this total, \$737 was for the airfare, \$300 for rental deposit for the show at the Venue. An additional \$50 was for the Manoa Dance studio, \$37.28 for 40 posters and \$27.74 for Fedex for printing of fliers. Natalie was reimbursed for the fliers and posters. The costumes used at the Journey event in November 2011 were dry cleaned for \$236.26. The membership drive hafla at Ward's Rafters on February 24 brought in \$204 at the door and \$54 was given to Jackie Ward. MEDAH kept \$150. And additional \$180 was received as membership renewals, plus a \$5 donation. PayPal transfers of \$19.26, \$62.67 and \$57.78 were made in Feb. and March for renewals and advertisement. Dorothy requested that Natalie activate her debit card right and send Dorothy a text message whenever she purchases something.

**Old Business:**

Membership Drive Hafla – February 24 – The hafla may have been less successful than it could have been, due to the fact that advertisement on Facebook and Twitter had to be removed as a result of negative press. Neighbors had taken the Wards to court and they were filming people as they came and left the event. Some thought the event was cancelled when the advertisement was removed. Many people came in and did not donate. It was decided that a hat should be passed around and that the MC should mention donations more times during the events. It was suggested perhaps having 2 people man the door and to mention that donations are tax deductible. The MC did a great job and the music went without any problems.

Naga Sita workshops and show, March 23-25 – The location of workshops had to be changed because Ballet Hawaii required insurance. Therefore Alive Ballet Studio and Manoa Studios were booked for the three workshops. Manoa Studio has been paid \$50 (\$25/hr. for 2 hrs.) for the Friday workshop. However, a deposit of \$75 (\$25/hr. for 3 hrs.) rental is still owed for the Sunday workshop at Alive Ballet Studio, as well as a deposit of \$50 (\$25/hr. for 2 hrs.) for Saturday's workshop at Manoa Studio. For the March 25 show, Souren agreed to the same payment of \$50 to be given to all the musicians. The number of musicians was not yet determined. At the meeting, the board was given posters to put up and fliers to give out. Natalie will send the board members more fliers and tickets to sell for the show on March 25.

Souren Workshop, March 31 – There is no rental fee for OngKing studio because Natalie will do a trade performance as payment, a donation to MEDAH.

Fundraiser Venues – Discussion continued about a new venue for the fundraiser, to replace Pyramids. Vice President Kari Meyer talked to Casablanca’s owner. There is no stage area so the dancers would be forced to dance around tables, making group performances nearly impossible. There would be no special plate and we would just need to reserve for the number of people; no reservation of the entire restaurant, which holds 75 people. In the past we have had approximately 50 attendees. Kari spoke to Savas, owner of Olive Tree, about his party venue in Manoa. He was open to the idea of the fundraiser. It holds 30-40 people, making it too small. Queen Emma Summer Palace is an option and we could have Tarek cater it for us. The date will be pushed back, and July 28 was suggested.

Website – Tammy needs the passwords in order to connect the new website to the medah.org domain. She will create a payment page. She will try to get the password for the yahoo site from Jessica in order to change the domain name.

PayPal – passwords were given to Tammy, Kari and Mandy for setting up PayPal payments on the new website and for notifications to be sent to Dorothy. Kari will set up the payments for the Naga Sita and Souren workshops on PayPal. The show is set up for payment through Eventbrite because Natalie had to set it up right away.

Email – because the [editor@medah.org](mailto:editor@medah.org) email was inaccessible to the board, Natalie created a new email of [medah808@gmail.com](mailto:medah808@gmail.com) and gave the board the password.

Eblasts – The board reviewed the fees: \$10 for the Zagoreet; eblast \$20; eblast & Zag \$25 for members; for nonmembers the eblast was \$40; for the Zag and eblast the cost was \$55. Renewal of membership and an ad at the same time was \$45 (\$25 for the ad, \$ 20 for membership). At the moment, payment for membership and eblasts can be made on the website by using the Donate button for all payments and instructing what it is for. There is not a button for advertisement payments. This must be updated right away.

Cookbooks – these were not brought to the Membership Drive hafla, but the board discussed having them for sale at future events.

Framed Photos – Kari has been unable to find a venue to display the framed photos of MEDAH dancers, last displayed at Island Oasis Studio and Boutique. We will ask Larry if they could be displayed at Ward’s Rafters, or they will be given back to the dancers.

**New Business:**

May - Ansuya will come the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend and do 3 events, each hosted by a different local dancer: Malia, Willow and Natalie. This will not be a MEDAH event. The Tribal dancers will be gone for an event.

June – Sat, June 30 – Student Recital is confirmed at ArtZone; rental \$250. To be finished by 9:30 or 10:00.

July – The Gleam is usually the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend. The Fundraiser possibly to be moved to July 28.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be on April 7, 2012, at 2:00 p.m. at Ward’s Rafters.

Respectfully submitted by

Renée Arnold  
MEDAH secretary