

Minutes of Meeting
October 20, 2013

MEDAH Board Meeting - Sunday, October 20, 2013, at Coffee Talk, 3601 Waiialae Ave. in Kaimuki. The meeting was called to order by President Natalie Phoenix at 3:00 p.m.

In Attendance - President Natalie Phoenix, Vice President Anna Han, Secretary Renée Arnold, Treasurer Dorothy Wheeler, and Member at Large Jasmin El Gohary.

Minutes of Meeting – The September minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report - Balance was \$3,163.25, but American Savings Bank's balance shows \$2883.25, a difference of \$280. A \$5 PayPal donation (\$4.59) was received on Sept. 3, leaving our balance at \$3,167.84. March 19, 2013, was the last time MEDAH's balance agreed with that of the bank. Only \$30 was received at the Costume, Culture and Language Exchange event. MEDAH paid \$90 (\$30 each) for three presenters; \$13.05 to Adly Mirza for copies; \$105 for rent of Loading Zone.

Old Business:

3rd Annual Journey through the Silk Road Event (also a Fundraiser this year) - November 9, at ArtZone, 3245 Pali Hwy. Featuring traditional Middle Eastern Food, Fashion Show, and Belly Dance Show. Pre-sale: Members \$20 & Nonmembers \$25. Door: Members \$25 & Nonmembers \$30; Motion was made to have the event catered if we don't have enough volunteers to cook from Dorothy's cookbook, as was the case the previous 2 years. Jasmin will be M.C. ; Vendors to pay entrance but can keep profits; Dorothy will cook 2 dishes, rozsharya (rice) and Makarona bechamela with Kusa. Jasmin will call Olive Tree and Da Spot for catering estimates for 40 people. The Board agreed on \$20/person for food. Cookbooks will be sold at the event for \$5; Natalie will pick up beer and wine to provide on a donation basis; Board members will donate dance items and Jasmin will donate an art print for a raffle; Dorothy will bring the raffle tickets. Board to arrive at 4:15. Natalie will personally ask people to perform; the first 5 performers/groups to volunteer will enter for only \$5.00 rather than the ticket amount. Flyers were ordered by Natalie and picked up by Renée for the MEDAH Table at the Belly Dance Convention. The flyers were brought to the meeting and distributed to the Board for advertising.

Business Cards – Tammy ordered and received the MEDAH business cards, brought them to the MEDAH Table at the convention and to the meeting for the Board members.

Banking - Anna will help Dorothy rectify the bank statement. She will contact Dorothy for the ID and password for the bank account.

New Business:

Motion was made to donate \$100 to a Syrian fundraising event at Still & Movement Center. Information at Warehart.com; Check was made to Sama Wareh, to be given to Jasmin who will attend the event.

Kunti Devi workshop - Kunti contacted Renée about the possibility of being sponsored by MEDAH to do a workshop. She will be advised to submit a proposal for the new board to consider. Deferred to the new 2014 Board.

Arabic lessons by Adly – At the Culture and Language Exchange even, Adly gave an Arabic lesson and he suggested giving lessons for MEDAH members on a regular basis. This is deferred for the new 2014 Board.

Anna to help Dor with bank statement – will go over the statement online. Will text Dor. and ask for password and ID.

Nominees for 2014 Board - The Board will call nominees. Voting deadline will be on Nov. 8 at 11:55 p.m. Winners will be announced at the Nov. 9 Fundraiser event. Lita will be asked to Eblast the nomination deadline again. The ballot will be set up on Survey Monkey.com which generates a link to be copied & pasted into an Eblast. MEDAH email & password will be used to set it up.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:34 p.m. The next meeting will be at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 3, 2013, at Coffee Talk.

Respectfully submitted by

Renée Arnold
MEDAH Secretary