

Minutes of Meeting  
November 3, 2013

MEDAH Board Meeting – Sunday, November 3, 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 Webmaster Tammy Yee-Custodio.

**Minutes of Meeting** – Approval of the October deferred to next meeting.

**Treasurer's Report** – The report was read by Treasurer Dorothy Wheeler. The MEDAH checkbook was given to the American Savings Bank to rectify the balance discrepancy for a fee of approximately \$30. The MEDAH balance is \$2,967.38 while the bank's balance is \$2,767.38. A check for \$100 was sent to Cindy Dabbous for the Syrian Fundraiser. The check written on Oct. 20 was made out to the wrong person, so it was voided. Dorothy wrote a letter to Cindy along with the MEDAH donation. A new member was added to the 2013 and 2014 list, in accordance with the offer of 15 months of membership for those signing up during or after the Belly Dance Convention.

**Old Business:**

Journey through the Silk Road event – November 9, 2013, at ArtZone; Entrance: Presale Members \$20, Nonmembers \$25; Door Members \$25, Nonmembers \$30; Performers and models \$10. Board to arrive at 4:15; doors open at 6:00; dinner served at 7:00; fashion show at 7:30; dance show 8:00-8:30; intermission 8:30-8:50; second set 8:50-9:30; event to end at 10:00. Check for \$300 to Kurt Kaminaka (KK) paid at the event, for the rental of the space. The Board approved of motion to pay \$50 to rent the ArtZone's sound system. Jasmin reported the costs for the food catered by Da Spot, approved by the Board. Da Spot will furnish food for 40 people: includes 8 course meal and delivery at \$500.00 plus tax; Service for 4 hours (2 people) including set up, clean up all necessary equipment for \$100; Total \$628 27. Natalie will bring wine & beer to be available by donation. The Board contacted members to be models in the Fashion show. Water will be for sale \$1.00 for 2 small bottles; Models: Renée, Dorothy, Lita, Dee Dee Valencia, Natalie, Jessica Rose, Marsha Robinson, Anjanette Thomas, and Jasmin will be asked to participate in a costume of her own. Renée will pick up the costumes from Dorothy's house on Friday morning. Tammy will send an email of the flyer to the Board for emailing; Eblast the photo of the 2011 fashion show to advertise; Adly will perform; Jasmin will be M.C. Dorothy to bring recipe books for sale for \$5. Books will be mentioned before and after the dinner. The Board will donate items for raffle, at \$1.00 per ticket. Dorothy will bring raffle tickets, cookbooks, 2 food dishes, water bottles, the cashbox and checkbook. Natalie will bring (in addition to the beer & wine) the fabric, banner and paper goods.

Voting for 2014 Board – The Board discussed the nominees and made some calls to ask some nominees to run for particular offices, as most of the 2013 Board will not be returning. A ballot was finally forthcoming. It will be set up on Survey Monkey and eblasted. The deadline will be moved to a date after the Journey event. Members will be reminded at the event to vote in person or online. Before arriving at the ballot, due to lack of participation in the administration of the organization, the following suggestions were presented: to dissolve MEDAH altogether; to become dormant until a Board could be formed; change the mission statement to include multiethnic dance; or change into just a resource center of information, no longer needing officers and no longer sponsoring events and membership lists. The name of MEDAH cannot be changed. The officers must be changed at the bank each time there is a new Board. Payment of \$120 each year must be paid to Yahoo. Status must be reported to the State and to IRS each year.

Kunti Devi Workshop – deferred to the new Board

Arabic lessons by Adly - deferred to the new Board

Banking Spreadsheet - deferred to the new Board, but Anna is willing to help set up.

Visiting Dancer – Member at Large Trish Drennan suggested sponsoring Ehab Gadalla of Egypt. This is deferred to the new Board.

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Future of MEDAH - Before arriving at a 2014 ballot, due to lack of participation in the administration of the organization, the following suggestions were presented: to dissolve MEDAH altogether; to become dormant until a Board could be formed; change the mission statement to include multiethnic dance; or change into just a resource center of information, no longer needing officers or members and no longer sponsoring events. The name of MEDAH cannot be changed. The officers must be changed at the bank each time there is a new Board. Payment of \$120 each year must be paid to Yahoo. Status must be reported to the State and to IRS each year. The membership must be made aware of the situation so that they may volunteer in the future if they wish the organization to continue.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m. The next meeting is at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 14, at Ward's Rafters, 3810 Maunaloa Ave. in Kaimuki.

Respectfully submitted by

Renée Arnold  
MEDAH Secretary