

Minutes of Meeting  
December 14, 2013

MEDAH Board Meeting – Saturday, December 14, 2013, at Ward’s Rafters, 3810 Maunaloa Ave., Kaimuki. The meeting was called to order by President Natalie Phoenix at 2:19 p.m. New Board members were welcomed and introductions were made.

**In Attendance** – President Natalie Phoenix, Vice President Anna Han, Secretary Renée Arnold, Treasurer Dorothy Wheeler, 2014 President Kunti Devi and Treasurer Marsha Robinson, and member Dee Dee Valencia.

**Minutes of Meeting** – November minutes were approved as submitted.

**Treasurer’s Report** - The report was read by Treasurer Dorothy Wheeler. She did not bring the backup files, so she did not report a balance. The bank reports \$80 more than the MEDAH check register book. Dorothy is to reconcile the \$80 after the holidays. The bank may charge \$39 for reconciliation. Two people have paid for membership for 2014. MEDAH took in \$1287 at the Journey through the Silk Road Fundraiser Event, which may include the \$500 check Natalie brought to the meeting, which was received from Eventbrite. Dorothy will check the \$500 amount. Expenses were \$1277.61 for food and rent. Net was \$9.39 plus the \$500 (total net of \$509.39), unless the \$500 was already counted in the \$1287. Dorothy explained to new Treasurer Marsha Robinson that we have a Business Free checking account at the American Savings Bank in the Market City Foodland store. Dorothy will meet with Marsha and President Kunti and change the signatures at the Bank in person as soon as the December Minutes are available. A new Visa card will be issued in Marsha’s name. It was suggested that Marsha create a spreadsheet and use Google Docs to share files with the Board. Dorothy will also give the Makiki P.O. key to Marsha. Dorothy explained that IRS taxes for 2012-2013 must be filed and that a report must be made online to the State. MEDAH pays approximately \$149 to Yahoo.com each year for the MEDAH.org domain name. This amount is paid by direct debit under the name of MEDAH member Tara Severns who opened the account. Dorothy also explained to the new Board that \$20.76 is charged to members when paying dues online through PayPal, with MEDAH receiving \$20. Dorothy will contact PayPal to make sure information goes to Marsha.

**Old Business:**

Journey through the Silk Road Fundraiser/Event, Nov. 9, at ArtZone - MEDAH received very good feedback from this event. MEDAH did not raise many funds because it became a fundraiser rather late after one venue closed and the fundraiser was moved from April in 2011 to July in 2012, and originally set for September this year until another venue unexpectedly closed. However, the dance show was very big and the costume fashion show included some new costumes. The food catered by Da Spot was very good at a low price, but it was depleted rather early.

**New Business:**

Voting results - The new Board members for 2014 are:

President: Kunti Devi

Vice President: Miko Ries

Secretary: Renée Arnold

Treasurer: Marsha Robinson

Members-at-Large : Malia Delapenia, Casandra Fruge, and Trisha Drennan

Website - Tammy Yee-Custodio agreed to continue being the Webmaster. Anna Han and Trisha Drennan have offered to help Tammy. Tammy needs bios and photos of the new Board. She has added all of the board members as content creators on the MEDAH Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/medah.hawaii>.

Media Contact - Shirlita Jones will continue to be MEDAH's media contact person.

Medah materials to be transferred - Natalie took all the materials from Vice President Anna Han to be given to the new Vice President Miko Ries who was absent. These include the MEDAH banner, decorative fabrics, MEDAH business cards, files, and paper products for events. Natalie also has checks to give to Marsha.

MEDAH calendar - the 2013 calendar of events was reviewed with the new Board and suggestions were made for the 2014 calendar. There is need to coordinate with other dance events in order to avoid conflicts.

2014 Meetings - Location and times were discussed. One location possibility is Kunti's downtown store, 926 Maunakea Street, near Nimitz. She is there from 1-5:30. Meetings could be on Saturday afternoon or weekday evenings. Parking in the area is \$2/hr. before 1 p.m. every day; \$3 after 1 p.m.; free after 5 p.m.

Appreciation for departing Board members - Former Board member Dee Dee Valencia offered gifts of appreciation for departing President Natalie Phoenix and for Dorothy Wheeler, who has served as MEDAH Treasurer for over a decade. Dee Dee, who was also representing Naia's dance troupe, brought champagne and treats to celebrate their service. We also said goodbye to Vice President Anna Han and to member-at-large Jasmin El Gohary (who was absent).

The meeting was adjourned at 4:12 p.m. The next meeting will be on Monday, January 13, 2014. The location and time will be announced.

Respectfully submitted by

Renée Arnold  
MEDAH Secretary