

Minutes of Meeting
September 2, 2013

MEDAH Board Meeting – Monday, September 2, 2013, at Coffee Talk, 3601 Waiialae Ave., Kaimuki.
The meeting was called to order by President Natalie Phoenix at 3:20 p.m.

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

Minutes of Meeting - The August minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report - The report was read by Treasurer Dorothy Wheeler. MEDAH has a current balance of \$3,341.30. The bank shows a difference of \$230 less. \$50 was paid to Malia for the MEDAH table reservation at the Belly Dance Convention. There were 3 new members (including 1 renewal); Revenue from the Greek hafla was: \$5 donation from Patty Valencia; \$120 (nonmembers) + \$45 came from 9 paying members. \$165 was collected at the door. Expenses: rental fee for Loading Zone was \$200 from 4-9 p.m. Costco \$71.73; Foodland \$17.09. There was a \$123.82 loss.

Old Business:

Greek Hafla - Flute player came in free, to play with Island Oasis Ensemble, and her husband was promised free entrance by bandleader Kip McAtee. Kip asked the audience for tips for the band, without discussing it with the Board ahead of time. Adly and dancers didn't get any money. The Board would like Kip to come to a meeting to discuss this matter. Natalie will talk to Kip about the Board's concerns, which are that MEDAH members are not paid for performance, and that tips should not be encouraged for specific members, but rather for the organization as a whole.

Belly Dance teacher list – Anna will contact teachers who are listed on the MEDAH website for updates about their classes. Lita will be asked to eblast to the membership regarding advertising their classes.

Paypal- discussion of spreadsheet deferred until after Anna & Dorothy meet, according to their schedules.

Reference list for belly dance resources- this will be discussed at the upcoming workshop event. Lita will be asked to eblast attendees to bring lists to the September 29 Costume, Culture & Language event.

Visiting dancer – deferred until the first meeting of the 2014 Board.

Trip to Middle East – The board dropped this plan in light of global events.

New Business:

MEDAH table at Belly Dance Convention (not a MEDAH event) – MEDAH will have a table/booth at the Blaisdell Center during the workshops, along with the vendors, on Saturday, Oct 12 & Sunday, October 13. Manning the booth – Natalie will ask Lita to eblast membership for manning the table. Manning the booth should be covered from 8 to 5 p.m. both days. The doors open at 7 a.m. on Saturday for setting up the booths. Booths/tables should be set up by 8 a.m. and can remain through Saturday night without needing to be taken down. Renée will personally email and phone members who teach or vend, to see if they would volunteer to man the table. Renée will contact Malia to see if there will be music in the vending area; otherwise MEDAH may bring music to have at the table. MEDAH will have business cards printed and will display them and flyers for advertising membership discount, as well as flyer for the November Journey through the Silk Road event on November 9. We will advertise membership for 15 months if joining at the convention, for the remainder of 2013 and the year 2014. Journey through the Silk Road Recipe books will also be for sale.

Business card - The Board discussed having a MEDAH business card in the past. Tammy Yee-Custodio will be contacted by Natalie and asked to investigate costs and to order the cards. On the card would be the MEDAH logo; a small portion of the mission statement; contact information such as the website medah.org; the P. O. Box; the email address medah808@gmail.com; and note that MEDAH is a nonprofit 501 (c) (3); Dorothy suggested Office Depot or Office Max where she once purchased 1000 cards for \$20.

September workshop - Middle Eastern Culture, Costume & Language Exchange – Natalie booked the Loading Zone for Sunday, Sept 29; 1-4 p.m. \$35/hr for 3 hrs = \$105. MEDAH is to deposit 50% or pay full amount right away. Dorothy to bring book on costuming and to discuss culture; Jasmin & Adly to work together to present culture and language; Kalae is to be asked by Natalie to discuss costuming, and participants to be encouraged to

discuss costuming ideas. Renée or Natalie will confirm with Adly on the date; Renée will connect Jasmin, Dorothy and Adly by email so they can collaborate. Natalie will ask Tammy to make a flyer and will ask Lita to eblast the event. Stipend - \$30 to each (Adly, Jasmin, Dorothy, Kalae); entrance \$5 for all, members and nonmembers.

Journey through the Silk Road event – This will also be a fundraiser, since the July fundraiser was canceled. November 9; ArtZone has been booked for \$300; \$20 entrance for members; \$25 for nonmembers ; Board to arrive at 5 p.m. to set up; Doors open 6; Dinner begins at 7; Fashion show & performance to follow. Tammy will be asked by Natalie to make a flyer for the event. Island Oasis Ensemble will be asked by Natalie if they want to play, but no one is to be paid. Everyone pays to come to the event, since it is a fundraiser; Membership will be asked to volunteer to cook; recipe book will be for sale at the event. Lita will be asked to eblast membership and offer free entrance and reimbursement for ingredients to those who offer to cook. Renée will contact the KCC culinary program to see if students would be available to cook for this event. MEDAH would pay for the ingredients and provide the recipes.

The meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m. The next meeting will be Sunday, October 20, at 3:00 p.m. at Coffee Talk.

Respectfully submitted by

Renée Arnold,
MEDAH Secretary