

Minutes of Meeting  
Feb. 10, 2014

MEDAH Board meeting at Ala Moana Beach Park, February 10, 2014. Meeting was called to order at 7:08 by Vice President Miko Ries.

**In Attendance** - Vice President Miko Ries, Secretary Renée Arnold, Treasurer Marsha Robinson, Members at Large Casandra Fruge and Malia Delapenia.

**Minutes of Meeting** - approval of Minutes of the January meeting were deferred to the next meeting.

**Treasurer's Report** - read by the Treasurer Marsha Robinson. MEDAH's current balance is \$2693.77, but does not include \$60 for new memberships through Paypal which are not yet recorded.

Old Business:

Storage Unit - The Board voted to acquire a storage unit for storing the materials usually kept by the Vice President (decorations, banner, paper products for events), and the older files of the treasurer's. Treasurer Marsha obtained storage unit #2422 on the ground floor for \$30.05/month at Storquest in Kakaako, 850 Kawaihāo St., Phone 866-681-9220, Hrs: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Renée brought a lock with 2 keys until MEDAH can obtain a combination lock. Miko took one key and Marsha kept the other one.

New Business:

Spring Fling Event - Previous venues discussed were Down Beat (Free; if we get 1500 bar bill, we get % of what's over that; place is small.); Next Door (\$1500 deposit for bar; floor no good. They would do promotion; really want us; big.) The Board voted to have a Membership drive/appreciation event on April 12 at Loading Zone. Malia will contact the owner and ask about having food and a bar. Renée will forward contact info for Da Spot to Cassie so she will contact Da Spot for a quote to cater and provide pupus for 40-50 people. Time: 7-10 p.m. \$10 cover/ Pay \$20 for membership and get in free. Malia contacted LZ to confirm that date is available. Malia can have Paypal open on her smartphone to accept payment at the event.

New Board member - Miko will contact Glo Ayson and Jasmin El Gohary, who had the next highest number of votes respectively, and ask if they would join the board, as Kunti Devi is no longer on the board.

Email Password - The email password was changed.

Website - Renée will contact Tammy Yee to change board members on the website. Bylaws should be updated regarding behavior of board members.

Facebook Conversation Group - Malia will update the group.

Grant - Miko spoke to a friend about writing a grant for MEDAH. She can write her own salary into the grant. One type of project that could be successful would be to promote Middle Eastern culture to Native Hawaiians. Renée will also contact former MEDAH President, Shadiya, for information since Shadiya has experience writing grants for a non-profit organization.

Absences - Miko gone Mar 19-April 6; Malia gone Feb 27 – Mar 13

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. The next meeting will be on Monday, March 10, 2014 at 7:15 p.m. at Ala Moana Beach Park.

Respectfully submitted by

Renée Arnold  
MEDAH Secretary