

## **Minutes of MEDAH Meeting**

Monday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014

IN Attendance:

**Miko Ries** (President);

**Tammy Yee** (Vice President);

**Marsha Robinson** (Treasurer);

**Cassie Fruge** (Executive Member at Large);

**Nelli Szauter** (Executive Member at Large)

**Meeting Called to order @ 7:33 p. m. by President Miko Ries at**  
Finance Factors Building 1164 Bishop Street, suite 1510 Honolulu

1. July 7<sup>th</sup> MEDAH meeting **minutes approved** by unanimous vote.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer indicated that the balance stands at \$2770.80 reflecting the following (from last balance \$2613.12: -\$22.32 for promotional flyers, - \$325.00 for Venue Rental (Fresh Café'), + \$505.00 in entrance/new member fees. Furthermore, an additional \$200 is expected as a stipend for the KCC International Festival in March. The faulty Bank Account charge (2<sup>nd</sup> time) has been reimbursed by the bank (credit of \$4.95 on Friday, 13 June. Treasurer to verify if this is reflected in the balance.) According to the bank, this issue should be permanently resolved. Treasurer agreed to keep watch and also to confirm total balance and type of account (Biz-Classic).
3. Old Business: Members discussed **Fresh Café' event (Shimmy)** pro's and con's. Decision made by vote that VP should approach venue for partial reimbursement due to problems with sound/lack of backup equipment/lack of competent audio engineer/lack of sound check prior to venue start--- as well as due to lack of available parking during the event. VP will request a refund work about 1 hour's worth with cost of promotion folded in (\$150.00) after communicating appropriate praise for what went well in addition to registering complaints. Of Note: Member who bounced an earlier check has reimbursed MEDAH \$10 (\$7 for the bank fee as well as \$3 donation--- reflected in the \$505 earnings above).

Involvement in the **August Greek Festival** was discussed. Members shared that prior objections by an affiliated religious organization rendered participation unwelcome. Future events at **Morning Brew** considered. Last event was "fun" but the space was small. Overall, considered a good idea to keep a presence on that side of the

island. MEDAH **LinkedIn account** to be added to our web presence discussed. VP agreed to spearhead creating and managing. Unanimous vote in support.

**Storage Unit** discussed: Treasurer agreed to allow VP and Secretary to review documents (presently stored in her home in sacks) for purposes of discarding redundancies, preserving important items and reducing storage needs. Subsequent files to be sequestered in the VP's personal home along with MEDAH materials box.

Storage Unit will be closed. Treasurer agreed to call Unit facility on the following business day to ask about closing the account over the phone. VP agreed to use her key to remove the lock from the storage door. Treasurer agreed to follow up to ensure refunds. This decision was unanimously voted into approval and stands to save MEDAH approximately \$200 per year in subsequent years. President agreed to search for related paperwork if needed, but Unit facility may be willing to work off of electronic records.

**Liability Insurance-** group voted to drop the issue until further concern arises, as most venues do not seem to be requesting MEDAH to have it as an organization. Most venues may have their own coverage and some artist organizations have their own.

**Visiting Dancer** Princess Farhana (via Alia of Australia) and Issam slated for September or October of 2015 was discussed. Group agreed that aim should be to distance such a visit (in time) from the belly dance convention in October (perhaps September). Further discussion and cost investigation needs to continue ahead.

**A Midsummer Night's Gleam** at Foster Botanical Garden/ **Golden Horde** events discussed. Cassie is handling the music. Rather than confuse things by adding another person to copilot the lineup, group decided that dancers/troupes should come with their own backup music if they wish and that Cassie will burn a CD for backup aside from having the electronic music files. President and three other drummers will participate in both events if all agree. Eblast already sent. Secretary (not present) still collecting data on # of parking spaces needed/dinner orders. Curtain call set for 3:30/4pm for dancers.

#### **4. New Business:**

- a.** Brief discussion of a photographer for potential response/MEDAH banning due to lewd / offensive behaviors. Further information needed about recent events.
- b.** KCC stipend (mentioned above in Treasurer's Report) still pending
- c.** Searching for **New Venues:** VP has followed up with **Crossroads, Arts at Mark's Garage** and plans to still follow up with **M Nightclub** to suggest matching or getting close to prices set by our current venues for rental. Mention

of our non-profit status/ a sense of goodwill toward working artists /and our capacity to promote their venue to other performers in the dance/music/arts community as leverage was considered.

- d. Promotion by MEDAH for Members' performances at Kan Zaman considered for future discussion.
- e. Silk Road on a Sunday in November for future discussion (rental cost cheaper on Sunday nights)
- f. National Dance Week MEDAH presence discussed. Possible event in October (Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>?). OF NOTE: We need to decide on venue and figure out Line-up of performers/How many will participate (\$5) in the general NDW's sign up roster. MEDAH has confirmed interest in participating in National Dance Week Hawaii 2014, to promote MEDAH and its instructors. The HCCF Fundraiser Performance will be on Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at Crossroads at Hawaiian Brians (time TBA). NDW needs confirmation by **August 1** from MEDAH: 1) Number of performances and number of dancers; 2) Description of dance styles; 3) High resolution photo of performer/group; 4) Video sample of past performance. Instructors wishing to participate in HI-\$5 classes must contact Mandy Harpstrite at [mandy@duhawaii.com](mailto:mandy@duhawaii.com) by **August 1**. Classes will be featured through the week of September 29-October 6. Approved teachers/studios will be featured in their 2014 Festival Passport. VP will compose a call to dancers/instructors for NDW participation after the Gleam event.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

The next meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, August 11, 2014, at Finance Factors Building, 1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1510.

Respectfully submitted by

Renée Arnold

MEDAH Secretary