

Minutes of Meeting  
August 18, 2014

**MEDAH BOARD** meeting at Finance Factors Building, 1164 Bishop Street, at the office of President Miko Ries. He called the meeting to order at 7:49 p.m.

**In Attendance** - President Miko Ries, Vice President Tammy Yee-Custodio, Secretary Renée Arnold, Treasurer Marsha Robinson, and Member at Large Kornélia Szauter.

**Minutes of Meeting** - The minutes of the July meeting were approved as submitted.

**Treasurer's Report** - The report was deferred to the next meeting to allow Treasurer Marsha Robinson to review the last two bank statements. Secretary Renée Arnold checked the P. O. Box and brought the statements to the meeting. The balance on the latest statement is \$2931.09.

**Old Business:**

Foster Gardens Gleam Event - The event was deemed a big success. On July 26, MEDAH member Katalyst Bliss emailed to say that she was given the stipend for MEDAH's participation at the event. Secretary Renée Arnold responded and asked her to mail the check to the MEDAH P. O. Box. Last year MEDAH received \$100 for the first time, but it was unclear we would receive on this year. Renée checked the P.O. Box, but it had not yet been received by the date of this meeting.

Fresh Café Event - Vice President Tammy Yee-Custodio contacted the owner to ask for a partial refund because the microphone did not work properly. The request was denied but MEDAH was promised a discount for our next event at the venue.

Morning Brew - The Board discussed pursuing regular MEDAH events at the venue, as was suggested by departing MEDAH Member at Large Shannon Sweet. Tammy offered to contact the venue. Renée offered to help find the contact information in previous meeting minutes.

Linked In - Tammy is handling the incoming emails from Linked In contacts.

National Dance Week - MEDAH announced the dates and contact information to members, and it is up to individual dancers to volunteer to participate in the event.

KCC International Festival Stipend - Secretary Renée Arnold contacted Barbara Carlos, the secretary of the festival director. She will follow up with the KCC Business Office regarding the payment of the \$200 stipend.

PayPal Spreadsheet - Before Dorothy's departure, there was a plan for the Board to help her set up a spreadsheet to track the PayPal activity. This is deferred to the next meeting.

**New Business:**

Yahoo Hosting of MEDAH website - The bulk of the meeting was spent fixing the following problem: On August 6, Secretary Renée Arnold noticed that the MEDAH website was down. After several emails and phone calls with Vice President and Webmaster Tammy Yee-Custodio, it was determined that the scheduled yearly automatic payment to Yahoo for hosting the website was not paid in June. Because the payment had been set up by former board member Tara Severns, using Yahoo Wallet, and because it was to be paid through former Treasurer Dorothy Wheeler's debit card, Dorothy was unaware that this payment needed to be changed to the new debit card of Treasurer Marsha Robinson. Dorothy assumed it was linked directly to the MEDAH bank account. During this investigation, it was discovered that a completely different MEDAH email address was created for Yahoo Wallet through which Yahoo was attempting to notify us. No one on the present Board was aware of the existence of that email address. Marsha brought all of her financial passwords and Tammy brought all of the website and yahoo passwords to the meeting where they worked to change the hosting payment to Marsha's debit card number. The contact email address was changed to medah808@gmail.com, the one used on our website. The cell phone numbers of Marsha and of President Miko Ries were submitted as contacts and a verification code number was noted. Tammy will change the website profile after the meeting.

Treasurer email - Tammy will set up a special email for the MEDAH treasurer (treasurer@medah.org) which can remain the same, regardless of who is treasurer.

New Board Member - MEDAH member Helena Ratzlaff expressed interest in being on the board. Board Member at Large Kornélia Szauter will contact her to invite her to the next meeting.

Belly Dance Convention - The convention is being advertised on the MEDAH website and is on the Calendar.

Kan Zaman performances - The MEDAH website will advertise Board Member at Large Casandra Fruge's performance schedule at the venue.

MEDAH Board's private Facebook Page - It was suggested that the Board members comment or "like" comments regularly on the page, so that all members know when comments have been seen.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. The next meeting will be on Monday, Sept 8, at 7:30 at Miko's office, 1164 Bishop Street.

Respectfully submitted by

Renée Arnold  
MEDAH Secretary