

Minutes of Meeting
October 5, 2015

MEDAH BOARD meeting was held at Finance Factors Building, 1164 Bishop Street, at the office of President Miko Ries. He called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

In Attendance - President Miko Ries, Secretary Renée Arnold, Treasurer Kornélia (Nelli) Szauter, Members at Large Nikki Gomez, Bob McKeand and Helena Ratzlaff Bauer.

Minutes - The minutes of the September meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Nelli Szauter gave an overview of the past 3 months. There was no activity in July and the balance was \$4,203.69. On August 11, one day after the August 10 meeting, Treasurer Nelli and President Miko went to the American Savings Bank and updated the signature card. A check for one membership was deposited, and the balance was \$4,343.69 as of that date. Nelli and Miko signed and mailed the Shimmy Mob letter along with the \$340 donation check to Windward Spouse Abuse Shelter. On August 12, Nelli transferred \$544.98 received for the Rowan Storm Frame Drumming Workshop from PayPal to the ASB account. She also sent the signature card, the July bank statement and the BREG registration to PayPal, as they requested additional information in order to complete the name change from Tara Severns to Kornélia Szauter on the PayPal account. On August 13, PayPal emailed MEDAH to confirm the account name change. A second membership and the \$100 Glean stipend was deposited; reimbursement for the \$25 Teahouse payment was made to Miko; \$30 cancelation fee was deducted to cover the lost check to Rowan Storm, automatic deduction of \$107.76 to Yahoo for web hosting on August 19. Balance on the August statement was \$4285.91. In September, \$500 of receipts from the Shimmy Splendor event was deposited; a receipt for \$100 donation was given to Aloha Dancesport Center at the event, along with a check of \$319 (\$300 balance + \$19 tax) for rental of the venue; and a check of \$620 (\$606.39 + \$13.61 tip) was written and given to Da Spot at the event, for the catering. Nikki Gomez gave Nelli a receipt for the utensils purchased at Costco for the event, and Nelli wrote her a reimbursement check for \$60.46. Nikki purchased and donated wine for the event at the cost of \$52.05, for which Nelli gave her a receipt. A check for \$20 for membership renewal was received. At the October meeting, Renée gave Nelli the receipt of the \$25 payment to the Teahouse. This receipt had been given directly to Miko, having made the payment for MEDAH, for the rental for the Rowan Storm workshop; he had given the receipt to Secretary Renée to hold during Nelli's absence.

Old Business:

Shimmy Splendor in September, on the 26th - this event was huge success. The dancers loved the venue and everyone enjoyed the food from Da Spot. The photographers loved the setup and the purple table and seat covers added to the ambience. There were some sound system / playlist problems due to a new itunes

app. Music was on a phone and there was backup of the playlist. There were 12 dancers, 4 drummers, 5 musicians, and 1 singer who performed. 43 people / \$606 for food = \$14 per person. Parents paid \$15 for entrance, the same as non-members. Next time we need to bring more trash bags and paper towels; We also need to set aside food plates for dancers, as several did not get any food. An intermission was planned but we decided to skip it to keep the momentum. We ended early, but time was needed for cleanup. Nikki will keep the leftover supplies.

Olelo filming at MEDAH event - Helena will ask Larry if we could film the Ward's Rafters November 7 event for Olelo. The Board wondered if it would be too disruptive to bring in a T.V. crew. In August, Tammy contacted a friend (Alex) who works at Olelo, regarding filming a MEDAH event for the television station. We would need to stop by the Mapunapuna location to submit some paperwork. Tammy had requested that if we have Olelo at any of our events, we should require dancers to dress modestly and that we have a mix of traditional dance, folkloric, tribal, and have Adly sing and perhaps ask the Aaja Nachle Indian dancers. Tammy suggested having Olelo come to the November event, and have it be a combination Culture Day / Membership Drive.

Website testimonials - Miko received a reply from Rowan Storm regarding her workshop. It was a glowing report which the Board will ask Tammy Yee Custodio to post on the MEDAH Facebook page and website. The certificate for the Vietnamese New Year event will be scanned by Nelli and sent to the MEDAH email account and Renee will send it to Tammy to be posted as well.

Camel lighting - Bob brought a printout of a plastic camel for \$39. It has no lighting, but it may be possible to add lighting inside. The Board will discuss this further.

T-shirts - Renée contacted Tammy after the September meeting and asked for feedback regarding having a MEDAH t-shirt. She said it could be easily designed with the MEDAH logo and some of the graphics she has available. There are several options for printing: 1) Print on demand where an account would be set up and any profit would go directly to the bank account; no need for inventory, no large up front investment; but there is no gold foil in process for online print on demand. 2) Have them silkscreened and available for sale at events. We could contact Kalae to see which deals she got for her Shakti fundraiser. Gold foil is probably available. Cost would be more, as we would need to put up money for the printing, and the price per shirt goes up with each color because each color needs a separate screen. This was discussed at the October meeting. Miko and Bob were strongly for having t-shirts. Nelli, who is in the silkscreen business, was against t-shirts, saying that no one buys items priced at more than \$5 and the price for a silkscreened shirt is about \$20. Helena suggested that we print instead a tribal over-skirt in feminine styles. The Board needs to ask Tammy how much it costs for "on demand" shirts. More discussion is needed and it was suggested we eblast the members for their opinion.

Culture Celebration Event, November 7 at Ward's Rafters - this event will be open to all types of entertainment and to non-members. Doors open 6 p.m. As people do not use email or voice mail very much now, we need to do an Event invite and an eblast right away. Performers should email MEDAH with their bio and music. The Board did some brainstorming. Some suggested performers: Kaleo (Flamenco), Aaja Machle, (Indian dance), Kiana (singer), tribal dancers (Nikki to ask), Achraf (drummer), Kip and Tara (Island Oasis musicians), Adly (singer), African dancer, Hula dancer (Bob will ask), Korean drum dance (Miko to ask), Tango (Nelli to ask), Katalyst, Noelani hula (Renée to ask UH professor Betsy Fischer for contact).

New Business:

Tribal Fest incident - this was seen online and reported to the Board by Shirlita Jones, our media coordinator. The Board will discuss this at the next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:04 p.m. The next meeting will be on Monday, November 2, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. at the office of President Miko Ries, 1164 Bishop Street.

Respectfully submitted by

Renée Arnold
MEDAH Secretary