

Minutes of Meeting
December 7, 2015

MEDAH BOARD meeting was held at Century Square Building, 1188 Bishop Street, at the office of President Miko Ries. He called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

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

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

Treasurer's Report - The report was read by Treasurer Kornélia (Nelli) Szauter. The balance as of the November 8 statement is \$3246.45; Rowan Storm deposited MEDAH's \$500 check for the Frame Drum Workshop in August; On October 9 there was a deposit of \$20 for a new membership. On November 23, MEDAH received an email from PayPal that \$60 for 3 memberships was being transferred to the bank account and should be received by November 29. On November 25 there was a deposit of \$500 for the Culture Celebration event at Ward's Rafters. A total of \$729 in donations was received at the door, of which \$229 (32%) was given to Larry Ward for expenses and to support much needed repairs to the venue. The receipt of \$47.02 for Nikki Gomez for wine donation to the Shimmy in September event was sent and received by email. Nelli finished creating the new MEDAH banner and reported an additional expenditure of \$21.06 for lining and fringe. The Board will reimburse her for this amount. The Board previously voted in May to pay up to \$150 for materials and to donate \$90 to Nelli for purchase of software to do the embroidery. However, the software required Microsoft 8, which she did not have. Therefore she did not purchase the software and did the digitizing on her own.

Old Business:

Culture Celebration Event at Ward's Rafters - The Event was a huge success with a lineup of a great variety of performers, including dancers, musicians and singers representing many cultures. MEDAH received many compliments. However there were a few complaints: a videographer was upset that the volume was changing during his shooting of a video. But neighbors had complained and the police had come, so Larry turned down the volume. One MEDAH performer was drunk, disruptive, cursing and irritating some spectators. Several dancers complained of one videographer's posting of dancers to wrong music, writing negative comments beneath videos and on photos, etc. It is a recurring issue. President Miko will address it personally. It was suggested to de-personalize it to state that MEDAH has particular guidelines regarding future events. The full lineup was very difficult to manage: some wanted to change the lineup; some did extra pieces and others could not perform due to the time limit. Future events should have stage management. Larry's wife reported that an intoxicated female came downstairs to the private area of the home and opened their refrigerator.

T- Shirts - Member at Large Nikki Gomez further investigated the shirt websites. It was suggested that MEDAH have male and female designs and limit to just 3 or 4 colors. If a design requires 7 colors, you needed to buy a certain amount, according to the Customink website. The shirt can have a design on front or back. The Board favored such color combinations as black and gold, or burgundy and gold that would match the banner. More discussion about colors, design and sizes is required. This will be deferred to the new Board.

Banner - Nelli finished the banner and surprised the Board by bringing it and hanging on the stage at the November 21 Culture Celebration at Ward's Rafters.

Lighting - Camel Lighting search deferred to next meeting with the new Board.

Voting - the voting in the election of the 2016 Board is set to end on December 15.

Vietnamese event in 2016 - The Board is waiting to hear from Tammy Yee-Custodio who contacted the organization Free Vietnam regarding the possibility of MEDAH's participation as we did last year.

Shimmy Mob 2016 - An email came to MEDAH regarding registration for the 2016 Shimmy Mob event on May 14, 2016, the second Saturday of May, which is signified as World Belly Dance Day. Helena Ratzlaff first brought Shimmy Mob to MEDAH's attention and was the team leader of the MEDAH sponsored local event in 2015. She suggested relinquishing the status of team leader to MEDAH. The Board agreed that MEDAH should continue to participate in this event that supports women, and, more importantly, battered women. It is also a way for dancers to empower themselves.

New Business:

Yahoo Small Business - Yahoo hosts the MEDAH website and they had previously notified us that the name was changing to Luminare.com. Tammy looked into it and decided it would be a good thing. Now they emailed again to say that the name Luminare.com is changing to AabacoSmallBusiness.com and that MEDAH needs to change our password and log in. A phone number was given. The Board was suspicious and will ask Tammy about this. She will be given the information and the phone number, but it is preferable she call the Yahoo phone number she has on record, and not the one given in the email. Deferred to the new Board. (Note: the history is in Facebook and emails, but not in the meeting minutes.)

Global Dance Directory - on October 22, MEDAH received an email invitation to be listed free of charge in this directory which claims to be the official directory of the dance world. They claim to list 300,000 addresses from 200 countries. The Board is interested and will ask Tammy to investigate. Website www.cid-portal.org.

MEDAH materials - Currently, Miko has the banner, Nikki has the utensils and Masayo has the decorative fabric. Nikki offered to keep MEDAH materials since she has space. At the next meeting, the new Vice President should be asked about keeping these materials.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:33 p.m. The next meeting time and location are to be determined by the new 2016 Board.

Respectfully submitted by

Renée Arnold
MEDAH Secretary