

Minutes of Meeting
April 6, 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 7:32 p.m.

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

Minutes of meeting - The March minutes were approved with a change from \$52 to \$52.50 for amount on the check written to Willow for MEDAH's half of the expenses for the Aisha Ali hafla. The February minutes will be amended with the change of the Paypal reversal fee from \$0.46 to \$0.40.

Treasurer's Report - The statement dated Mar 8, 2015, shows a balance of \$3,308.20, reflecting the deposit the \$52.50 check to Willow expenses, but not the \$109 proceeds for the Aisha Ali hafla/membership drive (\$69 for entrance fees + \$40 for 2 memberships). We expect the \$109 to be reflected in the following statement for April. MEDAH received \$60 through PayPal for 3 new memberships and one check was received for a renewal. The P.O. box renewal of \$128 will be paid by the due date of April 30. Nelli had a glitch getting into the PayPal account. Her password did not work.

Old Business:

Shimmymob - World Belly Dance Day, May 9, 2015. Helena reported that 12 people have registered and paid to participate. They will receive a t-shirt, the choreography, and the name of the music. The music must be purchased online. The board discussed rehearsal space and times. Shirlita Jones suggested a studio at 1001 Dillingham for only \$15/hr on Sundays 12:30-1:30. Helena contacted many local charities about accepting donations from MEDAH's participation in the Shimmymob event. The IHS Shelter accepted to work with us, but several charities were not receptive because they did not understand the nature of our organization. Helena also contacted Tammy Yee-Custodio about creating a MEDAH account on meetuphawaii.com. Tammy followed up on the Board Facebook page. It would cost \$9.99/mo to post, so the Board will discuss whether this would be a worthwhile expense. MEDAH is to be given a tour of the IHS Shelter, 546 Kaaahi St. on Friday, April 10, at noon. MEDAH needs to set up some local fundraising events leading up to the May 9 event, and throughout the month of May. Helena will contact Larry Ward about doing one at Ward's Rafters.

Morn Brew - Miko met with Christian regarding another MEDAH event. He said there is time in April, but it would be too soon. Helena will contact him about the availability of Sat., May 16.

MEDAH materials - Bob McKeand spoke with Kunti Devi but was still unable to retrieve the MEDAH materials stored at her store since January, 2014. The Board had planned to hand deliver her a card which read, "Dear Kunti, please accept this card as a sign of our appreciation. Although the present MEDAH board is comprised mostly of new members of the belly dance community, we extend our well wishes to you and our gratitude for taking care of the boxes with the community goods, all this time. We're thinking of you with warmth in our hearts and wishing you well in all ways. Medah Board Members". After several failed attempts to hand deliver the card and pick up the materials, Bob finally mailed her the card. The Board voted to forget about the materials. Nelli volunteered to make a new MEDAH banner to replace the one currently in Kunti's possession. Bob will find and post a photograph of the banner on Facebook for Nelli to use.

New Business:

PayPal - On the MEDAH account, Nelli is the primary person, then Secretary Renée Arnold, then medahdance is 3rd. It was suggested that medahdance be changed to medah808@gmail.com. The current phone number for PayPal is 739-9223. We need to change the phone number to be Nelli's and the 2nd number will be Renee's cell number. Tammy will be contacted. The board approved of the payment of the p.o. box and for the PayPal changes.

MEDAH casual gathering in Kapiolani Park - picnic, dancing & drumming - Sunday, April 19 at 5 p.m. All members will be invited to a get-together in the grass across the street from the Kapiolani Bandstand. Shirlita will be asked to send an eblast.

Honolulu Night Market - Formerly "Eat the Street". This event now has entertainment and the Board discussed the participation of MEDAH. More discussion is required.

Honolulu Museum of Arts - Helena spoke to Mr. Ryan Higa during the recent Art after Dark event which featured Bollywood dancers as well as former MEDAH president Natalie Phoenix. Mr. Higa was optimistic about having MEDAH perform sometime in the future.

Postcard - The Board discussed having a beautiful postcard made from a group photo that was taken at the Vietnamese event on February 8, 2015. It was suggested we could use vistaprint.com. More discussion is required.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:23 pm. The next meeting will be on Monday, May 11, 2015, at 7:30 at the office of President Miko Ries, 1164 Bishop Street.

Respectfully submitted by

Renée Arnold
MEDAH Secretary