

Minutes of Meeting
June 8, 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 7:42 p.m.

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

Minutes of meeting -The May minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report - The report was read by Treasurer Kornélia (Nelli) Szauter. The May statement shows a balanc of \$4,068.20, reflecting a deposit of \$41 cash donations received at the Shimmymob event at Magic Island on May 9. There was a withdrawal of \$42.01 for the fabric for making a new MEDAH banner. PayPal payments of \$120 for new memberships has not yet been transferred to the bank account. Nelli wrote the letters for changing the contact person for the PO box and for the PayPal account., and they were signed by President Miko Ries and Secretary Renée Arnold at the meeting.

Old Business:

Possible Future Venues - Academy of the Pacific (Nelli contacted "Wendy" but there was no response; Miko tried to contact them, and did not have any luck.); Waioli Tea House (closed); Natsunoya Tea House (more for funerals, and they have their own Japanese restaurant); Ong King (Nikki knows one of the owner); Next Door (change upstairs; stage often changes; bad sound system); Foster Village Community Center (2 large rooms; seating ; catering; parking - Bob McKeand can contact); Aloha Dancesport Center (Masayo teaches there; normally \$500/night, has offered us a \$100 discount, we pay the \$500 and they "donate" \$100 back).

Kapiolani Band Stand, casual gathering - possibly on June 28. More discussion is needed.

NEX Schofield Barracks Commissary Farmers' Market - July 4 - MEDAH may be able to perform.

June 27 or 28 - photo shoot - Schofield Barracks - MEDAH members may be able to charge for photo with customers; Dancers can bring cards to promote themselves; bring costume pieces for kids if they want? No revealing costumes, no swords. More information is needed from Member at Large Helena Ratzlaff Bauer. Time is 9:00 a.m. to when? Money to go to Shimmymob charities chosen by MEDAH.

Foster Gardens Midnight Summer's Gleam - July 18 - Secretary Renée to give Miko Kip's contact information so he can ask Kip about playing live music for us.

August 15 - The board decided to offer to support and promote Kalae Kaina's fundraiser, Next Door. Nikki Gomez will relay this to Kalae, in hopes that Kalae will renew her membership. Nikki said Kalae is shifting to Tribal Massive, a higher level of Tribal Dance and she will be going to a different festival in Las Vegas in February, rather than the Tribal Fest in California in May.

Student Recital - This event was changed to mid-September and will likely be a hafla to include all members, but especially to showcase new dancers and students. The board asked Vice President Masayo Loyd to ask for a date at the Aloha Dancesport Center after they told her we could get a \$100 discount. We would still pay \$500, but they would donate back to us \$100. To consider: Treasurer Nelli will be gone until Sept. 17; event on Saturday, September 19?

Sotos Kappas , Greek guitarist in Los Angeles - Renée followed up with his offer to do an event with MEDAH this summer, but he has decided not to come to Hawaii this summer. He is interested in doing an event with MEDAH in the future.

Purchase of Sound system - this was deferred to the next meeting.

Purchase of Camel Lighting - Bob McKeand will explore replacing 2 Camel lights MEDAH had owned years ago. Deferred to the next meeting.

New Business:

Fast & Healthy Lebanese food, on Bishop Street - Miko made a contact with them and told them about MEDAH.

Ethiopian Love - Smith Street - this could be a possible venue for MEDAH.

Belly Dance Convention - October 8-12

Tribal Retreat , with Zoe Jakes & Kami Liddle- November 29 - December 7 - Big Island.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m. The next meeting will be on Monday, July 6, 2015, at 7:30 at the office of President Miko Ries, 1164 Bishop Street.

Respectfully submitted by

Renée Arnold MEDAH Secretary