

Minutes of Meeting
July 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 7:44 p.m.

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

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

Treasurer's Report - The report was read by Treasurer Kornélia (Nelli) Szauter . The balance on the June 8 statement was \$4067.19. On July 2 there was a transfer of \$140 from Paypal. A letter was sent to Paypal to ask for a name change on MEDAH's Paypal account from Tara Severns to Nelli's name. When Nelli went in person to the Post Office to change the name on the MEDAH P.O. box from former President Willow Chang to Nelli's name, she was told to bring Willow with her in person. Secretary Renée will ask Tammy if she can furnish the email she received from Willow wherein she had requested the name change so that she will no longer receive the yearly P.O. box payment notices from the Post Office. Nelli will go online to confirm our yearly business registration with BREG, the Dept of Commerce & Consumer Affairs Business Registration w/ the State.

Old Business:

Photo shoot at Schofield, June 27 - The event was not as successful as hoped. Member at Large Helena Ratzlaff Bauer said that people are losing money on the base and the wives were not receptive as hoped. Helena gave a dance lesson to a small group of vendors and there was a Turkish bazaar. No photos were taken for money; however, Bob did take some photos.

Dance show at Schofield July 2 & 3 - on July 2, MEDAH Member at Large Helena Ratzlaff-Bauer and MEDAH member Teresa Harlow performed but they did not have a good audience; therefore, Helena suggested to MEDAH member Jackie Lucarelli not to come the next day on July 3 as planned. We are not sure if any other members actually came to dance on the 3rd. For the future, an eblast should be sent to cancel a call for dancers if we have a situation like this again.

Shimmymob - MEDAH needs to send money to charity: \$41 (donations collected at Magic Island on May 9 + \$299 (collected at Ward's Rafters fundraiser on April 25). The recipient organization will be Windward Spouse Abuse Shelter; Contact Jo-Ann Hopps, 808 528-1033 (Business Number) or 808 528 0606 (hotline) ; P.O. Box 1955, Kailua, Hawaii 96734. Helena will write a note, send it to President Miko Ries for editing; he will send it to Treasurer Nelli Szauter to forward with a check.

The video of Shimmymob performance at Magic Island - How can members obtain a copy of the video? Complaints: the video left out Miko, and one student dancer was wearing a skirt and not the requested black pants.

Foster Gardens Midsummer Night's Gleam, July 18 - It was suggested we do the Shimmymob number. Shirlita Jones will be asked to reserve the same studio on Dillingham for practice. We can do the number and talk about Shimmymob at the Gleam event. We can ask Iris, the new contact person at Foster Gardens, if we can do it next year. It may be too late to approach her about it for this year.

Hafla/Student Recital - Saturday, September 26, at Aloha Dancesport Center Studio; doors to open at 6? Da Spot to cater? Free for Medah members? More discussion is required at the next meeting. Vice President Masayo Loyd, who teaches at the studio, will contact them to reserve the date for us.

Shakti fundraiser - August 15, 6-9 p.m., at Ong King Arts Center, 184 N. King St. Show starts at 6:30. MEDAH will promote the event. An eblast will be sent for free.

Membership policy to be reviewed - deferred to next meeting.

Purchase of Sound System revisited - deferred to next meeting.

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

New Business:

Rowan Storm, renown Frame Drummer and Teacher, is coming to town Aug 16 and can do a drum workshop for dancers. Rowan Storm is the designer of the frame drums for Remo. MEDAH member Holly Rudin-Braschi contacted the Board about Rowan's desire to teach the workshop and Holly suggested a studio in Hawaii Kai. Rowan needs at least 6 participants, 15 at most. Dancers may bring their own drum, or Rowan will bring the drums for the participants to keep. Suggested prices: \$70 for drum & the workshop/ \$60 for MEDAH members; \$50 if attending with own drum / \$40 for MEDA members. Rowan will need the payment by the end of July. President Miko Ries will get back to Rowan with the price suggestions.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m. The next meeting will be on Monday, August 10, 2015, at 7:30 at the office of President Miko Ries, 1164 Bishop Street.

Respectfully submitted by

Renée Arnold

MEDAH Secretary

