

Minutes of Meeting
August 10 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 7:34 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 July minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report - The report was read by Treasurer Kornélia (Nelli) Szauter. The balance as of the July 8 statement was \$4,203.69; payment of \$3.50 was made to BREG (for the registration of our business with the State of Hawaii); there was a deposit of \$20 cash for one membership from the Gleam, and of a \$100 check for the stipend for MEDAH's participation at the Gleam. To be deposited: check for \$20 for one new membership and \$544.98 available on Paypal for the Rowan Storm drum workshop. MEDAH agreed to pay Rowan whatever we collected for all the participants, \$560.00, and to cover the Paypal fees, \$15.02. To change the name on our Paypal account, we need to give Paypal our tax documentation, the BREG registration, and the signature page at the bank. Nelli then went to the bank to get the signature page and was told she needs to bring Minutes to show that Dorothy Wheeler and Natalie Savio are no longer on the Board. When the treasurer changed to Marsha Robinson, the signature card was not changed at the bank, the fault of the bank. In the future, when a treasurer changes, we need to ask for the signature card. Miko will go with Nelli to the main office of the American Savings Bank. At this meeting, Nelli wrote four checks: **1)** to Aloha Dancesport Center for a deposit of \$100 (rental will be \$400 total); **2)** to Miko for \$25 as reimbursement for the rental of the Tea House for the Rowan Storm workshop (copy of his check was emailed to Nelli); **3)** to Rowan Storm for \$560 (given to Miko to give to Rowan in person); **4)** to Windward Spouse Abuse Shelter for \$340 for our Shimmymob charity payment. Helena will update the letter to Windward Spouse Abuse Shelter with the amount of payment, sign it, scan it and email it to Nelli. Nelli will print it again, sign it and let Miko sign it when they meet to go to the bank to change the signature page.

Old business:

Shimmymob - Helena will send the Board the email from Shimmymob for the amount of donation they sent to a local charity.

Rowan Storm Frame drum workshop - Miko will ask Rowan if walk-ins are accepted. Two people contacted Helena about coming, but the deadline has passed.

MEDAH Banner & Fabric - Nelli has begun making the new MEDAH Banner, to replace the old one left at Kunti Devi's store. Nelli returned the fabric to Masayo at the meeting, for use at the Sept 26 hafla. She had borrowed it to match the color of the fabric for making the new MEDAH Banner.

Foster Gardens Midsummer Night's Gleam - MEDAH received feedback that the costume worn by a new member was too revealing. She was added at the end and was not a member until that day. The soundman was rude to Bob McKeand. Bob would like us to be on during

the later part of the show. They tried to move our show an hour later than planned, after dancers had already put on costumes so we couldn't sit down. Other shows were late as well, and stage areas were not broken down in time for the next performers. There were new administrators this year. Care will be taken to emphasize the time and location of MEDAH's performance next year, although this year's regular time slot of 4:30 was confirmed in advance.

Culture Day event - Suggested date November 7, to correspond to Japan's Culture Day in early November, at Ward's Rafters - Helena will ask Larry Ward for availability of the venue and for him to perform.

Student/New Dancers/ New choreography Hafla - September 26, at Aloha Dancesport Center, 350 Ward Av, Suite 200, Studio One; 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.; Set up at 6:00 p.m.; Show 7:30-9:30 p.m.; 55 chairs to set up; Food catered by Da Spot or Gourmet Lani (Indian); Entrance: Free for MEDAH performers; \$10 for MEDAH members not performing; \$10 for nonmember performers, with MEDAH membership for the rest of the year; \$15 for nonmembers. Masayo will clarify how Aloha Dancesport Center will give us \$100 donation (total rental is usually \$500 but they are charging us only \$400 and will donate \$100 to MEDAH).

New Business:

Macy's yearly fundraiser - Notice was received in the P.O. Box, too late for MEDAH to participate in this fundraiser on Aug 19. It involves selling shopping passes for \$5 each; buyers can shop at discount; entertainment, chance to win shopping spree; event is one day only; log in to apply; This is the second year that we received the information too late to participate. More discussion is needed next year, but we need to reach out to Macys in July, if we think it is a good event for MEDAH. It was suggested that it is too commercial, but was also suggested that MEDAH could be entertainment, advertise our mission and our Shimmymob charity work.

New members - Renée will contact member Jackie Lucarelli about her last name, as a different last name has appeared in emails. Nelli gave new member contact information to Renée to add to the membership list.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m. The next meeting will be on Monday, September 14, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. at the office of President Miko Ries, 1164 Bishop Street.

Respectfully submitted by

Renée Arnold,

MEDAH Secretary