

Minutes of Meeting
May 2, 2016

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, Secretary Renée Arnold, Members at Large Ariyana Lucarelli, Bob McKeand and Anjanette Thomas.

Minutes - The minutes of the April meeting were approved with some spelling corrections.

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Kornélia (Nelli) Szauter stopped by the meeting shortly and gave a quick report before having to leave. Check #1618 for \$770 was written to Da Spot for the catering of the World Dance Event on April 29, 2016, at Mark's Garage. The check included 15% tip and \$20 refundable deposit on utensils. Twenty-two non-members and one member paid through Paypal; Seven non-members paid at the door at \$25, totalling \$180 cash at the door. One person had paid \$15 on Paypal but was a non-member, so she paid the outstanding \$5 at the door. A check for the outstanding amount of \$29.81 needs to be mailed to Souren for his workshop. An invoice was sent to Dalia per her request. The money from the Dalia event (mentioned in the April minutes) was deposited. A signed KCC invoice was requested and sent to KCC for the MEDAH performance at the KCC International Festival. The Post Office box rental of \$134 was paid.

Old Business:

World Dance Day Event (called International Dance Day and Catered Event in previous minutes) at Mark's Garage, April 29, 2016 feedback: On the positive side, Amala did a fantastic job as stage manager for the performers; many compliments were received about the diversity and talent of the performers; Nelli's photographer friend Andi Gaspar will create a drop box where she will post the photos from the event. However, the venue has issues, such as being under-staffed; sound, lights, setup were done by ourselves (chairs were in the dressing room, tables were not set up); beer garden lights were put out per our request but people thought it was a private party, so we need to have a sign in the future; turned away 3 people who had already eaten; maybe we should have let them in at a lower fee but this would need to be agreed on before the event begins; need a person by door throughout the show and decide on an amount to charge latecomers or on anything else that's a contingency, on case by case; a stamp on the hand could indicate this; sound man was needed, but Helena volunteered; needed a light person; need to include parking info next time; the venue is a community partner, so we should continue to support them; could make a stage by rearranging the room with help of a stage manager; need to have a back-up playlist; need to outline the procedure of bios, music and the lineup; need to stick to deadlines; need to have a written contract with the venue. We need more help, so we need to assign tasks before the event. We need help with promotions, such as someone to check with the venue's calendar

(Mark's was not up to date). The catering by Da Spot was not up to par: the orzo (from menu B) was not delivered; the baklava was too hard, the moussaka and Greek salad were not authentic and the falafal was too dry. We should have ordered more vegetarian dishes and pita bread. For future events, we need to have an option to buy more than one ticket on Paypal.

Post Office Box - Nelli paid the \$134 for the Post Office box, as stated in the Treasurer's Report.

Minutes of Meetings - Renée will post them in the Board's Facebook page in addition to emailing them to the Board, as many do not check email as often.

Foster Gardens - Because the Glean is canceled for this year, MEDAH was invited to participate in the concert series on Thursdays 4:30-5:30 during June and July. Secretary Renée Arnold will email to say we are interested and to ask if there is any pay or percentage of an entrance fee. Kiana Luna, MEDAH member, is also interested to participate as a singer. We will also ask about having a MEDAH event there, independent of the concert series. There was discussion of doing the Shimmy mob there.

Outdoor MEDAH events - in addition to pursuing an independent outdoor event at Foster Gardens, Board member Bob McKeand reported a successful outdoor event he did with Vice President Helena Ratzlaff by using his big speakers, a microphone, and a phone playlist. He suggested doing more such events for MEDAH.

Shimmy Mob, May 14, 2016 - The Board discussed the following locations for filming the shimmy mob choreography: Bishop Street or Fort Street Mall Downtown, Iolani Palace, Kalakaua Avenue, Whole Foods, Moanalua Gardens, Aloha Tower, Ward's Warehouse stage, East-West Center at UH, Kaneohe, Magic Island and Tantalus. Some Board members wanted a beautiful backdrop; others cared more about attracting a crowd. One problem is that the filming must be done on Saturday when there are fewer crowds at some of these locations; other locations require permission. Shirlita Jones created a Shimmy Mob private group on Facebook for scheduling rehearsals in a studio on Dillingham Blvd.

Guest Dancer Katalin Schafer event sponsored by Amala Gameela, May 20-22 - Amala was absent from the meeting, but had reported problems with the Treetops in Paradise Park as the venue for her gala event. The Board discussed other possible venues such as Mamiya theater at Chaminade; the VA center on 1298 Kukila Street, 96818, in Aiea; Doris Duke Theater, Hawaii Theater, The Willows.

New Business:

Zoe Jakes & Cami Liddle Retreat in December - The Board will ask Tammy Yee-Custodio to advertise this event on the MEDAH websites and Facebook page.

Teacher Workshop - MEDAH member Trisha Drennan suggested that MEDAH feature MEDAH teachers to give workshops. MEDAH offered teacher workshops many years ago during August or September. They were discontinued because MEDAH began offering a Greek Line Dance workshop in connection with the Greek Festival in August. September became too hectic because of school. The Board discussed the possible teachers: Amala, Anjanette, Ariyana, Trisha, Cassie, Masayo and Dayl (Tara) Workman (the new ATS teacher, new MEDAH member).

Meeting was adjourned at 9:34 p.m. The next meeting will be at the above location, at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, June 6, 2016.

Respectfully submitted by

Renée Arnold
MEDAH Secretary