

Minutes of Meeting
August 8, 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 7:41 p.m.

In Attendance: Miko, Renee, Bob, Amala, Anjanette, Nelli
President Miko Ries, Secretary Renée Arnold, Treasurer Kornélia (Nelli) Szauter, Members at Large Amala Gameela, Bob McKeand, Anjanette Thomas.

Minutes - The minutes of the June Meeting were approved with the change of spelling of new dancer Azhia. There were no minutes for July because there was not a meeting in July.

Treasurer's Report - The report was given by Treasurer Nelli Szauter. The balance on the July 10, 2016, statement was \$3,473.76. On July 9, 2016, MEDAH's Business Registration with the State of Hawaii (BREG) was paid. As of this meeting, the \$200 stipend received from KCC for participation in the International Festival had not yet been deposited. At the meeting, a cash reimbursement of \$2.02 was paid to President Miko Ries for the stamp pad bought for the MEDAH Does International Dance Day event on April 29, 2016. As agreed at the June 6 meeting, MEDAH will help Amala Gameela with expenses by paying \$323 directly to Katalin Schafer's PayPal address (schaferkatalin@gmail.com). Amala suggested using the "friend" option, to avoid having to pay the business fee to PayPal.

Old Business:

Teacher workshops by MEDAH - Nelli suggested we host a small workshop each weekend - at Paradise Park. MEDAH would need to provide a sound system. Interested teachers: Dayl (Tara) Workman; Azhia, Amala's friend who recently moved to Hawaii. Azhia's husband plays all instruments; Nagla, another dancer who recently moved to Kona, HI, and works with Sami Farag and will be here for the belly Dance Convention; Jean Yanagawa's teacher, Taia, plans to come back to teach after Nov 10; Rebecca Polet-Uylemon, (www.raksrebecca.com), a dancer from Seattle, who is in touch with Miko. More discussion is needed.

July 21 - Foster Gardens - When the 2016 Midsummer Night's Gleam was canceled, MEDAH was invited to perform during the Concert series. Vice President Helena Ratzlaff performed on July 21. Due to her absence at this meeting, she will report on this event at the next meeting.

Eat the Street - The MEDAH Board had discussed participation in this food truck event several months ago. Does this event happen on the last Friday of the month, or is it every Friday? Who is contact person? More discussion is needed.

Olelo filming - Should MEDAH revisit the idea of having the Olelo TV station come and film our events? Board member Bob McKeand is against it. He prefers that MEDAH submit one of his own videos to Olelo, but he does not want to have his videos edited into a montage. More discussion deferred to the next meeting.

Shimmy Mob - the event was on May 14, 2016 but we need to do a fundraiser for the Windward Women's Shelter - Deferred to next meeting.

New Business:

Facebook advertising - Facebook now charges for advertising, a practice that began around the time of the Katalin Schafer event in May. The Board will discuss how better to advertise MEDAH events.

Kapiolani Community College Dance Showcase - Secretary Renée Arnold was contacted by a Ball State, Indiana, graduate student, Lamaiya Denise Lancaster, who invited MEDAH members to

participate in her graduate project Dance Showcase at KCC's Maile Theater on July 29 & 30. MEDAH participants were Renée Arnold, Helena Ratzlaff, Jahara Al Jawaher, Anjanette Thomas, Devi Dance Company, Vila Donovan, and Dayl (Tara) Workman. Tara also taught a free workshop. Treasurer Nelli Szauter, Member at Large and photographer Bob McKeand, and MEDAH members Dee Dee and Ray Valencia also attended the event.

Culture Day - November 5, 2016. The board discussed having this event at OngKing or Ward's Rafters. At Ongking, the middle area would need to be closed off to create an area for a dressing room and we would need to request chairs. The new manager at Ongking is Evno Omni, who also hosts events. Miko will contact him and ask about the rental fee.

Sotos Kappas at Ward's Rafters - Friday, September 2, 2016. Renée Arnold contacted Sotos, the guitarist of the Greek Festival, to perform for a MEDAH event at Ward's Rafters. She will invite Savas (808-595-4519) of Olive Tree restaurant and ask him about providing dolmas and pita taramasalata (dip of potato & caviar). Once the details have been cleared with Sotos, an eblast will be sent to membership with a call for dancers. Sotos first requested \$200 cash, but agreed to perform for just \$150 if someone would purchase his new book for \$40 plus postage. Renée agreed to purchase his book. Nelli will send a receipt to Renée to have Sotos sign at the event because Nelli will not be able to attend.

Kalae Kaina fundraiser - September 10, 2016 at Doris Duke Theater for Kalae Dance Studio being built in Waimanalo. This event is a collaboration of dance and art, featuring the artwork of Rochelle, also a member of Devi Dance Company. Hawaiian Goddesses will be featured. Rental of the venue is \$2300, including lighting tech, a bar license & tech rehearsal. MEDAH will help promote this event.

Guest Dancer - The Board will discuss the options for bringing a guest dancer in spring, 2017.

President Miko Ries has a new radio show, "Creating Meaning," on KTUH, from 11:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight on Wednesday nights. MEDAH will be able to advertise on the show. It was noted that the instructions in the MEDAH handbook are no longer current for posting information on the UH website, and should be updated.

Upcoming Events: Greek Festival August 27-28; Belly Dance Convention October 13-17; Tribal Retreat December 5-13.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m. The next meeting will be at the above location at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, September 12, 2016.

Respectfully submitted by

Renée Arnold
MEDAH Secretary