

Minutes of Meeting
September 12 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, Vice President Helena Ratzlaff, Secretary Renée Arnold, Members at Large Bob McKeand and Anjanette Thomas.

Minutes - The minutes of the August Meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report - The report was emailed by Treasurer Kornélia (Nelli) Szauter. The balance on the August 8, 2016, statement was \$3470.26. The \$3.50 BREG registration (the yearly registration of MEDAH as a non-profit business with the State of HI) was charged on July 11, 2016. The balance on the September 8, 2016, statement was \$3,037.88. On August 18, as agreed at the June 6, 2016, meeting, \$323 was sent to Katalin Schafer (schaferkatalin@gmail.com) through PayPal. PayPal charged a fee of \$1.62 under the option "send money to friends or family" because the business option was more expensive. On August 19, the yearly cost of \$107.76 was charged for hosting the MEDAH website by Yahoo Small Business. These transactions showed up on the American Savings Bank account on August 19, 2016. Not yet posted to the ASB account are the following transactions: Sotos Kapas event on September 2, 2016, at Ward's Rafters: check #1863 for \$145.66 was given to President Miko Ries for reimbursement of food purchase from Leo's Taverna; \$298 of donations was collected at the event. \$150 cash was paid to Sotos (Receipt # 3 / 2016). \$100 cash was given to Larry for the venue; \$48 income from the Sotos event was deposited on September 12, 2016. Also deposited that same date was the \$200 stipend received from Kapiolani Community College for MEDAH's participation in the International Festival in March 2016. Still outstanding: at the last meeting, a cash reimbursement of \$2.02 was paid to President Miko Ries for the stamp pad and ink he purchased for MEDAH Does International Dance Day event. The Treasurer has not yet withdrawn this amount from the bank account.

Old Business:

Katalin Schafer Event - Katalin expressed her gratitude to Member at Large Amala Gameela for the MEDAH contribution of \$323 sent on August 18, 2016, through PayPal.

MEDAH Does International Dance Day Event follow up - April 29, Mark's Garage. Vice President Helena Ratzlaff brought the receipt for purchase of plates and aluminum foil to the meeting, but due to absence of Treasurer Nelli Szauter, she will bring it to the next meeting. Also, George and Adrian, Tango dancers, requested photos and video of their performance.

Foster Gardens Concert Series - Thursday, July 21, 2016. Helena Ratzlaff reported to the board that she performed from 4:30-5:00 with John and Aki, Japanese flute and drum duo. MEDAH had been invited to perform after the Midsummer Night's Gleam event was canceled. Most other MEDAH members were unable to participate because it was early evening of a workday.

Sotos Event - Friday, September 2, 2016, Ward's Rafters, follow-up: Tammy and Lita have requested that they be given full event information at the outset, so that frustrations may be avoided when dealing with eblasts, flyers and media pages; Sotos sent an email to thank us; the food from Leo's Taverna was very good and people were very happy; Bob reported that he sat on the 2nd row and the photos were taken from a better angle than from the first row where he usually sits; Amala Gameela's friend Azhia danced for the first time after recently moving to Hawaii, and was warmly received by the audience and MEDAH members.

Olelo - The Board returned to the discussion of possibly having Olelo film a MEDAH event for broadcast. Member at Large Bob McKeand has encountered them often at various venues. He said sometimes they are confined to a particular area, but at other times they can get in the way. He thinks if they were to stay in a certain area, we could tolerate them at a MEDAH event. He prefers to do his own separate filming and does not want them to edit his own work. Because they have the right to edit, we could not likely use Bob's footage for broadcast on Olelo.

Eat the Street - Helena will contact Lehua Vermeesch and more discussion is deferred to the next meeting.

Teacher workshop - Some possible studios were discussed: Mindful Matters, \$25/hr., Kailua, street parking; Aloha Dance Sport. More discussion is needed.

Kalae Kaina Fundraiser - Doris Duke Theater, September 10, 2016; Member at Large Anjanette Thomas performed, Treasurer Nelli Szauter made some of the costumes, and most of the MEDAH Board attended this very successful event. Member at Large Bob McKeand took photos and videos of the event.

Tribal Retreat - December 9-12, 2016 - Member at Large Anjanette Thomas will be on the Big Island attending this event.

Culture Day Event - Saturday, November 5, 2016, Ward's Rafters - Doors open 6 p.m.; show 7:30-9:30; byob; byof, or possibly catered by Leo's Taverna; Some proceeds will be donated to Windward Women's Shelter, as pledged through the MEDAH Shimmy Mob participation. The following Board members will contact the following for possible performances: Aja Nachle, Tango, Native American, Korean dancers will be contacted by Miko; Kalae Goddess (fundraiser) dancers and Zouk dancers will be contacted by Anjanette Thomas; hula dancer will be contacted by Bob McKeand. An eblast will be sent to members calling for dancers, particularly those who can perform other cultural dances in addition to Cabaret Belly Dance.

New Business:

Minutes of meetings - Secretary Renée Arnold recently posted the minutes in the MEDAH Board Facebook page and also sent them to the Board in email. However, the August minutes were only posted on Facebook. At this meeting, the Board discussed the delivery and voted that the minutes should be sent in email in addition to being posted on Facebook.

MEDAH performers - President Miko Ries and MEDAH member Kiana Luna performed Sanskrit and folk music at India Cafe in Kailua on August 28 for the Ganesha Indian Festival.

Voting - Secretary Renée Arnold will prepare the information for the eblast to MEDAH members calling for nominations to the 2017 Board. She will attach a list of current members eligible to run for office. Helena will ask Larry Ward, who served on the Board several years ago, if he would run for office again.

Shimmy Mob - The Board will announce at the Culture Day event on November 5, 2016, that some or all proceeds will go to the Windward Women's Shelter.

Communication - Board members need to be more diligent about commenting and voting on the Board Facebook page. If a Board member agrees with a proposition, a clear comment or a vote should be posted, rather than just clicking on the "like" option. In addition, the Board has been asked to gather all pertinent information about an event before sending it to Tammy Yee-Custodio for creation of a flyer and posting it on the MEDAH website and Facebook pages, and before sending it to Shirlita Jones for an eblast. This will be more easily accomplished by frequent, active visitation of the Board's Facebook page, especially if a Board member is unable to attend a meeting. All members of the Board should carefully proofread the information and the first drafts of flyers.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:42 p.m. The next meeting will be at the above location at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, October 17, 2016.

Respectfully submitted by

Renée Arnold
MEDAH Secretary