

MEDAH Meeting

7-10-17

7:40 p.m.

Century Square Building,
1188 Bishop St.

Meeting called by: Pres. Amala Gameela **Type of meeting:** Monthly Board Meeting
Facilitator: Pres. Amala Gameela **Note taker:** Sec. Renée Arnold
Timekeeper: Dayl Workman
Attendees: Pres. Amala Gameela, V. P. Miko Ries, Sec. Renée Arnold, Treas. Seiko Nishida, Members at Large Bob McKeand and Dayl Workman

Minutes of meeting: The minutes of the June meeting were approved as submitted

Minutes

Agenda item: Treasurer's Report **Presenter:** Seiko Nishida

Discussion:

The July 8 bank statement has not yet been received. The balance on the June statement was \$4,047.72. Seed money in the amount of \$300 was withdrawn for the Karim Nagi event and has been re-deposited. Per vote by the Board in the June meeting to reimburse Amala Gameela for some of the Karim Nagi expenses, \$1500 was sent to her PayPal account as a "friend", in order to avoid fees. The DCCA State Annual Business Renewal fee of \$3.50 was paid. The balance should be \$2,544.22 on the next statement.

Conclusions:

Seiko will post an update on Facebook and that information will be included in the August minutes.

Agenda item: Midsummer Night's Glean, July 15, 2015, 4:30-5:30 **Presenter:** Renée Arnold

Discussion:

V.P. Miko Ries and MEDAH member Tara Severns will play live music. Participants performing to recorded music include 1 group, 2 duos, and 7 solo pieces, followed by the Shimmy Mob number. MEDAH is allowed to announce the Shimmy Mob mission and to ask for donations at this even. All music has been received. Member Samantha Won claimed that she did not receive the eblast call for dancers.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Playlist to be made	Amala Gameela	asap
✓ Back up to be made	Renée Arnold	asap
✓ Lineup to be printed	Dayl Workman	asap

Agenda item: Amber Ricci's Nefertiti's Night on the Nile, Sat., Aug. 19 **Presenter:** Amala Gameela

Discussion:

Board member Holly Braschi-Rudin made the initial contact with her friend Amber, in an effort to secure a fundraising event for MEDAH. Amala will meet with Amber on Tuesday, July 11 to discuss details. The setting is a mansion with a pool, waterfall, DJ, Arabic music, fire dancers, body painters, and a belly dancer every half hour. Entrance is \$40 at the door. She expects 150 people, usually collects \$4000-\$5000, mainly from the silent auction (spa pkgs, donated tours, free dinners, etc); Amber keeps approx \$200 for cleaning. Fundraising proceeds could go to the animal sanctuary, the

purple food truck and to MEDAH. A prize goes to the best outfit. Ideas for the auction: Miko to do psychotherapy session, Bob to do photo shoot, Amala to offer an eco tour, Honolulu Club free lesson, Dinner at Kan Zaman, Mirage Art & Coffee, piece of art by Jasmin and/ or Adly?

Conclusions:

Need to find out if dancers must pay entrance fee; how many dancers; ask Jasmin, Adly, Kan Zaman, Honolulu Club.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ How to ask for donations?	Holly	asap
✓ Flyer made and eblasted	Amber Ricci & Shirlita Jones	asap
✓ Do an event on Facebook & invite	Tammy Yee? Other?	asap

Agenda item: Sotos / MEDAH show after Greek Festival **Presenter:** Amala Gameela

Discussion:

Following up with the initial contact between Sotos and Miko regarding a show after the Greek Festival, Amala wrote to Sotos to say that Ward's Rafters does not do shows during the week. Sotos had said he was available on Tues, Wed., and Thurs. Sotos had arranged shows with Atherton in the past, but he wanted MEDAH to contact Atherton this time. He wanted to have 50% of proceeds to the Atherton Studios, 50% to MEDAH less \$200 for himself; tickets would be \$25. Amala tried to contact Gene at Atherton but did not receive a response.

Conclusions:

It is doubtful MEDAH will be able to do a show with Sotos as there is no time to find a new venue and set it up before several board members will be traveling.

Agenda item: Banned former MEDAH member's request to rejoin **Presenter:** Amala Gameela

Discussion:

After a 2009 physical assault of a performer at Ward's Rafters during a concert featuring visiting drummer Suhail Kaspar, a MEDAH Board member was asked to leave MEDAH. She was also prohibited from attending events at Ward's Rafters. She was asked to write a resignation letter and it was quietly resolved without announcement or explanation to the membership, partially to save her from further embarrassment. Recently she sent money through PayPal to renew her membership and to ask to perform at the Foster Gardens Midsummer Night's Gleam event on July 15. Because she was banned, Pres. Amala Gameela asked Treasurer Seiko Nishida to return the money and Amala wrote to the dancer, saying that her membership could not be accepted at this time. The dancer never tried to explain why the incident had happened or to assure MEDAH that it would not happen again. She sent several messages on Facebook to Tammy Yee-Custodio and to Shirlita Jones, although they are not on the Board. She did not try to contact the Board members.

Conclusions:

The Board discussed possibly allowing her back into MEDAH but there is concern about liability issues. The Board also did not appreciate that she tried to "sneak" back in without an explanation. Furthermore, she would not be able to perform should MEDAH have an event at Ward's Rafters. In addition, V.P. Miko Ries had invited this dancer to perform at a non-MEDAH event and she did not show up.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Speak to her about the Board's concerns	Bob McKeand	Aug. 14, 2017
✓ More discussion about whether to allow her back	BOARD	none

Agenda item: Venues OngKing & Mark's Garage **Presenter:** Miko Ries/Renée Arnold

Discussion:

OngKing has reopened at 1154 Fort St. Miko will ask for the date of Sept 16 Shimmy in September event there if we don't get Center Stage; There is a kitchen and dressing room.

Mark's Garage - Renée attended an event and the place was better than last year and she met the new contact person, La La Nuss. Renée gave the information to Amala who wrote to La La on 6-30-17, but has not received an answer. Miko will go there in person.

Conclusions:

Maybe both venues can be used in the future. Ong King owes us a free night in exchange for doing a First Friday event.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Contact Ong King about Sept 16	Miko Ries	Aug 14, 2017
✓ See Mark's Garage	Miko Ries	no deadline
✓ Receive response from Mark's Garage	Amala Gameela	no deadline

Other Information

Special notes:

A guest drummer has been drunk and obscene at recent events: at First Friday at OngKing, at the Karim Nagi event and at a non-MEDAH event at Mirage Art & Coffee. Membership was offered to him for his help with Shimmy Mob and with the above mentioned events. There was a motion to withhold the membership until 2018 and for Miko to speak to him about his behavior. Meanwhile, he will not be invited to perform for MEDAH events. This was seconded and the motion passed.

Special notes:

Renée absent July 16- 27; Amala absent July 28 - Aug 11; Dayl absent Aug. 17 - Sept. 11

NEW BUSINESS:

Shimmy in September Event- Amala made a request for September 16, Saturday, at 3 p.m. at Center Stage at Ala Moana Shopping Center. Application to be completed.

Next meeting at 7:30 p.m., Monday, August 14, 2017, 1188 Bishop St.

The Meeting was adjourned at 10:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Renée Arnold
MEDAH Secretary