

MEDAH 2019 Meeting Agenda
 February 6, 2019
 6:30pm
 Dayl's House

Attendees:	<p>Samantha Giridhar - President Dayl Workman - Vice President Kornelia "Nelli" Szauter - Treasurer Cristyn Tamashiro - Secretary Renee Arnold - Member at Large Janos Molnar - Member at Large Helenka Ratzlaff Bauer - Member at Large</p> <p>Not present: Miko Ries - Member at Large</p>
Old Business:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -HCC - need 2 dancers (see Check In) -Bank account transfer to Nelli (see Treasurer's report) -Archived minutes for website - need to have your own drop box account to upload documents - Renee to create an account and share past minutes with Tammy -PO box key spare (see Treasurer's report) -Call for dancers for March Bellydance Cafe (see Check In)
New Business:	<p>Board voted and unanimously approved Meeting Minutes from January 2019.</p> <p>Treasurer's Report:</p> <p>Current balance on ASB Account Statement Dated 1/8/19 is \$4,836.78. Statements end on the 8th and arrive on the 10th of the month. Paypal balance as of 2/6/19 is \$893.14. Nelli has to pay \$0.74 to the bank for her membership renewal due to processing issues on PayPal. Janos paid for his membership at the end of 2018 in order to run for the board. The board agreed that his membership dues count for his 2019 membership. Bank account transfer to Nelli is on the way. President and Vice President signed a form at the meeting for Nelli to take to the bank. Renee followed up on post office key. It costs \$22 to change the lock and get 2 keys. The bill is under Willow Chang's name, but it's not possible to change the name on the PO Box unless she goes down to the post office. She is not currently involved with MEDAH. It will be difficult to change the name on the box, but it is still possible to change the lock without changing the box. Renee was given the number for Consumer Affairs to contact regarding name change: (808)423-3471. The board approved that the treasurer can change the lock in order to</p>

get 2 keys.

Online banking was brought up, but the cost of \$5/month is not reasonable for the amount of banking needed. Treasurer declined. Paypal statement was passed on to the secretary for cross checking of current membership.

The board will reimburse Tammy for printing when she submits her receipts.

For future reference: Nelli has membership forms and Tammy also has forms.

1. Check In:

- Ala Moana Showcase - logistics
- March MEDAH Belly Dance Cafe - logistics (Sahara Spirit was already committed for this one)
- March Honolulu Festival event - logistics
- March HCC event - what else is needed?
- Shimmy Mob - updates? needs?
- Jasmin and Mirage Cafe Open Mics - mailing in her renewal, will email future dates for advertisement

Discussion:

- The board discussed the format for MEDAH Belly Dance Cafe events. Highlighters will be used for visiting artists or as needed to fill time. Groups could also be used as highlighters, including the Shimmy Mob group in June.

- For March Belly Dance Cafe (March 10th) the board discussed having solo/duet performances in 4-5 minute sets and up to 7 minutes for troupes. (It was later discussed to have Souren as the highlighter). Sammie has an event draft for promotion on Facebook.

Event logistics:

- Arrive around 9:00. Set up is easy - posting a performer list, registration table, guest list, moving tables.
- Music will go to the MEDAH email and Cristyn will arrange music/set list.
- Sound at event - Cristyn
- Emcee - Dayl
- Nelli and Janos will cover door for first set. Renee will cover the second set.
- Ong King will run bar/food
- Raffle tickets can be used a meal tickets
- Pricing: \$15 for pre-pay and \$20 at the door (\$15 at the door for MEDAH members). Meal pre-pay is \$10, \$12 at the door. Link to MEDAH paypal account to be created for payments and promotion on the facebook event.

- Deadline for meal is the Thursday prior to Cafe.
- Ong King rental is \$225. In the past, Ong King has offered a free night for providing dancers for Open Mic - check with Miko.
- Dancers enter for free.

Tammy will be in charge of the Shimmy Mob page. So far Shirlita, Tammy, DeeDee and Nelli have signed up.

HCC - Naia is signed up so far. Renee could also perform (check if UH associated faculty can get paid), but she will need to be on early. Renee will contact Adly to make arrangements. Helena will also apply to dance for HCC.

KCC - Renee, Tammy, Dayl, and Jahara will perform

Ala Moana - Sammie will run music, full for performers. Mike Choy will take photos.

Mirage Cafe Open Mic - advertised for Saturday, Jasmin mailed in her membership renewal check.

Honolulu Festival - call for dancers went out. Sammie will coordinate with organizers.

2. Feedback survey - low response, but we can keep it open and send again at the end of the year as we transition

- Interesting to note - Haleiwa art festival was mentioned (typically falls in July)

Discussion:

Helena will research Haleiwa Art Festival as a performance spot.

3. Victoria Teel 2020 - Sammie

Discussion:

Treasurer reported that MEDAH can afford to sponsor a visiting artist due to the account balance being higher than usual. She also suggested we follow up with Kalae about her visiting artists. MEDAH can afford to sponsor another visiting artist on top of Victoria Teel. Sammie has signed a contract for February 21-23, 2020. Victoria Teel will have various workshops outside of Flutter Fan and the event will also include a Hafla. The board will review the proposal prior to the next meeting and vote on each item (i.e. covering airfare, per diem, etc.). Sammie would still like to retain some control over costs. Dayl can get a

discount on Hawaiian airfares, but it may be cheaper to buy airfare with other promotions.

4. MEDAH Social - Perhaps in June? Currently no events scheduled.

Discussion:

The board discussed having an event that is more social in nature without structured performances. Open floor dancing, drumming, and jamming will be a part of the event in place of performances. A member suggested including ice breaker games to encourage socialization. Possible venues were discussed including Ong King, Next Door, and Honolulu Club. Members thought Honolulu Club's rates (\$150/hr) might be too high for this event. The name "June Jam" was brought up and Renee will research an Arabic name that starts with a "J" to also include in the name. The board tentatively agreed on June 29th as the date for this event. Details will be discussed during the next meeting.

5. End of Year Student Recital + Belly Dance Olympics - Early December?

Discussion:

The board noted that December is a difficult month to hold events and suggested it be held in November. Sammie learned of Belly Dance Olympics from a former troupe mate and will get a list of events for planning. The board would like to continue having a student recital and split the event into 2 segments to include both the recital and olympic events. Promotion for the event should start early so that instructors can inform students on various events to train for.

6. Instructor Feature in Newsletter

Discussion:

The board agreed to see if there is interest in this segment from current MEDAH instructors. A question and answer segment will be added to help readers get to know instructors on a more personal level. Sammie will draft an email for secretary to send to MEDAH instructors.

7. Ala Moana - early October

Discussion:

Sammie will submit an application.

8. Souren Baronian is here from NY and we may want to have him and Partners in Time appear at a gig while he is here for 2 months. Contact person is the Partners in Time drummer: Marcia Kemble <mkemble@hawaii.rr.com>

Discussion:

Board members were enthusiastic about an opportunity to collaborate with Souren while he is in town. It was suggested that he perform at MEDAH's Belly Dance Cafe on March 10th. A member brought up a zills workshop he did in the past and inquired about the possibility of including a mini lesson from him during Cafe. A board member will reach out to Kalae to make sure this is not a conflict with her zills series. Paradise Tango was also thrown out as an alternative venue for an event. MEDAH funds can also be used to help cover costs to also include the band Partners in Time.

Renee will contact Marcia to inquire about Souren's timeline, whether he is interested in collaborating with MEDAH for a 30 minute set at Belly Dance Cafe, if the band is available to perform, and whether he is interested in doing a mini lesson.

9. Musician/Henna Artist request from Nadine

Discussion:

Dayl passed on Honolulu Henna information to Miko. Miko forwarded information to Nadine and offered to connect her to other resources for henna, musicians, and dancers if she changed her mind about not wanting dancers.

10. Midsummer Night's Gleam - July 20th, deadline to declare participation is February 25th

Discussion:

Board agreed to participate. MEDAH typically performs at 4:30. Secretary will respond to the email to express commitment. This event conflicts with the Oscar Flores events.

11. Should formerly banned member be allowed to re-join MEDAH?

Discussion:

Member was banned from MEDAH in 2009 due to violent and aggressive behavior at an event. 1 year ago, she tried to join MEDAH without board permission. The board decided to wait for Miko to vote on this issue.

First Friday - Need a coordinator. Miko is trying to step back. Ong King would like 3-4 dance performances (if possible), to perform between

	<p>musical acts on First Fridays.</p> <p>Discussion: Not discussed during meeting, but Dayl agreed to take over coordination.</p>
Follow Up:	<p>Secretary to send approved January Minutes to Tammy for publishing on the website.</p> <p>Follow up with Miko regarding Ong King free night.</p> <p>Cristyn to follow up with HCC regarding honorarium payment for UH faculty. Send the name of dancers to Roya. Renee will talk to Adly about performance details. Renee will also talk to Adly about Arabic names for June Jam.</p> <p>Renee to follow up with Souren for Belly Dance Cafe. We should follow up with Kalae regarding zills.</p> <p>March 13th - 6:30 next meeting, can be at Dayl's home</p>