

MEDAH 2019 Meeting Minutes
 April 10, 2019
 7:00pm
 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 Miko Ries - Member at Large</p> <p>Not present: Helenka Ratzlaff Bauer - Member at Large</p>
Old Business:	<p>-Archived minutes for website - August and September 2018 minutes are missing and possibly deleted. The board agreed to make a note that MEDAH lost the minutes for those meetings on the website. -PO box key spare - Treasurer will work on it. A spare key will cost \$10 from the post office. -Banner location - Seiko has the banner and Renee will meet up with her to retrieve it soon.</p>
New Business:	<p>Vote to approve minutes from March 2019 Board voted and unanimously agreed to approve of the minutes from March 2019.</p> <p>Treasurer's Report: The ASB balance as of March 10, 2019 is \$4,857.52. The Paypal balance is \$166.22. Treasurer has a cash box of \$100 in change money and has \$7 in cash leftover from the Souren Workshop. 13 people attended the Souren Workshop. \$195 total was collected, minus \$55 rent = \$140 income. \$98 given to Souren. Paypal fees were deducted from the total income. P.O. Box payment is due. Treasurer wrote a check for \$19.73 to Tammy Yee as reimbursement for flyers. The check was given to Dayl to hand over to Tammy. Sammie handed over \$20 cash in membership dues to Treasurer.</p> <hr/> <p>1. May Belly Dance Cafe - performers - menu - call time for set up - lesson - promotions/advertising - pay for Facebook advertising? Parking and</p>

directions?

Discussion:

Call time for performers will be 10:00am. Sammie will start set up at 9:00am. Call time for set up will be at 9:30am or 10:00am (gate checks will occur at those 2 time points). Performers slotted so far are Sahara Spirit, Habibi Sisters, Tammy and Ric, Milica, Nelli, Sammie, and Miko and Janos will drum.

Different from previous cafe formats, this cafe will have a one hour performance set with a special event for the finale. There will still be a mini lesson to start the event and the president will look for a MEDAH instructor who is able to do the lesson. The food will be ready to serve to everyone at 12:00pm to avoid long wait times.

A board member brought up the conflict with Shimmy Mob practice and it was discussed with the organizer that practice will most likely be canceled for May 5th.

Facebook advertising was discussed. One board member did not feel it would be effective and it would be better to personally invite people to the events. Another member wasn't sure if a non-profit should be paying for advertising. The board decided against paying for advertising at this time, but will revisit this for the next event.

2. June Jam (June 15th)

- food
- finalize schedule 6-9:30 PM
- musicians
- pricing for event

Discussion:

Island Oasis was hired for the event. The band members were offered \$100 each or \$80 plus a complimentary MEDAH membership and meal as compensation. Kip McAtee would like \$80 plus complimentary MEDAH membership and meal, while the remainder of the band members would like \$100 each. The cost for musicians will be \$480 total.

The board reviewed catering options and discussed that the costs from caterer to caterer were not highly variable. The only caterer that delivers is Leo's Taverna, so the board decided they would be the best option. Leo's Taverna will work with the board's requests. The menu will include one vegetarian dish, one meat dish, and one dish without onions. The board estimates providing food for about 40 people. The caterer would need approximately 1 week to prepare. The board will review the menu and send any requests to Miko.

Admission fees for the event were discussed. It was discussed whether or not the meal should be separate or included in the admission price. The board discussed that it would be difficult to police the food buffet so the cost of admission should include the meal. The board discussed

offering band members and board members a meal for \$10 cash to treasurer (or at cost per head). Admission will be \$22, including food for MEDAH members, \$25 for non-members, and \$12 for children under 12, while children 2 and under will be free.

A member brought up concerns about the cost of the event being \$750 without food costs for the band and venue rental. The food will cost around \$200 in addition. MEDAH would need to charge at least \$20 to break even for entrance fees alone without the cost of food. The board discussed and agreed that this event will end up dipping into the MEDAH funds. The board discussed that it was important to bring the community back together and agreed that it is ok for MEDAH for cover the overage.

Treasurer reported that paypal will charge fees for every ticket. The event schedule will be discussed at the next meeting.

3. Shirts

- have for sale at June Jam?
- which design?
- someone to approach Crazy Shirts to organize?

Discussion:

An organizer will need to be determined soon if shirts will be available for sale at June Jam. The board discussed a pre-order system due to time constraints. The board did not agree on the shirt vendor. Crazy Shirts seemed to be out of budget. A member will do research on Uber Prints. Cafe Press may also be an option where orders will be placed individually by each buyer. The board will continue this discussion at the next meeting after researching cost effective options

4. End of Year Recital

- discuss venue
- finalize possible date (Nov. 2?)

Discussion:

The board agreed upon November 2nd for the event. Aloha Dancesport was discussed as the primary option, and Sammie will reserve from 6:00pm-10:00pm. A board member brought up Culture Day and combining it with the recital. There is value to bring in other cultures and dancers. The board discussed having one set of other cultural performances plus one set of student performers. The belly dance olympics could be moved to another event such as Belly Dance Cafe. A board member discussed layout of the venue. It was discussed that the event could start later and food will not be served at this event.

5. Victoria Teel

- organized through Sammie - formalize arrangement with MEDAH and financial support

Discussion:

To be discussed at a future meeting.

6. First Fridays - Janos will report on this

Discussion:

Janos contacted Warren and there was an enthusiastic response to work with MEDAH, but reported that Ong King is unable to pay or offer MEDAH a discount for performance. He agreed to offer other incentives for performers, but arrangements needed to be cleared with Evno. Janos was told to make arrangements with Evno, but an agreement could not be made. A band had been booked for the April First Friday so MEDAH was not able to have a slot after already reaching out to dancers. A board member proposed that MEDAH not participate in First Fridays at this time and the board agreed to halt participation at this time.

The board will revisit this again in July.

7. Midsummer Night's Gleam (July 20th)

-dancers in full costume along a walk where people stop to take photos?

-4:00-5:00 or 5:00-6:30 pm

-Stars over the Sahara Sky theme (longer set?)

Discussion:

The board discussed that it will be difficult to have dancers available along the walk for the entire event, and proposed that dancers can be available from 4:00-5:00 for picture taking instead.

The board discussed the proposed time slots. Members preferred the later time slot, but some felt the hour and a half set would be too long to cover. Drummers have filled time to 1 hour last year. The board would like to try to fill the later slot. The secretary will respond to organizers to inform them of MEDAH's availability for the walk and the later performance slot.

8. Mirage Cafe Open Mic

-Updates?

Discussion:

Dayl sent emails to Jasmin. Sammie reached out to Jasmin for the April 13th Open Mic, and began to advertise the event.

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<p>Follow Up:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Sammie will ask MEDAH instructors to do a mini lesson for May Belly Dance Cafe -Sammie will look into Aloha Dancesport for the End of Year Recital -Secretary will follow up with GLEAM planners -Board members will review the Leo’s Taverna menu posted on facebook by Miko and report requests back to him