

MEDAH 2019 Meeting Minutes  
 June 12, 2019  
 7:00pm  
 Sammie'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          Helenka Ratzlaff Bauer - Member at Large</p>
Old Business:	<p>-PO box key spare - Treasurer was unable to make a duplicate key. The MEDAH PO Box is still under former president, Willow Chang. Treasurer has not able to get in touch with her to transfer the name on the account yet. The board discussed the option of not having a PO box. It is primarily used for mailing checks. MEDAH will continue to need a mailing address so the board will have to continue to pursue the transfer of the name on the account.</p>
New Business:	<p>Vote to approve the minutes from May 2019:          -Board unanimously voted to approve of the May 2019 minutes for publishing on website.</p> <p>Treasurer's Report:          ASB Account balance as of 5/8/19 - \$5,164.17          Paypal balance as of 6/12/19 - \$154.58          Treasurer signed up for e-banking as of 6/12/19          A letter was received stating fees will start on August 1, 2019 if the account had not switched over to e-banking. MEDAH should be exempt from these fees because the account has switched over to e-banking.          MEDAH member owes treasurer \$12 for Belly Dance Cafe Meal from May. MEDAH member didn't use her \$12 credit from Belly Dance Cafe towards June Jam. Treasurer will reimburse the member for her credit.</p> <hr/> <p>1. June Jam          -Check needed for catering payment          -Other logistics/needs          -T-shirt Giveaway          -Board member meal costs          -Raffle ticket at the door?</p> <p>Discussion:</p>

-The board agreed to give away raffle tickets to each paid entrance for a T-Shirt Giveaway (Sammie will bring raffle tickets and bowl to the event)

-Each person that enters will get a stamp (including musicians and drummers).

-The board agreed to a \$10 discounted entrance if food is gone.

-The board will be borrowing serving utensils from Leo's Taverna. Utensils will need to be washed and returned to Miko at the end of the event in a plastic bag.

-Helena will bring a whiteboard and a case of water. Treasurer will reimburse for the water.

-Set-up will start at 5:00.

-Duties:

Food Service - Cristyn and Sammie

Door - Nelli and Janos will start, Renee will cover from 8:00

T-Shirt Sales - Dayl - will need an inventory list

Stage Management/Emcee (arranging for performances/schedule) - Miko

Music - Helena

9 drummers were secured by Miko (meals will be provided free of charge)

- 1) Tara Severns
- 2) Alex Cianco
- 3) Miko Ries
- 4) Aki Inouye
- 5) David Gupta
- 6) Achraf Dabbour
- 7) Michael Wall
- 8) Chakib Benachour
- 9) Ric Custodio
- 10) Janos Molnar - paid for meal

Food will consist of:

1 Tray of 40 kebabs (without sticks)

2 trays of Spanakopita (48 pieces)

1 tray of Baba Ghanoush and 35 pita wedges

1 tray of Hummus with 35 pita wedges

40 Grape Leaves with Tzatziki

2 Greek salads, onions on the side

Plates and utensils will be provided, serving utensils need to be returned

Total - \$402 - Treasurer will pay Leo's Taverna directly on 6/13/19

The board discussed increasing the meal count to 50 people from 40. The board approved of increasing the food budget up to \$600. Miko will contact Leo's Taverna during business hours to inquire about the cost of the increase. The caterer would prefer to be paid before the event to cover the cost of supplies. Miko will contact Nelli after working with the caterer.

T-Shirt cost will be \$20 in cash or \$22 on Paypal. Sammie will make a sign with Paypal instructions. An inventory of the shirts will be made prior to the

event. Sammie will bring the shirts to the event. Treasurer will provide a \$50 float for change. Dayl would like to dance and needs someone to cover the shirts.

Costume Swap will be run by each independent seller.  
Nelli will bring the MEDAH banner.

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#### 2. July Cafe:

- Echo is away - would we like to provide a meal? Shirlita volunteered to help with this.
- Extend an invitation to Aimee for the instructor slot?
- Would anyone on the board like to perform that isn't already signed up?

#### Discussion:

- Shirlita has volunteered to help with food potentially.
  - Dayl proposed having Baklava from Istabul and Turkish Coffee for \$5. The board agreed with this food arrangement.
  - The board agreed to invite Aimee for the instructor slot.
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#### 3. Gleam:

- How should we fill the photo opportunity slot?
- Would anyone on the board like to perform that isn't already signed up?

#### Discussion:

- Sammie can have Lilikoi Dance fill the photo opportunity slot.
  - Drummers can also be present for the photo opportunity.
  - Shimmy Mob can also perform.
  - Miko and Janos can drum.
  - Nelli, Katalyst, and Sammie will sign up to perform.
  - Secretary can put together a running order of performances (Habibi Sisters and Sahara Spirit will need space between performances, Sahara will need to go last).
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#### 4. Photographer invitations

- How should these be handled?

#### Discussion:

- President wanted to clarify policy.
- The board discussed whether non-members that are invited can enter for free. The board agreed it would be beneficial to develop relationships with professional photographers. Invited photographers can be entitled to free food on a case to case basis. The board agreed that each event can be discussed and determined how photographers will be handled. For certain events, photographers may be invited and can receive complimentary entrance and food.

- For June Jam and July Belly Dance Cafe, Sammie will invite Mike Choy

and Dave Sonoda. If they are unavailable, Mike Bambi and Bob McKeand will be invited.

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#### 5. Student Recital/Culture Day

- Sammie proposes that each board member should try to secure 2-3 raffle prizes (if can)

#### Discussion:

- The board will try to secure donations by November.
  - Raffle prizes can include costumes, artwork, restaurant gift certificates, personal connections, etc.
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#### 6. Shirts

- Should we sell them online? If so, how should we organize shipping/pick up?
- Sell shirts at Belly Dance Cafe?

#### Discussion:

- The board felt it would be too much of a hassle to ship shirts.
  - T-shirts will be for sale at all MEDAH events.
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#### 7. Membership

- Should we start discounting now that it's June?
- VP proposes \$10 from July 1-December 31, 2019

#### Discussion:

- A member proposed \$15 discount so as not to devalue MEDAH membership
  - A member mentioned that it could be in the by-laws that membership cannot be discounted. By-laws were researched and it states that new members shall pay full membership dues and membership cannot be prorated.
  - The board agreed that membership should not be discounted at this time.
  - Membership can be increased by having attractive events.
  - Discussion about changing the by-laws was considered.
  - Members that join in November at the MEDAH event can have membership for 2020 included.
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#### 8. July 13th Event - Aimee Machiels

#### Discussion:

- Nelli is unable to attend the event
  - Sammie will attend the event and can cover for treasurer
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	<p>9. Medina is a new Moroccan Restaurant in Chinatown</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Miko has been in contact with owner about using MEDAH dancers and will offer a free performance in exchange for potential paid gigs in the future.</li><li>-MEDAH has had a strained relationship with Kan Zaman owners in the past due to a former member making negative statements about the owners. That former member is no longer a member of MEDAH.</li></ul>
Follow Up:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Need to make a list of transitional duties - transfer of keys, passwords, etc.</li><li>-Write MEDAH member about her meal credit</li><li>-The next meeting will be on July 10th at 7:00 at Sammie's House.</li><li>-Confirmed October 19th at 3pm for Ala Moana performance</li><li>-Student Recital will be on November 2nd.</li></ul>