

MEDAH 2019 Meeting Minutes
 July 10, 2019
 7:00pm
 Sammie's House

Attendees:	<p>Samantha Giridhar - 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> <p>Not present: Dayl Workman - Vice President</p>
Old Business:	-PO box key spare
New Business:	<p>Vote to approve the minutes from June 2019: -Board voted to approve of minutes.</p> <p>Treasurer's Report: -ASB Account balance as of 7/8/19 - \$2,627.54 -MEDAH was charged \$25 for ebanking on 7/8/19, but the charge was made in error. Treasurer was told she would not be charged for statements if she switched to e-banking. Treasurer emailed ASB to follow up on the mischarge. The name on a statement was still under previous treasurer, although current treasurer already submitted the paperwork to have the name changed on the account. -Paypal balance as of 7/10/19 - \$743.87 Paypal would not allow treasurer to deposit the balance from Paypal to ASB account, stating "fraudulent account." She was able to deposit everything minus \$100. Current balance should be \$100. -Cash balance - \$243 - Treasurer will wait until after Belly Dance Cafe to deposit cash. -Treasurer handed over a second checkbook to President for backup. -June Jam payments (musicians, catering) - Expenses for the event (rent, food, musicians) totaled \$1408.43. Income generated from the event was \$300 in t-shirt sales, \$85.33 from food for board members, \$700.74 from entrance fees, \$35 from donated clothing sales, and \$40 in membership dues. The total income was \$1,161.07 for a net of (-\$247.36). -Aimee Workshops - The sum of revenue from the workshops was \$678.37. After subtracting rent, the net was \$531.37.</p> <hr/> <p>1. June Jam Follow Up</p>

- Leo's Taverna Utensils
- T-Shirts
- Musicians

Discussion:

- Payments were made to caters and musicians.
- Utensils were returned to Leo's Taverna.
- Treasurer had some difficulties at the door checking guests in, including musicians. It was hard to determine who was on the guest list. It was hectic and there were some issues with Paypal, but it was managed. There were some issues with a guest of a musician wanting to enter for free.
- The board agreed that the drummers helped to bring energy to the event.
- The energy started to get low during the live music portion - it may have been beneficial to intersperse the music between other sets. In the future, it may be better to suggest a change of pace in music, intersperse their music with other things, or possibly hire them at a lower rate. The board still sees the value in having musicians at future events.
- It was difficult to get dancers to dance casually at the event and there were issues with time constraints. A MEDAH member gave feedback about the structure and would have preferred to know that she had a performance slot before the event so that she could prepare.
- For future hafla style events, the board would like to have a portion of the event with scheduled performers as well as an unstructured portion for dancers to sign up for at the event. Dancers can sign up to perform with recorded music or live music.
- Hiring drummers in place of musicians could also be a valuable option in the future.

2. July BDCafe

- logistics/roles
- Dayl has organized sweets and coffee (she will organize this at the Cafe)
- Sammie will bring shirts to sell
- Miko can MC
- Dancers: Katalyst, Tonya, Sammie, Tashia, Aimee, Teresa, Jahara, Amber, Katie/Anjanette. Aimee will perform 2 numbers. Miko may have organized drummers.

Discussion:

- Tommy is the current manager of Ong King.
- Dayl will sell sweets (baklava and Turkish Delight) and coffee for \$5 a set.
- Dayl is donating coffee and Sammie is donating Turkish Delight to MEDAH.
- Miko will emcee, Cristyn will provide a printed sheet with performer bios.
- Sammie will bring shirts to sell at the event.

- Nelli and Janos will run the door.
 - Cristyn will run music.
 - Renee will not be able to attend this event.
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3. Gleam

- logistics/roles
- Dancers: Tia, Sahara Spirit, Helena, Melinda, Frances, Sammie, Suzanne, Nelli/Katalyst/etc., Katalyst solo, Aimee, Seiko, Jahara, and Kalae (Sukra Dance Co). We can probably fit one or two more.

Email from Iris Fukunaga requesting information:

- Recorded music on phone/Ipad?
- Number of performers and parking stalls needed
- Meal delivery
- Wonders of the World Trail for photo ops

Discussion:

- MEDAH is performing from 5:00-6:30.
 - Katalyst will need to perform her solo earlier in the set, and the duet will need to go towards the end with Miko and Janos.
 - Cristyn and Renee will not be at the event - Helena will run music and will bring a phone and cd.
 - Secretary will respond to the event organizer's email and 1) ask what the maximum number of reserved parking stalls is 2) Request meal delivery and inquire about vegetarian meals 3) Inquire about the dressing room - tent or room?
 - Dayl or Miko will emcee.
 - Nelli will be dancing at the Golden Horde from 6:45 and invited other MEDAH dancers.
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4. Mirage Cafe Open Mics

- Open Mic was moved to July 20
- August 10 and September 21 are tentative

Discussion:

- Jasmin is aware that July 20th conflicts with Gleam.
 - Texting Jasmin is the easiest form of communication. Sammie texts her monthly to confirm Open Mic dates.
 - MEDAH could show support at Mirage Cafe for Tia's birthday on the 27th.
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5. November Culture Day

- Sammie has been in contact with Aaja Nachle

Discussion:

-Miko contacted Gary and Olesiya (Tango) and a Korean drummer as well.

6. Elections

- what is the normal timeline?
- Sammie proposes to collaboratively come up with a list of things that should be taken care of in December to transition boards (bring ideas to next meeting)
- December Cafe can be a new/old board meet and greet also

Discussion:

-A letter will be sent out around October to current MEDAH members with a list of candidates requesting nominations for the 2020 board. The letter will contain a deadline for nominations and a link to the website for descriptions of officer duties. Renee has a letter from previous years and will send it to the secretary.

-Secretary will track nominations and then contact nominees regarding their interest in running for office.

-Tammy has created a ballot on SurveyMonkey in previous years and the link for the ballot is sent out to members for voting.

-President would like to elections to be completed early so that there can be a transition at the December Belly Dance Cafe.

-Members would like to look into changing the by-laws to allow for 2-year elected terms.

-By-laws were researched and can be amended with a majority vote of the membership present at any formal membership meeting so long as the notification has been published in the Newsletter at least 10 days prior to the meeting. The notice shall include the complete text of the proposed amendment(s).

7. Medina

Discussion:

Miko will talk to Kamal regarding potential dance opportunities at Medina. The board discussed having a future meeting at the restaurant.

8. Seiko proposals

Discussion:

-Venue idea - husband works for Waikiki Aquarium (\$400 for lawn rental including PA system, lights), it could be used for highlighting visiting dancer events in the future.

-Performance opportunity - senior homes/assisted living clients - the board is interested in having MEDAH performances in the future.