

MEDAH 2019 Meeting Minutes  
 August 14, 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</p> <p>Not present:          Helenka Ratzlaff Bauer - Member at Large</p>
Old Business:	-PO box key spare
New Business:	<p>Vote to approve the minutes from July 2019:          Board voted to approve meeting minutes for July 2019.</p> <p>Treasurer's Report:          ASB Account balance - \$3,093.41 as of 8/8/19          The \$25 e-banking charge was refunded from last month, but the account was charged \$25 again this month. Treasurer filed a complaint.          Business registration was returned because ASB said they didn't know which account to charge, however, MEDAH only has one account with ASB. MEDAH was going to be charged a \$25 return fee, but a \$16 fee was agreed upon if paid by a certain date. Treasurer paid the \$16 fee and has been following up with ASB.          Paypal Balance - \$306.13          Treasurer completed official business contact exchange form for the beginning of term. Account user information on Paypal includes Renee's information as well as the MEDAH account and Treasurer's information. New treasurer (2020) will need to change the business name and information on Paypal account. Current treasurer's information was still in the system from a previous term, so the new treasurer will need to make sure this information is changed next year. The board voted to remove former Treasurer (Seiko) and Renee as users on the account. Treasurer will also delete other past users except for the <a href="mailto:medah808@gmail.com">medah808@gmail.com</a> account.          Payment to Aimee - \$465.00</p> <hr/> <p>July events follow up:          -Belly Dance Cafe          -Gleam</p>

Discussion:

Everything went smoothly at Belly Dance Cafe. Food sales went well. Management at Ong King is under Tommy. Aimee did a mini lesson. Sammie and Dayl donated coffee and Turkish Delight. If sales were based on Baklava and Arabic Coffee, then food sales would break even. Dayl donated the baklava and coffee to MEDAH. The board wanted to reimburse for food, however, Dayl and Sammie declined.

Gleam went well and the time slot worked out. The set started about 5 minutes late and organizers wanted MEDAH to stop on time. MEDAH was able to finish the entire set. There weren't many people wanting to take photos along the trail at Gleam.

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1. September 22nd Belly Dance Cafe

-Menu

-Roles

-Performers

-Invited Photographers

Discussion:

Sammie requested that she not perform or teach the mini-lesson. She will work the door.

Nelli will be out of country. Miko is unsure of whether or not he will be there.

There hasn't been much interest from performers yet. Sammie has invited dancers in the past and will do so as a last resort.

Dayl will emcee.

Renee can help with what's needed.

Cristyn can run music.

The board discussed whether or not to use Ong King for serving meals, sell Arabic Coffee, or having the event be bring your own food. The board voted to have Ong King serve meals and would like to request they serve vegetarian moussaka. However, during the course of the meeting, the board found out that Echo will not be available during Belly Dance Cafe. The board discussed selling spanakopita or baklava instead (from Istanbul or Leo's Taverna). Dayl will get pricing information.

The venue will be reserved from 10-1. In place of a mini-lesson, the board discussed having an activity at 10:30.

Doors will open at 10:00, activity starts at 10:30, and set starts at 11:00.

The board will arrive between 9:30-10:00 for set-up.

T-shirts will be sold at the front door. Renee can help at the door if needed.

Invited photographers were discussed - it may be valuable to invite different photographers to garner interest in MEDAH. A previously invited photographer has had difficulty getting the proper space to take photos at past events.

Sammie will invite Mike Choy and Dave Sonoda. Cristyn will invite Kiku.

VP proposed giving away a t-shirt at every MEDAH event. It could possibly be given away during the opening activity.

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## 2. October 19th Ala Moana

-Dayl is primary contact

-Dressing room check-in time: after 2:00 pm (show starts at 3:00)

Discussion:

A performer call will be sent out soon.

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## 3. November 2nd Culture Day/Student Recital

-Discuss general structure

-Discuss whether we will have food

-Photobooth idea

-Pricing

Discussion:

Event to be held at Aloha Dancesport.

The board discussed having a photobooth at the event with Middle Eastern themed props. A board member can take photos for the guests with their personal devices. There could also be printed photos for sale. VP has a polaroid style camera that could be potentially used for the event.

The board discussed having the student recital set first followed by a set of other cultural performances. A member also proposed having Middle Eastern dance performances be limited to the students or students accompanied by the teacher to showcase student performers. A student can be defined as a dancer who is not teaching or is not professional.

Sammie would like to give information to Tammy for flyers and advertising.

The board agreed to serve food at the event. The pricing structure will be discussed at the next meeting.

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## 4. Transition items

-Discuss list

Discussion:

Not covered at this meeting

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## 5. Future Event Idea - MEDAH Photoshoot

-In Studio

-Allows MEDAH photographers and dancers to work together to build portfolios

-Dancers/troupes/musicians sign up for time slots

-Multiple Photographers can set up, dancers can get different styles of shots

-Pose coaching?

Discussion:

Not covered at this meeting

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## 6. Fleur Estelle - April 2020

Discussion:  
Holly (MEDAH member) contacted Fleur Estelle. Fleur Estelle will be traveling to Hawaii, dates to be solidified. MEDAH proposes to do a 70/30 split for her workshops. If the new board does not agree with this arrangement, Sammie will pick up the sponsorship. Fleur Estelle inquired about workshop topics and Sammie will present the board with proposed options to vote on.

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#### 7. Seiko - Nursing Home Performance

Discussion:  
Manoa Cottage in Kaimuki is looking for entertainment on Saturdays or Sundays at 9am or 2pm. They requested a 30 minute or 1 hour set. Lunch will be provided for volunteers if dancing around meal service time. Changing room and a sound system will be provided. Seiko requested availability from MEDAH for September or October. The board tentatively agreed upon October 5th at 2:00pm - Miko, Dayl, Renee, and Janos are available. Miko has a frame drum class he may invite to perform. A performer call can be put out.

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#### 8. Elections

-Number of Members at Large

Discussion:  
The board has accepted 5 MAL in the past to meet quorum. The current board has 4 MAL and agreed that 5 is a good number. Renee sent the secretary the nomination letter to be sent out with the names of current members eligible to run for board. There is also an email that is sent out with link for voting.

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#### 9. MEDAH Business Cards

Discussion:  
Treasurer has extra business cards.  
Renee gave Sammie business cards.  
New cards do not need to be ordered at this time.

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#### 10. Future Event Venue

Discussion:  
A bookstore hosts events in their warehouse and they have the ability to serve food. However, parking can be challenging.

Follow Up:

Next meeting: September 11th