

Minutes of Meeting
February 3, 2013

MEDAH Board Meeting – Sunday, February 3, 2013, at Ward’s Rafters, 3810 Maunaloa Ave. The meeting was called to order at 11:15 a.m. by President Natalie Phoenix.

In Attendance: President Natalie Phoenix, Vice President Anna Han, Secretary Renée Arnold, Treasurer Dorothy Wheeler, Member-at-Large Sarah Katsuyoshi.

Minutes of Meeting - Minutes of the last meeting in January were approved as submitted.

Treasurer’s Report - The report was read by Treasurer Dorothy Wheeler. The current balance is \$2,411.68. One new membership through PayPal was already accounted for. There were 7 PayPal member renewals and 8 by cash or check. Balance in the checkbook is \$2,264.04. Dorothy is awaiting receipts for the \$150 deposit for the studio rental for the Princess Farhana workshops; for the \$500 payment to PF; and for the \$300 deposit of the Venue for the show; and for the \$826 airfare and \$60 conversion fee; Dorothy still needs to account for \$147.64. She needs a copy of check #1855, for \$50 deposit, written on Jan. 31, 2012 to the Loading Zone for the membership hafla.

Old Business:

Membership Drive Hafla - Loading Zone, Chinatown. Cost for rental \$100; check was paid for \$50 for deposit. At the event we pay remainder. No BYOB because they have a bar; Natalie to bring mike; sound system, 30 chairs and big floor cushions available at the venue; must be member to dance. Parking available on the street and in nearby parking lots; Anna will contact the band again about becoming members. Band will not be paid. There will be recorded music for first half of show. Band will be there by 7:00, go on at 8:30. Dorothy to bring cookbooks for sale; Board to be there by 5:30; contact person is owner Chanel Tanaka 387-1952; Dorothy to bring pupus (hummus, veggies, chips, grapes, cookies or donut holes). Lita to eblast again and ask members to come dressed because of limited space. Sign up for performance time at the door. Natalie will ask Chanel about setting up a dressing area. MC may be DeeDee, Anna, or Natalie. MC will promote PF event and cookbooks. Renée will ask Lita to bring guest book. Natalie will ask Lita if she can print out the flyer and to include a link to PayPal. Renée and/or Dorothy to print updated membership list to bring to the hafla. It was reported to the Board that some older members are not comfortable with the location of the Loading Zone and other venues in the Chinatown area. After the event, the Board may discuss the possibility of future events there; however, younger members are rather accustomed to attending events in the area.

Website – Some of the new board members need to send a bio and photo to Tammy.

KCC International Festival - MEDAH has still not received the promised stipend for last year's participation. Director Carl Hefner told Renée that MEDAH will receive a stipend again this year. MEDAH will have the time slot of 12:45-1:15, Thursday, Mar 21. Renée will confirm the time and let Lita know for the purpose of sending an eblast call for dancers. Must be a member to perform. Lita will tell dancers to contact Renée at renee@reneearnold.com and send description of dance to perform.

New Business:

The board discussed asking the Island Oasis Ensemble to join MEDAH in order to participate at our events. Anna will email Kip McAtee, the bandleader, about this.

Membership dues increase – there was discussion of raising the membership dues to \$25 for 2014. There will be more discussion.

Website – The board will ask Tammy if we can put link to PayPal and Eventbrite on posters or flyers on the website, for future events.

Princess Farhana hafla dance lineup – Time limit of 5 minutes or less for solo; 7-8 minutes for groups; Natalie will ask dancers by invitation/board approval. We need to know long PF's performances will be.

General Membership Meeting - Next month's meeting will be preceded by a General Membership meeting in which we will discuss the MEDAH mission statement. Renée will send the 2012 Membership list to Anna and she will eblast the members about the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m. The next meeting will be a General Membership Meeting at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 9, 2013, at Ward's Rafters. It will be followed immediately by a Board Meeting.

MEDAH mission statement - There was discussion about the mission statement on the homepage of the website and the Purpose in Article II of the Bylaws, due to recent concerns brought to the Board's attention. A motion was made to discuss these concerns at next month's General Membership Meeting.

Respectfully submitted by

Renée Arnold
MEDAH Secretary