

Minutes of Meeting  
June 16, 2012

**MEDAH General Membership Meeting and Board Meeting** – in compliance with the bylaws, a General Membership Meeting was called at 12:00 p.m., Saturday, June 16, 2012, before the Board Meeting, at Ward's Rafters, 3810 Maunaloa Ave.

**In Attendance** - President Natalie Phoenix, Vice President Kari Meyer, Secretary Renée Arnold, Treasurer Dorothy Wheeler, Members-at-Large Tammy Yee-Custodio and Dee Dee Valencia. Also attending were MEDAH members Anna Han, Shirlita Jones, Shannon Sweet and Larry Ward.

President Natalie Phoenix asked members for feedback regarding the MEDAH website, eblasts, and events. Several comments and suggestions are listed below:

1. Some members did not receive recent eblasts. Lita explained that Yahoo had lost her email group due to a virus.
2. Advertise events by putting up posters or fliers at Artlines in Windward Mall
3. Make some corrections to teachers' schedules on the website.
4. Who can attend the Board Meetings? Post the board meetings on the website to encourage members to come; give a contact so they can call for directions and the address of Ward's Rafters.
5. The new website looks great, but one member was confused about where a contact number can be found on the site.
6. To get new members, post on the membership tab of the website that membership is open to non-dancers, and put it elsewhere on the website because repetition equals more awareness. Invite people to join in the programs of events and announce it several times during events. Have teachers push students to join and we need to push membership at the student recital. We could have a discount membership drive for a window of time.
7. Could we approach the mosque for membership; Dorothy explained that this would not work.
8. Have a promotional video on the website, perhaps from videos taken by Bob McKeand. Tammy discussed making an edited video of events and she said there is a 6-8 day course offered through Olelo for putting an ad on television. We would need 3 people (producer, camera person and editing person.) We could have a MEDAH scholarship.
9. Sometimes events are too long. Make restrictions on the number of performers or the deadlines to submit requests to perform, and restrict the time of performances.
10. We could explain the different styles as we are performing at events.

At the end of the membership meeting there was a motion to end the newsletter, the Zagoreet (Z), because the website, Facebook and Twitter have replaced the need for it. The motion passed unanimously (10 people).

The General Membership Meeting was adjourned; the MEDAH Board Meeting was called to order by President Natalie Phoenix at 1:20 p.m.

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**Minutes** of the May meeting were approved as submitted.

**Treasurer's Report** – The report was read by Treasurer Dorothy Wheeler. MEDAH has a balance of \$3,160.69. Dorothy received an additional \$40 at the meeting, for 2 new memberships. The 2011 tax information was filed with the IRS. They said we did not pay in 2010, even though we are tax exempt. We cannot file for previous years online, so we filed for 2011 on June 15. There is no problem that we did not file in 2010. The state filing will be in July. Dorothy was notified by the State that effective July, 2012, UH will convert to a new system of payment to vendors. We must create an invoice for the \$200 stipend for our participation at the March 17 KCC International Festival. The information had been sent by Dorothy on March 16, before the event, right after she received notice from KCC. We never heard anything until June 5, when Dorothy received notice from Disbursing and Payroll Office of UH system. She will Xerox and submit it again. Dorothy wants the PayPal memberships on the website to be \$20.74 to pay for the fee that PayPal charges MEDAH.

### **Old Business:**

Student Recital – Saturday, June 30, at ArtZone. Kari is doing the lineup. We will ask Adly to sing. Board to arrive at 5:30 and set up; Doors open at 7; show 7:30-9:30; Seating in front area; 3 people plan to vend at the garage sale. Sales to be before, during break, and at the end of the show. We will announce at the show to not visit the tables during the performances. Before the meeting there was an email vote to hire Moana to do the sound for \$100. Music should start at 6:30. Dorothy to bring pupus and water; Kari to bring paper products; We will ask people to join MEDAH and to dance at the Gleam event. Kids under 10 enter free. Performers free; members \$5; nonmembers \$10; Free entrance with food for 6 people. Lita to send a new eblast to announce that vending is cash only .

Foster Gardens Midsummer Night's Gleam – July 14; Renée spoke to Joyce at Foster Gardens and confirmed that MEDAH will participate. We have 4:45-5:45. Renée will give Joyce's phone number to Natalie so she can speak to Joyce. An eblast will be sent to call for dancers to contact Kari. Sabrina Fox will have a workshop and show on the same day, so tribal dancers may have a conflict.

Fundraiser – July 28; ArtZone was reserved at the rate of \$250. However, Pyramids began having dancing again. With Pyramids, there is parking and no cleanup required. Renée and Kari made a proposal and presented it to Pyramids and it was

accepted. Motion was made and accepted to have the fundraiser at Pyramids, and to have Moana do the sound for \$100. The proposal is to sell 50 tickets at \$20, guaranteeing at least \$1000 to be paid to the restaurant. Pyramids to offer a plate (with meat or vegetarian), plus a soft drink or coffee or tea, including tip and tax. Plate choices: shawerma mix (beef, lamb & chicken) and salad OR spano and falafel with salad. We would sell tickets at a\$30 members/ \$35 nonmembers. Because of the language barrier, Natalie will meet with the manager, Nobue, to discuss the proposal and make sure she understands. The Board voted to allow negotiation up to \$25 per person to be paid to the restaurant, and we would sell tickets at \$35/\$40. Tickets will be printed and a poster will be given to Pyramids for advertisement. MEDAH to arrive 30 minutes before doors open; dinner 6-7:30; show 7:30-9:30. Tickets on sale through Eventbrite on MEDAH website and through Board members. The restaurant must not take reservations for that night but can give the Eventbrite info to people. We will have a printout of the list of paid Eventbrite customers. After Natalie and Nobue meet and finalize the agreement, Tammy will make the program and flier; Natalie will print tickets; Kari will cancel ArtZone. Moana will be contacted.

#### **New Business:**

PayPal - There was a motion to change the PayPal membership charge on the website from \$20.00 to \$20.74, to cover the fee that PayPal charges MEDAH. The motion passed.

Advertising – Dorothy cannot keep up with advertisement payments because everyone is able to post on Facebook. There was more discussion about whether ads and/or eblasts should just be free for members. Tammy will clarify on the website how to pay for ads. There was a motion to switch costs: \$20 to post on the website; \$5 for eblast; Nonmembers \$35 for website post; \$10 for eblast. The motions passed, effective immediately.

Facebook Page – There was a suggestion to have a hyperlink from the Facebook page to the MEDAH.org website without having to scroll down. Tammy will add the website to the Facebook introductory paragraph.

Email addresses – The old email address [medahdance@gmail.com](mailto:medahdance@gmail.com) has been replaced by [medah808@gmail.com](mailto:medah808@gmail.com). However, the password should be found so we can check for any emails that may have gone to medahdance.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:21 p.m. The next meeting will be at 2:00 p.m. on July 7, 2012, at Ward's Rafters.

Respectfully submitted by

Renée Arnold

Medah Secretary