

Minutes of Meeting
August 4, 2012

MEDAH Board Meeting – Saturday, August 4, 2012, at Ward’s Rafters, 3810 Maunaloa Ave. The meeting was called to order at 2:15 p.m. by President Natalie Phoenix.

In Attendance – President Natalie Phoenix, Secretary Renée Arnold, Treasurer Dorothy Wheeler, Members-at-Large Dee Dee Valencia & Anna Han.

Minutes of the July meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer’s Report - The report was read by Treasurer Dorothy Wheeler. The balance is \$4,471.04 after deduction of \$1166.97 of expenses for the fundraiser at Pyramids. Checks were written to reimburse board members: Kari Meyer for a birthday cake for 2 of the MEDAH members (\$14.22); Tammy Yee-Custodio for programs (\$21.15); and Natalie Phoenix for 12 bottles of wine (\$96.01). A check for \$65 was written to Moana for doing the sound (\$100 - \$35 ticket for Shadiya); and a check to Pyramids (\$970.59). Previous Balance was \$5,638.01 -1166.97 = \$4,471.04. Dorothy sent a letter dated July 29 to Nobue, Pyramids manager, and explained all expenses and income from the fundraiser; 56 tickets were collected @\$25/per ticket going to the restaurant = \$1,400; deducted for 7 dancers who waited tables @ \$7.50/hr for 2 hours; deducted 10% for not having air conditioning; 2 tickets (\$80) deducted from the credit card payments; 12 bottles of wine \$96.01 deducted; total of \$970.59 paid to the restaurant. \$970.59 + \$80 = \$1050.59, more than the \$1,000 we guaranteed in our agreement. The stipend of \$200 is still owed to us for participation in the KCC International Festival on Mar. 17. We submitted paperwork 1 day in advance, on Mar 16. Dorothy heard from U. H. on June 6, and we had to resubmit our invoice because UH changed their system for payment to vendors and it is done at a different location. Dorothy sent new paperwork on July 30.

Old Business:

Fundraiser - The check was written to Pyramids, but Nobue wants it written to the holding company and for us to cancel the check. Dorothy refused to do this because it costs us to cancel the check. We will rewrite a check if we get the other one back. We need to see the name with a note, signed by the manager, to explain why they need new check. They must give us an address to send it. There were many problems at the fundraiser: no management present, no clean glasses, not enough wine, only 2 waiters for a full house, no air conditioning. Seven dancers had to wait tables and one made drinks. Waiters didn’t know about the procedure of tickets being taken up by them. Of the tickets sold, 14 were through Eventbrite, 35 through board members, 12 through Pyramids). WE gave Pyramids a check for \$970.59 and deducted for wages for dancers waiting on tables, purchase of wine, no air conditioning. In future, we need to have a contract, know who to make the

check to, and make sure management will be there. Despite the problems, MEDAH made the most money at Pyramids as we ever have made at any MEDAH event. Expenses: printing \$21.15; birthday cake \$14.22; 12 bottles of wine \$96.01. DJ \$100 – \$35 for meal = \$65.00; Pyramids \$970.59; total: \$1166.97 expenses; total income \$2,140 ticket sales + 4 new members \$80 = \$2,220. Ticket sales minus expenses = \$973.03 net profit + new members (\$80) = \$1,053.03.

Greek Line Dance Workshop – Saturday, August 18, 2012, Studio 360, 1001 Dillingham Suite 227, parking on roof top – ramp on right of building, across from HCC. Tickets at door only - \$10 members/ \$15 nonmembers; need helper at door with member list & email address; have sign up at door and indicate if member or not. Motion approved to pay Dorothy \$50 stipend for teaching; Studio rented 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m at \$20/hr, or \$60; workshop noon to 2:00 p.m. Dorothy has descriptive material to give to the participants. Another eblast will be sent.

Paypal - After the July meeting, we voted by email to change the membership charge to \$20.74 when paying by PayPal, in order to pay for the fee charged by PayPal.

New Business:

New Member-at-Large - Motion was made and approved to appoint Anna Han to replace Mandy as Member-at-Large. She will be sent previous minutes & membership list.

Garden Isle Event – MEDAH member Cindy Madden suggested bringing Kauai dancers Nelleke Pielaat and Krystal Juarbe to do a workshop. The board is interested in supporting neighbor island dancers. The date Sept 8 was proposed for a workshop and hafla. Natalie will email them about air, lodging and transportation and then we will decide over email. We will consider Ongking for the hafla and Eden Studio for the workshops. Eden- \$25/hr for 1 or 2 2-hr workshops; We will propose performance fee \$200 ; Airfare \$150 ; Workshop length - are they different styles? They need to reply by Wed. Aug 8. Will ask Island Oasis Ensemble to play for \$300/ \$50 each for 4 people (check written to whom?); Ongking capacity is 200. Hafla \$7 members/\$10 nonmembers entrance; We bring pupus; door open 6, show – 7:30; could have hafla even without the workshop if it doesn't work out. Ongking takes 20% door; MEDAH 80% door; Ongking keeps proceeds from bar; Floor seating, bring own pillow; street parking or municipal parking at River & Nimitz. Need to make a sign for door at street level. On corner of River & King (3 doors down) Mauka side. 184 N King St. between vegetable vendor & travel agent. Eblast to remind they must take workshop and be member in order to dance at the hafla. Can do 1 solo CD or band & can do troupe; Reply by 25th. The Board voted by email to accept this proposal. TASKS proposed by Natalie on email on July 31 before the August meeting:

1. create poster image TAMMY
2. e-blast - SHIRLITA

3. contact media: 1) newspapers (including honolulu weekly, chinatown newsletter etc.), 2) online (HNL Now, other online event page) SHIRLITA
4. write up press kit SHIRLITA
5. website update/listing of the event TAMMY KARI
6. facebook event page: 1 page each for 1) workshop, 2) belly dance show TAMMY/KARI
7. collect money at the door 1) at the workshop, 2) at the belly dance show DOROTHY
8. stage managing at the show -Natalie
9. MC at the show DEE DEE
10. paypal for workshop. NO DOROTHY WILL COLLECT AT DOOR.
11. eventbrite page set up for belly dance show. -Natalie
12. email correspondance with performers who are interested in performing at the show. RENEE KARI
13. make a lineup for the show and send it to the performers before the show, 2) put together the blurb of the performers for the MC. KARI
14. create a playlist for recorded music portion of the show. -Natalie KARI
15. place an order at the Copy Hut to make flyers and posters for the show/workshop -Natalie
16. pick up and pay upfront for the flyers and posters at the Copy Hut (keep the receipt, get reimbursed), and distribute those posters and flyers to MEDAH board members. RENEE?
17. distribute/post posters and flyers around town. -Natalie (and all of you if you can) RENEE
18. invite friends on facebook to the event. -Natalie (and all of you if you can) RENEE
19. make physical ticket for sale for the show. -Natalie
20. print out the physical ticket for sale for the show & distribute to MEDAH board members to sell. -Natalie
21. pay the Garden Nile dancers and Island Oasis Ensemble DOROTHY
22. Do the accounting DOROTHY

Mahina Festival – a year-long project involving many cultural groups in Hawaii – proposed by Sonia Fabrigas on email to Secretary Renée Arnold, who went to a meeting to obtain more information. MEDAH would be featured in a calendar where we would advertise our 2013 events. Calendars would be sold by the groups as fundraising. However, we will have a different board and we don't set our events until January. We would pay \$250 for 50 calendars and would sell them at \$10 each to make money. At the end of the year (Oct, 2013) there will be 3 days of booths (for vending) and entertainment for which a group would commit to \$500. We are interested in the calendar but not the booth, as we do not sell products. We need to find out if we could still dance even if we do not pay for a booth. We can also pay \$25 for an ad in the calendar. It was suggested that we could give a calendar for free to members who sign up. We need to clarify who

is the head of operations? Sonia? Also, what is the ID # for the non-profit organization, Maitreya Institute? Deadline for filling out the online application and sending calendar information and money is August 31. More discussion will be done on email.

Princess Farhana - Australian dancer friend of Renée's, Alia, proposes we join her in bringing L. A. dancer Princess Farhana come to Hawaii in March for a hafla and workshops. Alia proposed that we bring her before or after the dates she will sponsor in Melbourne. She is also asking another Australian city to sponsor her. Therefore we could split the airfare three ways. More discussion will be done on email so we can perhaps decide on a date in time to include in the Mahina calendar. That deadline occurs before our next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm. The next meeting will be at 2:00 p.m. on September 1, 2012, at Ward's Rafters.

Respectfully submitted by

Renée Arnold,
MEDAH Secretary