

Minutes of Meeting  
September 1, 2012

**MEDAH Board Meeting** – Saturday, September 1, 2012, at Ward's Rafters, 3810 Maunaloa Ave. The meeting was called to order at 2:04 p.m. by President Natalie Phoenix.

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

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

**Treasurer's Report** - The report was read by Treasurer Dorothy Wheeler. As of August 29, the balance was \$3,704.76. The check #1530, dated July 29, for \$970.59 to Pyramids for our July 28 fundraiser has still not been cashed. The Pyramids manager, Nobue, had requested a new check written to M Trade, after which Dorothy requested that Nobue first return our check. However our first check has still not been returned. Natalie will contact Nobue again. A check was written to Leann Brooks for \$60 for rental of Studio 360 and \$400 was paid to Krystal Juarbe for airfare for herself and Nelleke of Garden Nile Belly Dancers for the Sept 8 & 9 event. The Greek Line Dance Workshop brought in \$70 (\$10 x 4 members + \$15 x 2 nonmembers); Expenses: \$110 (\$60 for rental of Studio 360, \$50 for stipend to Dorothy); MEDAH lost \$40.

**Old Business:**

Greek Workshop – The board discussed reasons for the low attendance. Studio 360 was a poor location because there was confusing signage outside the building, then no signage on building directory nor the studio door.

Garden Nile Belly Dancer Event – Sept. 8 & 9 – Details were finalized and voting was done over email after the August meeting. The hafla will be Friday, Sept. 8 at Ong King Art Center, 184 North King Street, Honolulu, HI 96817; doors open at 7:00, show at 8:00 p.m.; first set is to recorded music, second set with Island Oasis Ensemble. Performers must attend at least one workshop. Only one solo performance; dancer may dance with troupe and do one solo. Entrance: \$7 member/ \$10 nonmember pre-sale on Eventbrite; \$10 member/ \$13 nonmember at the door. Dee Dee to MC; Renée to man the door, as Dorothy will be absent. Dorothy gave the cash box with \$200 seed money to Renée at the meeting. Lita has the guestbook; Renée will provide sign up sheet if Lita does not attend. Dee Dee will provide Egyptian stamps for stamping people at the door. Natalie will provide the list of pre-paid tickets on Eventbrite. Kari will provide the lineup of performers. Dee Dee will purchase lei for the 2 Kauai dancers and for Seiko, a member who is moving to Japan. Board will arrive at Ong King at 5:30. Workshops: Shimmy, Drills & Stage Skills, Sunday, Sept. 9 2-4 p.m.; and 2011 Belly Dancer of the World award winning choreography 4:15-6:15. Fee: \$30 member; \$35 nonmember, payment at the door only. Dorothy will arrive at the Studio at 1:45.

Website – Kari will contact Tammy and offer to help with changes or updates to the MEDAH website. Dorothy received CDs of photos for the website from Bob McKeand, and she gave them to Kari at the meeting.

Facebook – The MEDAH page needs to be updated to change the President from Masayo to Natalie. Also, Anna Han's name should replace Mandy's name as the Member-at-Large. Kari will update the Facebook page.

Yahoo – We are still paying a yearly fee to Yahoo for hosting the MEDAH.org website. Kari will ask Tammy if we need to continue paying this fee since we now have the website on Blogger. It may still be pointing to some of the old website pages.

Mahina Festival & Calendar – Natalie submitted a tentative calendar for 2013 MEDAH events, and Renée emailed Sonia 2 days before the Aug. 31 deadline to ask if there was still an open page for

MEDAH in the calendar. However, Sonia never responded. Therefore MEDAH will not participate in the Mahina Festival, if it indeed will take place.

Princess Farhana Event – After the last meeting, 5 Board members voted by email to bring PF to Honolulu. Dates: March 29 (hafla) & 30 (2 workshops), 2013. It is possible to market this to burlesque, cabaret and tribal dancers. Due to our limited budget and being non-profit, the Board needs more information about the costs of this event before we can confirm with Alia of Melbourne, Australia, the dancer who is sponsoring PF there the weekend of Mar 22-24, and who will handle the airline reservations. Alia proposes each of the 3 sponsors pay an estimated \$1000 for airfare, although she hopes to get a lower price. The third sponsor is in Adelaide, Australia. The Board may agree to the airfare, plus the \$1000 for 4 hours of workshops at \$250/hr., but we must know PF's performance fee and we must decide on a per diem, and the number of nights in a hotel. We must also cover her luggage fees and transportation, according to her contract, copy of which was provided by Alia. The Board decided we cannot pay more than \$3000. Renée will ask Alia for a ballpark figure and the Board will vote by email right away.

**New Business:**

Agenda – It was decided that an Agenda should be sent to the board more consistently before each meeting.

Voting – The election of the 2013 board will occur in October. Dee Dee will announce this at the Garden Nile Event and ask for volunteers to run for office. Lita will be asked to send an eblast asking for volunteers. Anna will look into using Survey Monkey, as we did last year. Natalie did it last year, but cannot be involved. Only one person can vote through an email address. Some members who share an email must vote in person.

Journey through the Silk Road – 2<sup>nd</sup> annual (?) event to be held Nov. 3 at Ward's Rafters. We must arrive at 5:00; Doors to open at 6:00; food served 7:00-7:40; fashion show 7:40-8:00; dancing 8:00-9:30. The new board will be announced between the food service and the fashion show. Add a note to Larry's email to not arrive too early. When eblasting, we should announce a mini-program about food, fashion & show. Anna volunteered to ask for donations periodically during the evening. The door person should greet attendees with "Thank you so much for your donation." Ask Tammy about the table decorations/flags used last year. Dorothy will look over the recipes. Last year they were doubled, but this year they must be tripled or quadrupled. Dee Dee volunteered to cook "macarona bechemal". We need to ask members to cook. Dorothy will make an insert /update for the cookbook. We will sell cookbooks at the event.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 pm. The next meeting will be at 2:00 p.m. on October 20, 2012, at Ward's Rafters. Natalie will be gone Sept 28-Oct 14. Dee Dee will be absent at the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted by

Renée Arnold,  
MEDAH Secretary