

# DARUL ARQUM ISLAMIC CENTER

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, MAY 24, 2010

ISLAMIC CENTER MULTIPURPOSE ROOM

6:30PM

## Agenda

- I. Attendance
- II. Opening prayer  
Br. Khalid
- III. Announcements  
Brs. Saqer and Baig
- IV. Approval of April 25, 2010 Meeting Minutes
- V. Financial report  
Br. Saqer
- VI. Committee reports
- VII. Financial Assistance  
Br. Saleem Baig
- VIII. ISFRC report  
Br. Salahuddin
- IX. Taraweeh arrangement  
Br. Salahuddin
- X. Monthly dinner  
Br. Saleem Baig
- XI. P&B committee report  
Br. Ali Husain
- XII. Old unfinished business
- XIII. Additional items if any

#### XIV. Next meeting

Attendance: Saleem Baig ( Chair), Jani Abbasi, Ali Husain, Salman Maqsood, Mohd. Al-Saqer, Khalid Boushaba and Salahuddin Syed.

Excused absence: Abdel Hameed Azzaz & Imran Dotani.

Invited Guest: Azher-ul- Haq,

Quorum met with 7 of 9 members present.

Opening prayer by Khalid B.

#### **Announcements:**

- a. Next Saturday there will be a combined Aqeeqah for sons of Brs. Khalid B and Mohammed Saqer.

Announcements to be made by Br.Salman on coming Friday. Meat will be provided by the two brothers to families to cook for next Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup> dinner, from 7:15pm to Maghreb. Details of the dinner is to be finalized with Social Affairs Committee.

- b. Governor Culver has appointed Br. Saleem Baig to the Iowa Architectural Examining Board. The Iowa Senate has confirmed the appointment.

April 25, 2010 meeting minutes with corrections pending due to issues such as Financial aid, masjid cleaning and yard work. Brother Saqer will send the corrections to Br. Salahuddin.

**Financial report:** Mohammed Saqer, the Treasurer, informs the board that he is trying to develop a different format for the monthly financial report to show exactly the amount each account has. He is

trying to meet with the previous treasurers to rectify some of the problems he is having with zakat, sadaqah and Imam funds. The previous accounts have been reconciled as of 2009.

As of May 2010, there is about \$3000 balance in zakat account and \$1000 in sadaqah account.

**Committee reports:** a. Educational committee: Br. Khalid informed that the Islamic school management should inform the Executive Board of any major decisions, particularly selling of materials that belong to the masjid/school. Information to be obtained via Khalid B who is their representative and chair of the Educational Affairs Committee.

b. Salman informed that one of the School computers was sold to a member based on an appraisal that he provided.

c. **P and B committee:** i. Blinds for the Prayer hall: Br. Ali reports that there are 3 types of blinds that can be installed on the large windows in the main prayer hall. The board members unanimously agreed to have the most durable and better looking blinds and chose cellular translucent blinds at a cost of approximating \$400, to be installed as soon as possible.

ii. **Cars Parking:** after much discussion it was decided that the coming Friday (5/28) a flier will be placed on the front door, announcing that illegally parked vehicles will be issued tickets. A similar announcement will be made by Salman Maqsood at the end of the Friday prayer. Next Friday June 4, a reminder of similar sort will be given to community members. Brother Ali Husain will contact the City officials to issue the ticket for all illegally parked vehicles in the

Islamic Center parking lot. He will also cosign the tickets. The ticket issued will be for \$25 per vehicle and per event.

iii. **Lawn moving:** Since brother Yusuf never followed up on his promise and has not performed his assigned duties, another person was hired to mow the lawn at a rate of \$25/week.

Financial request, made on behalf of a brother by Br. Samil. Brother has just got out of the Boon Jail and he needs \$ 400 for buying essential supplies for him and his family. Unanimously approved to give him \$400 from Zakat/sadaqah account.

**ISFRC report:** Since we have pledges of not more than 30K, the Chair suggested that we continue the fund-raising activities.

Salahuddin suggested that we do another fund raising in the early part of the Ramadan to, at least, collect a one-year of expenses for the Imam fund. There are no qualified applicants as of now, as the previous candidate failed to appear for an on- site visit and interview.

Taraweeh arrangement: The Chair asked brother Salahuddin to inform the board of any arrangements he has made for Traweeh prayers in Ramadan. Brother Salahuddin said that the board guidelines were given to Br. Louis Amro of the Des Moines Islamic Center. They have agreed to send three huffaz. Each Hafiz will lead the traweeh prayer for a 10 day period and will be reimbursed \$1000 for this service, a total of \$ 3000 for all the three members for the month of Ramadan.

**Monthly dinner:** The Chair discussed this issue and also referred to an e-mail that Sister Nermin Sabry had sent regarding this issue. It has become taxing on the sisters to cook for potluck dinner every month. The board, after some discussion, decided to have a dinner

only if we have some other social activity scheduled along with the dinner, like a discussion, an invited speaker or watching an Islamic documentary/movie or some other interesting activity for the members. Events need to be coordinated with the Social Affairs Committee for better participation and improving the attendance.

**Old Business:** Brother Salman was reminded to bring in or order at his earliest the podium that was selected by the board three months ago.

**New Business:** a. The Chair informed the members that he would like to have a display somewhere on the property showing as to when the Islamic Center was built. He will do some research and try to get some quotes for the board.

b. Br. Abbasi wants to see if we need to replace the sockets for the bulbs in the main prayer hall or keep the same expensive bulbs. It was agreed upon that since the cost of replacement will be probably more than the savings realized by this approach due to low energy usage, it may not be worth it to change it. However, If the quote is reasonable, then the matter will be further discussed in the next meeting.

Adjournment: meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

**Next meeting and Time:** Sunday, June 27 after the Zohr Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Salahuddin Sayed