

Darul Arqum Islamic Center
Executive Board Meeting
Feb 16, 2010

AGENDA

Opening Prayer:

Announcements

Approval of the January 10 meeting minutes

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| 1. Treasures' report | Mohd. Al-Saqer |
| 2. Committee Liaison Report Liaison | |
| 3. Ames Public Library Cultural Events | Syed Azam |
| 4. Dawah Training Sessions | Syed Azam |
| 5. Potluck Dinner | Syed Azam |
| 6. Gain Peace Bus Sign PR Comt. | Salahuddin Syed |
| 7. CAIR "Rights Forum Opportunity" | Saleem Baig |
| 8. Help Haiti Donation sent to ISNA | Mohd. Al-Saqer |
| 9. Financial Help for two Sisters | Mohd. Al-Saqer |
| 10. ISFRC Report | Salahuddin Syed |
| 11. Khateeb Guidelines | Jani Abbasi |
| 12. Sorting of IC mail | Jani Abbasi |

OPEN TIME (additional agenda items if time permits)

Next Meeting:

Establish Quorum/ Call to order: Saleem Baig (Chair), Jani Abbasi, Salman Maqsood, Salahuddin Syed, Ali Husain and Abdelhamid Azzaz.
Absent: Mohammad Al-Saqer (Excused), Khalid Boushaba

1. Opening Prayer: Abdelhamid Azzaz
2. Brother Baig called the meeting to order at 6:14pm.
3. Announcements: None
4. Approval of Jan 10 meeting minutes - done without correction.
5. Treasurers' report - tabled for next meeting.
6. Committee liaison reports - board has received the PR and RA committee reports, other Committees are urged to submit their reports.
7. Ames public library cultural events - After discussion it was decided that the PR committee along with Br. Azam should work on this.
8. Dawah training session - postponed due to unavailability of Br. Evans.
9. Potluck dinner - to be held under the Social affairs committee every month, preferably on the last Saturday with a speaker. This month guest speaker is to be arranged. February potluck dinner is to be held on Feb 20 between Magrib and Isha Prayers. The Chair suggested the topic for halaqa, if possible, should be about the month of Rabi-ul-Awwal. Br. Salahuddin will coordinate with Br. Azam to get a speaker for the event. Br. Abdul Hameed will send a list of local speakers to Br. Salahuddin.
10. Gain Peace Bus Sign: The PR committee requests funds, \$ 1500 for 2010 for this campaign. After much discussion, the board approved \$ 1000 for 2010. Rest of the amount can/should be collected from private donations.
11. CAIR, right forum opportunity: The CAIR Speaker for educating the membership about our legal rights will be arranged by Br. Salahuddin with help of Br. Azam. We will try to arrange the speaker in the month of March. The second option is to bring the CAIR speaker on any of our monthly potluck dinner days (Saturdays).
12. Help Haiti donations: Collections obtained (\$300) during this particular Friday with announcements were sent to ISNA by the treasurer.
13. Financial aid for two sisters: The board approved \$ 675 for one sister and \$950 for another sister at its emergency meeting. The aid was given from Zakat/sadaqa account. Br. Salman will prepare recommendations on the best practices and guidelines for distributing zakat/sadaqa funds: Who, what and how much amount each person gets, etc. The report should be submitted before the next board meeting for review and approval.

14. ISFRC report: Br. Salahuddin reported the results of the membership opinion survey conducted at the Islamic Center for the last two Fridays. Almost 92% of those who submitted their opinion were in favor of having a full-time Imam at the Islamic Center. For the record, 50 persons participated in this survey. Brother Salahuddin will submit a complete report to the board once all the pledges are collected.
15. Khateeb guidelines and names of designated leader of prayers (Imam) were distributed by Br. Abbasi. It was approved by the board after some discussion. Brother Imran Dotani voted against having designated leaders (Imam) for prayers. He did not want to wait for any of the listed Imams to show up if it was already time to pray. The designated names in order are: Syed Junaid Ali, Mahmud Khan, Jabir Kabbesh, Ahmed Kamal and Jani Abbasi.
16. Sorting of the mail – As per the By-laws of the Islamic Center, it's one of the duties of the Vice-Chair to handle the Islamic Center mail. It was decided the mail for the treasurer should be left un-open.

17. Next board meeting: Sunday, March 21 after Zuhr Prayer (1:30 p.m).