

Darul Arqum Islamic Center
Executive Board Meeting minutes
Monday, August 9, 2010

Approval of June meeting minutes
Keith Financial Aid (\$400)
Landscaping Expenses Approval
Imam Gomma Employment Offer
Child care During Ramadan
Eid Prayer Time
Cleaning of the Islamic Center
Iftar for Singles during Ramadan
Iftar sponsored by PAAI on Saturday, August 14
Dumpster Relocation
Proposed Election Dates (Sunday, Sept. 19 or 26)
Khutba Schedule Approval
Unfinished Business: Podium Purchase

Quorum established and meeting called to order at 7:20pm.

Attendees: Saleem Baig (Chair), Mohammed Al-Saqer, Abdelhamid Azzaz, Khalid Boushaba, Imran Dotani, Salman Maqsood, Salahuddin Syed.

Absent: Ali Husain and Jani Abbasi (Excused).

Guest: Azhar Haq

Opening Prayer by Br. Khalid.

Announcements: none

Approval of June meeting minutes:

Done without correction, unanimous via email.

Ramadan preparation:

1. Br. Salahuddin informed the board that three Huffaz who were supposed to lead Taraweeh prayers at the Islamic Center could not get visa to come to USA, so they will not be leading Taraweeh Prayers. Br. Yassir has graciously agreed to lead Taraweeh for the first 10 days of Ramadan. The last twenty days will be led by other two Huffaz who will arrive shortly.
2. Br. Azam is working with sisters and Br. Al-Saqer on signing up students for singles iftar and arranging food for them. One goat and 10 chickens have been purchased and will be given to families who will prepare food for the Iftar. Signup sheets are available on the bulletin board in the front for students and families to sign for cooking food.
3. Child care in Ramadan: Sister Beth sent an e-mail to the Chair, requesting the child care arrangement for sisters during Taraweeh prayers. The same

arrangement was made last year. The board unanimously approved to provide up to \$750.00 for child care and other related supplies for this purpose.

Iftar by PAAI (Pakistani-American Association of Iowa):

Aug 14th iftar is sponsored by PAAI, all community members are invited. An announcement is to be made on Friday before the event.

Imam hiring: It was decided by unanimous agreement that Br. Baig (Chairman) will send a formal letter of offer to Imam Goma from Egypt. A written offer of a gross salary of \$30K with health care and 2 weeks paid vacation is agreed upon. Visa process will be started once formal signed agreement is received. Br. Baig will make the announcement of the hiring process of the Imam at next Jumaa prayer and ask for donations/pledges for Imam project.

Eid prayers and khateeb: After much discussion it was agreed unanimously to start the Eid ul fitr prayer promptly at 8:30 am on Friday, Sept 10, 2010. Khateeb for Eid ul fitr to be decided after input from board members. Each board member is to send two names to Br. Baig for this purpose.

Zakat approval: Board members had agreed unanimously to give Br. Keith a total sum of \$400. E-mail approval was obtained from members.

P & B issues:

1. Regular cleaning of the Islamic Center is yet to be resolved by Br. Ali Husain. He will inform the board about cleaning arrangement at the earliest.
2. Board has unanimously agreed to a budget of \$1200 for replacing the refrigerator in the multipurpose room. Br. Ali Husain is to replace the fridge at the earliest for Ramadan.
3. Issue of relocating the dumpster: At its last meeting, the Executive Board voted to move the garbage dumpster to a place where it will be hidden from the public view. The Chairman checked this issue with the City. The City says the dumpster can be moved to any location on the Islamic Center ground if it's covered by the existing 6x6 ft. wooden structure. The wooden structure is part of the approved Site-Plan. After some discussion, the board reversed its earlier decision. It decided to keep it at its existing location. Brother Ali Husain will contact the Chitty garbage service to schedule a weekly garbage pick-up.
4. The unfinished and approved landscaping project is being completed under the leadership of Br. Azhar. A total of \$1710.32 was spent on mulch and rocks. Moved by brother Imran and seconded by Br. Abdelhameed, approved unanimously.

Proposed date for Board Election:

The Board election will be held on Sunday, Sept 19. In case the quorum is not met, it will then be held on Sunday, Sept 26th at the Islamic Center. Agreed unanimously.

All the board members unanimously agreed to the names on the list submitted by Jani Abbasi (Out of the Country), except for khateeb for Eid ul fitr(4-0-2). The list is for the entire year. The approved list is posted on our website and on notice boards of the Islamic Center. Two names of probable khateeb for Eid ul fitr will be sent by each board member to the Chair by e-mail. The Chair will select the Khateeb based on the votes for each proposed Khateeb by the board members and announce the Khateeb for Eid-ul-Fitr Khutba.

Old Business:

Podium for khateeb has been ordered and received by Br. Salman Maqsood. It will be installed in the Prayer Hall on the first day of Ramadan.

Next meeting: Two weeks prior to the Board Election.

The meeting was adjourned at 8: 38pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Salahuddin Syed
Secretary to the Ex. Board