

DarulArqum Islamic Center
Property and Building Committee
Annual Report 2009-2010

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Due to several long absences by many members of this committee, there were limited formal meetings. Ad hoc meetings sufficed to resolve certain pressing issues.

1. Custodial Services:

With no formal services, the masjid is not getting cleaned appropriately. The Board and the PB Committee had offered custodial services to DAIC members to earn money. This failed twice in a row thereby delaying recruitment of a professional service provider and further deteriorating the condition of the masjid. C and J Cleaning provided once weekly cleaning for \$50 during July and August. This was suboptimal for the cleaning agency as well as for us. We have temporarily hired SrSelwa.

2. Snow removal: Willy Wellington provided decent snow removal services. We should continue with his services in the future.

3. Lawn care: Lawn mowing is being done by the same person that provides lawn care for Br. SaleemBaig. At \$25/week.

4. Landscaping:

South side spruce was removed due to needle disease. Mulching was done near the masjid.

North side: Land around the fenced trash area was landscaped. Ground cloth and mulch were placed. Future plan is to place hastas and other greenery.

West side: Prior year landscaped area was weeded and extra rocks were placed to prevent further weeds.

5. Trash removal: dumpster was removed and two 96 gallon trash bins were used instead during Ramadan. One bin will be sufficient during the remainder of the year.

6. Basement water leak: Flood of 2010 lead to repeated water in the basement. Clay was placed near the foundation and water shield was placed above basement door on the east side.

7. New purchases: Eureka vacuum (downtown Ames)

Refrigerator (Lowe's)

Chairs for multipurpose room

Podium for khateeb

8. Roof leaks: several minor roof repairs were done because water was leaking into the masjid bathrooms and hallways. Estimates were obtained to repair the bottom roof alone (about \$8-10,000) versus the entire roof (about \$20,000).

New down spout was added and gutters were cleaned. The committee was planning to add electrical outlets under soffits and use heat cables in three areas of the roof to prevent ice accumulation.

9. Carpet was steam cleaned a total of three times during the year.

Respectfully submitted by Ali Husain