

Darul Arqum Islamic Center

PR Cmte Minutes

December 20, 2012

Establish Quorum: Present: Waddah Akili, Beth Sermet, Ammar Melaibari, Omar Mancini. Absent (excused): Salahuddin Syed.

1. Call to Order: The meeting came to order at 8:00 p.m.
2. Opening prayer: Br. Ammar read a short opening prayer.
3. Discuss Duties of the Public Relations (PR) Committee (Cmte) as specified in the DAIC Bylaws (sent as an attachment to the agenda): The duties of the PR Cmte as written in the Darul Arqum Islamic Center (DAIC) Bylaws were reviewed by Sr. Beth with some detail in an attempt to acquaint new members with the duties and responsibilities of the cmte.
4. Discuss the duties of the PR Cmte in relation to other DAIC cmtes (Da'wa & Religious Affairs & Educational Affairs Cmtes specifically): Sr. Beth mentioned the need for the PR Cmte to utilize the expertise of people serving on other cmtes, such as Da'wa and Educational Affairs, to bring their knowledge to events that the PR Cmte would sponsor or participate in with other groups. The other members discussed this and thought it would be possible to have a joint effort and involve members of other cmtes.
5. Election of Officers: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary: Officers elected were as follows:
 - a. Chair: Salahuddin Syed - ksalsyed@yahoo.com
 - b. Vice Chair: Omar Mancini – omarmancini@gmail.com
 - c. Secretary: Beth Sermet – beth@smspipes.com
6. Goals for the term: Programs and Activities:
 - a. Redo the folders given to visitors – Sr. Beth will give the members folders to review.
 - b. Frame & Display the “Discover Islam” on the walls of the hallways & multipurpose rooms.
 - c. Engage in Inter-religious dialogue:
 - i. Give presentations on Islam to churches. Use the power-point presentation that has been used in the past.
 - ii. Develop and offer new programs on a variety of topics that are of interest to the community – Sariah, Islamaphobia, Muslims in America, Jesus (PBUH) from an Islamic Perspective. Need to use the best sources that may already have developed programs.
 - iii. Invite people of other religions to the DAIC.
 - iv. Participate in community celebrations – FACES, Thanksgiving, 11 Days of Unity.
 - v. Practice our presentations and develop teams of presenters who have good English language skills.
 - d. Assignments for the next meeting:
 - i. Br. Waddah & Sr. Beth – Establish contact with as many religious groups in Ames as possible.
 - ii. Br. Omar – Establish contacts in the Ames media (newspapers, radio & TV).
 - iii. Br. Ammar – Find community events and activities that the PR Cmte and Muslim community join.
7. The next meeting of the PR Cmte will be on Sunday, February 3, 2013 after Isha. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm. with a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Sermet, Secretary