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Darul Arqum Islamic Center

of Ames Iowa

Monthly Board Meeting

Wednesday, **Feb. 16th** 2022

Date: Feb. 16th, 2022 (Wednesday)

Time: 7:15 p.m.

Location: DAIC – Virtual meeting

Attended: Ashfaq Khokhar, Saleem Baig, Sondoss Elnegahy, Salman Maqsood, Yasir Obeid, Vickie Mujeeb, Mahmoud Ghashash (on behalf of Religious Affairs Committee), Mohammed Rashid, Kylie Anderson

Absent: Md Mosleh Uddin, Mohamed Ali

Guest: Basmallah Aldammak

Meeting Agenda:

1. **Approving previous meeting minutes**
 - Motion to approve by Br Salman and second by Sr. Kylie, U approved
2. **Listening to Sr Basmallah's proposal on adding a new Youth Committee**
 - Sr Basmallah expressed the need in the community for more involvement of youth members of the community, i.e. ages 16-20
 - An agreement was made for creating an ad-hoc Youth committee with Sr Kylie as the liaison, since she showed interest, is best at this stage so we don't have to wait for ByLaws changes.

A motion moved by Br Salman to approve a proposal to form committee and bring the board an agenda. Second by Sr Kylie, U approved.

Action item 1:

- Sr Kylie and Sr Basmallah will bring create a committee and bring to the board an agenda for the rest of the year.
3. Forming a Ramadan planning committee
 4. Continuing yearly plan for the rest of the committees
 5. Putting an action plan on approving Bylaws changes passed from the previous committee

3. Deciding on Ramadan Iftar

It was clear that there is a call for bringing back Iftar. The main issue the BoDs discussed was the logistics of Iftar. The following are the points that were agreed on:

- Iftar will be provided as a package meal
- Brothers and Sisters picking up the meals will make the choice of staying and eating at the masjid or take the meal home – DAIC would not be advertising for Iftar at the masjid but it becomes people's personal choice to stay and eat
- We will be monitoring the case numbers after Spring break to decide to proceed or cancel
- Volunteers who cook the food would bring it in large trays (as normal) but there would be at least 2 volunteers at the masjid to serve the meal packages.
- To help volunteers who are cooking and make it easier for packing the food, we should strive to have simpler Iftar items.
- There's a possibility to have at least 1 community Iftar if arrangements for an outdoor space could be arranged. Preferably, this could be combined with Fundraising event
- The Muslim Student Association is working on a big Ramadan event that includes bringing a speaker and inviting ISU community (Muslims and nonmuslims) to attend Iftar. DAIC will collaborate with MSA on this event

Action item 2:

- Signing up forms should be distributed for the following:
 - Singles who are interested in having Iftar meals set up
 - Sisters who would be interested to volunteer to cook

As a result of the above discussion, a motion to approve a lunch box Iftar for singles assigned to Social Affairs committee and Women's Affairs committee moved by Br Salman, Second by Sr Vickie, U approved. Also, a motion to approve one community Iftar outdoors moved by Br Salman, second by Sr Kylie, U approved.

4. Forming a Ramadan planning committee

No committee was formed since tasks were distributed among different committees. In addition, we have had formed a Fundraising committee.

5. Continuing yearly plan for the rest of the committees

Religious Affairs committee presented the following plan for 2022:

- More collaboration with MSA
- Adding days for halaqas for men, women and young children

- Such halaqas would be broadcasted on Facebook or a similar channel
- Maintaining leading prayers and Jumma khutbah
- Leaders for taraweeh:
 - It cannot be determined at this point of how much of the Qur'an recitation during taraweeh could be covered.
 - Many community members prefer volunteers who lead taraweeh would be reciting Qur'an and not reading from the Mus'haf
 - A suggestion was made to hire previous Imam for Taraweeh. However, since we have some community members who are Hafiz, combining what each member knows, we might be able to have the full Qur'an recited during taraweeh prayer.
 - We can then reassess if we need to hire an Imam

Action item 3:

- Br Ashfaq will work with Br Mohamed Ali on meeting community members who are Hafiz with proper Tajweed.

Building and Property Management

- An upcoming event for Building and Property Management is basement and storage clean up.

6. Putting an action plan on approving Bylaws changes passed from the previous committee:

- a. Br Ashfaq will send the latest modified copy
- b. BoDs should read and be ready for next meeting to vote
- c. A dedicated General Assembly meeting will be conducted for approval

Imam search committee updates:

Committee is meeting regularly and currently working on the job description

Meeting adjourned