

Minutes of IALFM BoD Meeting - August 21, 2010

Present were Br. Razaq, Br. Qasim, Br. Babar, Br. Saife, Br. Kamran, and Sis. Nazzie (by phone). Meeting minutes from the last two meetings, 8/1 and 8/15, were approved.

Operations pledge drive: We currently have 14 people giving for the operations fund. Br. Baber will get new pledge cards printed. He will add print to the back with general information about what to give money for. Operations pledges need to be increased because the increased size of the facility. The pledge cards and other forms will be available for everyone to take.

Website: Br. Babar updated the website to include a membership form (currently under review by board), an ERF, and a youth page.

Vendors and sponsorship: The suggestion was to let them have a table on the Eid Day for a fee. Br. Saife will look into putting up a notice board and charging for advertising.

Garage Sale for Pakistan flood relief: This event will be scheduled for next week. Br. Babar will promote the event via emails and set guidelines for the items to be included in the garage sale. A suggestion was made to involve kids. Left over material can be given to Sr. Carroll's thrift store.

An interfaith group is having an iftar. Br. Razaq will send an email to fm_muslims group to ask members to attend the event on Thursday, Aug. 26 at the Kol Ami center.

Youth Event: The iftar will be held this coming Wed. This event should spark the beginning of the youth committee. The names were listed to create a committee. Another event will occur on Sept. 3 night – Sep 4 morning. This will be an overnight activity.

Youth Committee will include: Sr. Nazzie, Br. Raamis, Sr. Faiza Jamil Sr. Seemi Hassan, Br Kamran. Br Shaheed Luqman, Br Nadeem Akhtar.

ERF Committee has been formed: Br. Yousuf is chairperson. Members include Br. Saife, Br. Mujtaba Br. Kamran and 2 more. The committee is looking for a Sister. Br. Babar is to create an email erf@ialfm.org which should be forwarded to all members of ERF committee.

Board members considered Br. Jason Nix request for additional funds. It was decided that we should set strict guidelines that payments should only be made to institutions, no cash will be paid out.

Education and Outreach committee will be led by Br. Qasim.

Mona emailed the BoD in regards to the isolation being felt by some Arabs at the mosque. A suggestion was made to order Arabic food or food that is not spicy. We should promote vendors that sell non-spicy foods on our website for sponsors to choose

from. Everyone from the community should be more aware of new people and people of minority cultures in the community. We should show hospitality.

Serving of the women's iftar: The board discussed the difficulty of the logistics of the sitting areas for iftar. Some ladies do not like sitting near the men. The men have now been pushed back off of the patio, which is on dirt. The front yard will be paved (or sod will be put down) and be reserved for the men. Br. Qasim will look into installing some device to use as a wudu area in the front. All voted and agreed unanimously that the men would be served in the front yard, effective today.

The mimbar: Br. Razaq knows someone who is willing to pay for the mimbar.