

IALFM Minutes of BoD Meeting August 15, 2010

Present were:

Razaq Khazi-Syed, Firoz Vohra, Saife Islam, Kamran Quddusi, Nazzie Pater-Rov (by Phone), Babar Bhatti, Imam Rashid

Maintenance & Improvement:

The Wi-Fi needs to be fixed. The audio system was not working well last week, but when Br. Firoz came to check the system, it worked fine. An audio person will come to look at it. Br. Babar suggested that we replace the windows. Br. Firoz is looking into it. Br. Sammy has been fixing the bathroom. It has taken longer than expected to fix the bathroom because the concrete needed to be torn out and replaced in order to level the toilet correctly. The back door will be replaced or a weather strip and new spring will be added. Commercial soap dispensers and other accessories have been installed. Curtain rods and coat hook racks will be installed soon. Some discussion took place about using the front yard to obtain more space. In order to use that space, we will need to buy some new tables, and add some lighting. A notice board needs to be installed for board-approved notices to go up. Br. Firoz will be purchasing more shoe shelves.

It was decided to have the outside power washed before Eid. It was also decided that the paint estimate of \$5K from David was too high. We will look for a more economical contractor and get the paint done after Eid.

Br. Firoz is working to provide the estimates for: door work, barn floor and door, window replacements in old building and for kids playground maintenance work.

It was decided to clean up the existing shelves near old entrance and to remove old phone directories etc.

It was also decided to use water coolers instead of using water bottles for Ramadan. Water bottles will be mainly for Imam and Qaris.

Construction Update:

Br. Firoz provided an update of construction expenses. The fire alarm has been fixed. A contract was signed with the fire department to check the alarms. The group discussed quality of the carpet that was installed. Br. Firoz will talk to the carpet man about replacing the carpet without charge. TV's were purchased and need to be installed. Someone will come to install the computer for the security cameras. We need to test the security system thoroughly. The donation box has been made but is not installed. Br. Razaq mentioned that the mimbar that was created is too big. The bookshelves also need to be improved. A tint company could come to tint the windows. We could also get blinds, but we have to get better quality than what has been budgeted for so that they are not torn up. The recommendation was to put quality blinds on the windows facing outside street. The temporary walls in the men's areas will be installed. Boarders will be installed.

Security and Safety:

The board will request an off duty policeman to provide security during the Eid Day celebration. Some people are parking in the fire lane. A warning note should be placed on the cars who are parking there. For iftar, the ladies food should be placed outside to avoid a fire hazard. The brothers should encourage each other to move over when the ladies come to get their food.

ERF Requests:

One brother needs a c-section for his wife in Indonesia. It will cost \$3500. We do not have enough money in our account. We will ask community members to increase the ERF funds. Br. Kamran will look into trying to help another sister find a job. The feed the neighbor program has a little bit of a surplus and is doing well. Br. Tahir is collecting money for the disaster in Pakistan.

Upcoming Events, Fund Raising and Operations:

On Aug. 20th, a fundraiser will take place. Br. Rodwan Saleh is available as a speaker. We do not know his cost. Depending on the expense, we will consider using him.

Masjid's operational expenses have gone up significantly and we need to communicate that to the community. We need to break down the new monthly expenses so that members will see the need for fundraising. We need to discuss and decided the benefits of memberships and encourage new community members to become members.

Outstanding pledges should be pursued. We need to publicize the availability of pay pal on the website.

Reminders:

Put your shoes on the shelf – it's a safety hazard to leave them in front of the door.

Turn your cell phones off before entering prayer area.

Don't park in the fire lanes – you could get a ticket from Flower Mound Police.

Brothers, make room for the sisters.

Give for the ERF and for monthly operations.

Give for the Ramadan and Eid Activities.