

BOD Meeting Minutes May 28, 2011

Present was Br. Qasim, Br. Razaq, Br. Babar, Imam Rashid, and Sis. Nazzie

Contracts:

The board is creating a contract for the Imam. The Imam was advised to create a business cooperation to save taxes. He was advised to complete an invoice for his services each month.

Fundraising:

Br. Babar reviewed the progress of the fundraising campaign for regular masjid operations. An email was sent out. Br. Razaq made an announcement after Juma. The youth will call people in the community. Individuals will be approached personally. Br. Qasim asked about the Imam's position on using Zakat money for Masjid Operations since we do not have a wagf. The Imam agreed that the Zakat could be used for operations. The Imam will explain this position at the next khutbah. An email will be sent out to outline the categories of allocation options for donations. Sis. Asama will be asked to make a poster to outline the services of the masjid to hang in the masjid. Br. Babar discussed the effort to find both a key note speaker and a fundraising speaker. The priority is to have Saraj Wahaj and Hassan Khalil. The fundraiser for 2012 will be in the last week of January.

Ramadan Planning:

A number of requests have been made by nonprofit organizations to fundraise at our masjid. We will have a first come first serve policy and allow 8 organizations to speak on Saturday nights and after Juma. Our own fundraising will be on the first Juma, the first Saturday, and the last Saturday of Ramadan. Br. Babar will create a calendar to assign times to these organizations. The Imam suggested that we should have a reciprocal policy with other masjids. The time should be limited to 5 or 10 minutes. The calendar that Br. Babar will make can also be used for families to sign up for food. The Khatib for the Taraweah was discussed. The Imam will ask Khalid Kabati to speak for one Taraweah. At the next meeting, more about Ramadan will be discussed.

Construction Planning:

Br. Selod was consulted. He suggested that we try to buy more land. He said that he can give connections for architects and engineers to give us plans for no cost. The vision of the construction plan was agreed upon in the past by the board and posted on the website.

Audit Bids:

Most bids have been for about \$17,000. HRSS LLP has given a bid for \$6,000 for a full audit. HRSS has performed audits for other mosques and will provide references. Farasat Khawaja from HRSS will come on June 11 at the Board meeting to talk to the community.

Well:

Br. Sammy will provide updates.

School:

Graduation is being planned by the school committee to take place at the Wellington Elementary School on June 12. The board approved recognition and gifts for volunteers.