



MASJID AL-ISLAM

Dallas, TX

THE BEACON OF LIGHT, COMMUNITY OUTREACH CENTER

A Religious Non-Profit 501(c) (3) Organization COMMUNITY MEETING MINUTES Of Sunday, June 26, 2022

Attendees on File

- Br. Stanley Lewis opened with Dua.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the meeting of December 26, 2021 were accepted as read. (Motion by: Sajda Pitre; Second by: Bobbie Jones-Baraka)

Financial Update: (Reported by Ishmael Fahmi, Treasurer)

- The Balance Sheet as of June 26, 2022 was presented and discussed. The sum of all accounts totaled \$2,510,151.09.

New Masjid Updates: (Presented by Isam Alim, Architect, Aliman Gonzalez Associates (AGA), Inc. (via zoom))

-Met with the City of Dallas to go through their requirements

-Some demands seemingly to be more excessive were mitigated

-Plans by Civil engineers were submitted June 24

-Should receive comments from all City departments in about 4 weeks

-Based on comments, Civil engineering firms will respond to each comment/request for clarification/change

-Once the City accepts all responses, the Plans which are already conditionally approved, will receive final approval and can be recorded. This will conclude the City's requirement for civil, i.e., driveway, parking, areas for landscaping, connection of utility water, sanitation work, etc. Then we can submit request for Building Permit.

-To not lose time, AGA's conceptual engineering team is working to finalize the Conceptual document for the building. AGA promises to make any changes at their costs, per changes by the City. All engineers are engaged at this time, including AGA, mechanical plumbing, electrical and structural engineers. Landscape architect will be selected later.

-Cost estimators could be solicited as in the past to find out the trends in the market and what can be done to improve costs while maintaining quality.

-Build in stages based on what we can afford

-We cannot determine what the costs will be to build now since the costs of material varies and prices are unstable. We can get more of an idea of costs once bids are received which will be binding.

Committee & Imam Status:

- *Zakat Committee:* (Reported by Ameenah Sabour)

- The Zakat committee continues to assist those in need of help. Anyone not able to email applications are free to contact committee members in person.

- *EFG Updates:* (Reported by Ameenah Sabour)

- Ramadan 2022 was one of the most successful to date. Eighty-eight percent of our 2022 goal was reached in Ramadan alone. The total amount raised was \$315,532.60.
- MAI has outpaced its projected goal of \$360,000.
- Current goal is \$400,000 by end of FY 22
- MAI is in the process of contracting a Digital Marketing Firm to enhance potential for Dhul-Hijjah, NTX Giving Day, Giving Tuesday, Groundbreaking and Ramadan 2023
- You can help: Like and Subscribe to the MAI Facebook; become a recurring donor; share events with others.

-*Imam Status* - Imam Muhammad Abdul-Jami:

- Everyone should make an effort to attend salat at the masjid. Prayer is held at least once every day and two times a day on the weekends.
- Seerah classes are continuing since January.
- Monday, June 27th is the first of a series of classes with Shaykh Mikael Smith. Classes will continue the last Monday of each month.
- New Muslims classes continue. Imam Muhammad Abdullah and Imam Muhammad Abdul-Jami will be instructing.
- Imam Adoro Abdullah is interested in doing a monthly class in the future.
- Eid is July 9th; Eid in the prison will be held on July 10th.
- Will consider hosting professional development classes.

Presentation:

- *Hud K. Williams, Regional Manager, Amana Mutual Fund & Trust*

- Amana is the oldest and largest Islamic investment corporation
- Specializes in offering investment opportunities for Muslim Americans
- Screens out all investment companies that are not aligned with Islamic values
- Give Muslims options to invest in their future while being morally comfortable with investing
- Ways to help Islamic institutions: 1) Brokerage account that allows nonprofits to receive stock donations (MAI now has a Brokerage account); 2) Retirement plans; 3) Educational savings and 4) Investments

Open Issues/Questions/Discussions:

-Beacon of Light (BOL) needs to be cleaned; accountability for the BOL is needed. Community clean up is suggested.

-BOL was being used to run pantry programs and as a homeless distribution area. With no custodial staff and no steady maintenance workers, mainly two sisters have taken care of the BOL with the help of a few other sisters. Volunteers are always needed.

Imam Muhammad Abdul-Jami closed with Dua

Meeting Officiated by Stanley Lewis, Administrator
Minutes Prepared by Ameenah Sabour, Board Secretary