

ISGH North Zone (Bilal Masjid) Council Meeting Minutes January 14, 2019 – (APPROVED)

Council Members Present: (11 out of 13)

Musaji Chauhan, Zaigham Butt, Mohammed Iqbal, Kasim Patel, Amir A. Ismail, Zaheeruddin Ahmed, Mohsin Alam, Ubaid ur Rahman, Faisal Syed, Munira Vaid, Brad Neal

Council Members Not Present: (2 out of 13 Total) # after name indicates unexcused counts

Excused: Afifah Ayub, Nabeel Patel

Unexcused: none

Council Members – need to sign oath: (2 out of 13 Total)

Afifah Ayub, Nabeel Patel

Based on Signed Oath Papers (11 Total), a quorum was met.

Opened the meeting with Duah.

Action Items:

- 1) Oath papers were signed and submitted to the Council for all elected Council Members.
- 2) The North Zone Director, Br. Ayman Khalil approved the nominee for one vacant Council Member position for zip codes 77068 and 77379, with Br. Ubaid ur Rahman:
 - a) Motion: To approve Br. Ubaid ur Rahman as Council Member for 77068 and 77379:
 - (1) 8 in favor, 2 abstain
 - (2) Motion Passed.
- 3) Oath paper was signed and submitted to the Council for the newly assigned Council Member.
- 4) Minutes of the meeting for December 11, 2019 was presented to the Council for approval:
 - a) Motion: To approve the ISGH Bilal Masjid Council meeting minutes for December 11, 2019:
 - (1) 8 in favor, 3 abstain
 - (2) Motion Passed.
- 5) The Standing Committee Chairpersons from 2019 were presented with the only change to the Membership Committee as Br. Zaheeruddin Ahmed:
 - a) Motion: To approve of the Standing Committee Chairpersons from 2019 with the proposed change to Membership Committee Chairperson as Br. Zaheeruddin Ahmed:
 - (1) 1 against, rest in favor
 - (2) Motion Passed.
- 6) The Administrative Body from 2019 were presented with the only change to the Membership Secretary as Br. Zaheeruddin Ahmed:
 - b) Motion: To approve of the Administrative Body from 2019 with the proposed change to Membership Secretary as Br. Zaheeruddin Ahmed:
 - (1) All in favor
 - (2) Motion Passed.
- 7) The monthly Council Meeting day was agreed to be the first Monday of the month, after Maghrib or Isha, based on daylight savings time. All Council Members present were in consensus.
- 8) The Masjid Sound system had a new microphone system installed. The system computer use is not working correctly, so will be changed to a manual system. A new quote will be presented to the Council for approval.
- 9) Masjid sign prohibiting the open carry of weapons will be placed on all car access gates for the Masjid.
- 10) The Masjid security assessment will occur Friday of next week.
- 11) The Masjid Administrator position still needs help to find a person for this paid position.
- 12) The Masjid roadside ditch cleaning for better draining is currently getting handled by Br. Iqbal. He mentioned that the ditch cleaning is underway, with the required work survey revealing standing water that requires the ditches to be re-engineered and repaired. This work will require Harris County Precinct 4 approval once assessed and approved.
- 13) The Masjid lighting to the new LED system is still underway and will be completed soon.
- 14) Shelves for personal items in Wudu areas for men and women has not been progressed. Sr. Munira took responsibility for looking into this, and will report back to the Council by next meeting.
- 15) The Masjid new automatic push button glass doors are still waiting for the 3rd quote prior to having the work done at the Masjid. This is to facilitate better access to the Musaleen rather than complying with Code.
- 16) The damaged ceiling insulation for the Masjid Community Hall (A-Frame) will have repairs done by the approved Contractor once the quotes are finalized. Approval of funds were given in the last meeting.

Informational Items:

- 1) Br. Ayman Khalil, the ISGH North Zone Director, Br. Badar Alam, the ISGH General Secretary, and Br. Musaji Chauhan, the Associate Director of ISGH North Zone Bilal Masjid sent some updates to the Council as follows:

- a. ISGH Council Members, Administrative Body and Standing Committee Chairpersons will be receiving new email addresses. All ISGH communication will be handled by the use of these new email addresses instead of personal email addresses to track with.
 - b. All Council Members will be receiving a Membership list for members in their affiliated zip codes from ISGH on their new ISGH email addresses in the upcoming weeks. It is encouraged for all Council Members to contact these members and provide updates to their information back to ISGH to help improve the database.
 - c. ISGH North Zone Bilal Masjid currently only receives up to \$4,000 in monthly check-o-matic donations. This is not enough to sustain the Masjid on a monthly basis. All Council Members are encouraged to solicit more members to increase this amount to at least cover the monthly expenses, which include utility and payroll.
 - d. All Council Members are encouraged to attend the Joint Majlis Shurah and Council Meeting once the date is approved.
- 2) Br. Amir Ismail relayed an update to the Council on upcoming lectures and events at the Masjid:
 - a. Friday, January 24th, Iman Eiad Soudan will be giving a lecture on the last section of Surah Furqan. This will be after Isha Salat with food served after the lecture.
 - b. The annual food festival is tentatively scheduled to occur in February. Details are still underway.
- 3) Br. Zaheeruddin proposed to the Council to have a welcome Ramadan event to help break the barriers between cultures. He obtained a list of participants from the Council and will work on program development and details for the event. The event will occur a week or so before Ramadan begins on April 24.

Concluded meeting with Duah.