

ISGH North Zone (Bilal Masjid) Council Meeting Minutes December 8, 2020 – (APPROVED)

Council Members Present: (8 out of 13)

Musaji Chauhan, Mohammed Iqbal, Amir A. Ismail, Zaheeruddin Ahmed, Mohsin Alam, Faisal Syed, Munira Vaid, Afifah Ayub

Council Members Not Present: (5 out of 13 Total) # after name indicates unexcused counts

Excused: Kasim Patel, Ubaid ur Rahman

Unexcused: Zaigham Butt (2), Brad Neal, Nabeel Patel

Based on Signed Oath Papers, a quorum was met.

Web-Ex Google Meeting; Opened the meeting with Duah.

Action Items:

- 1) Minutes of the meeting for October 27, 2020 was presented to the Council for approval:
 - a) Motion: To approve the ISGH Bilal Masjid Council meeting minutes for October 27, 2020:
 - (1) All in favor
 - (2) Motion Passed.
- 2) The mobile classroom floor replacement has the contractor awarded. Insha-Allah, renovation of the floor will start once the Darul-Arqam semester is complete later this month. The cost will be \$4,500 to complete.
- 3) Sr. Munirah informed the Council that the sound in the Sisters prayer hall needs adjustment to dampen the echo. Br. Musaji stated that he will have this evaluated for any adjustments that need to be made.
- 4) The touchless faucet upgrade of the Masjid is not a CDC mandate for Darul-Arqam operation. Br. Musaji informed the Council that this upgrade will be done at the end of the month with a rough cost estimate of \$1,800 for the upgrade. Since the cost can be considered Masjid maintenance, and under the limit, Council approval for the cost of this upgrade is not required.
- 5) The Masjid expense report had some issues and is getting updated currently. Br. Musaji stated that he will email the Council by December 17th. The Masjid account currently has roughly \$199,000 in it.
- 6) The Masjid speaker system repair and upgrade is still under discussion and evaluation. There is a meeting late this week or next week to discuss how the speaker system will be handled.
- 7) Br. Muhammad Iqbal expressed his concern to the Council on the number of Musaleen attending the Friday prayers. His concern is that if we exceed the capacity limits, that action might be taken by local authorities to shut the Masjid for non-compliance. The Council discussed this matter in detail, and based on evaluation, appropriate steps will be taken to ensure that non-compliance does not occur. Currently only 6 volunteers are at Jummah to help, and may not be enough to ensure that the rules are followed properly. Br. Musaji suggested all Council Members that attend Jummah, help in this effort.
- 8) Br. Musaji discussed the issue of having Janazah prayers for Musaleen that passed away due to COVID-19. The concern is that if infected family members come to the Janazah prayer after Jummah Salat, this can be a health risk for all attending. Br. Musaji will discuss with ISGH Shurah on how to handle this situation properly.

Informational Items:

- 1) The Weekend School is continuing classes online with 28 registered so far. Classes end this Sunday and will again resume online Classes in January.
- 2) The Darul-Arqam deficit is running over \$15,000 per month. Funds in savings, the EPP loan from the government and by private donations will allow the school to run until May 2021.
- 3) Currently the Masjid is operating without any issues. The prayers and Jummah Salat are still offered in the A-Frame building. The rules for prayers are followed by the Musaleen without any major issues.
- 4) ISGH early voting occurred at the Masjid this past Sunday. There were a total of 156 Musaleen that came to the Masjid to vote, and the event took place without any issues. The election will be held at the ISGH Main Center this Sunday between 10am to 4pm. Please inform all Members to come out and vote.

Concluded meeting with Duah.