

Islamic Association of Eastern North Carolina
Minutes for the Monthly Meeting of the Majlis Shoora
March 27, 2016 at 9:00 am
Location ~~Masjid ~~Greenville, North Carolina

Present at the Meeting:

Member Attendance	Yes	No
Mohamed Abdo		X
Eslam Ali	X	
Mohamed Shams	X	
Magdy Taha	X	
Assef Thaher	X	
Bahjat Zayyad		X
Samar Badwan	X	
Nada Fadul	X	

Special guests:

None

The Meeting was called to order by Brother Mohamed Shams, President of the Majlis Shoora. Brother Shams opened the meeting with a reminder to the Shoora Members the value of their attendance to all meetings. Brother Shams cited the bylaws attendance policy for the Shoora Members.

Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved unanimously by all attending Shoora Members with the additions of the following:

1. Under New Business - Masjid's Website
2. Under New Business - The return of election materials to the Shoora
3. Under New Business - Khutba Speakers Group

Approval of Minutes from previous meeting on March 17, 2016

Minutes from the March 17, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Changes will be given to the Secretary for correction.

The President will review said changes, approve and post to the Masjid's Website.

Committee Reports

Committees are still being organized. Some Committee Chairperson Appointments have changed. A new list will be provided at the next meeting.

Brother Magdy Taha suggested a fifteen passenger van for the youth to use for activities.

Brother Magdy Taha pledged a donation of \$1,000.00 to help secure the vehicle. Chairman Mohamed Abdo, of the Committee for Youth Affairs will be contacted regarding this generous offer and a great way to start the Committee's efforts for the Youth in the Community. Brother Eslam Ali and Sister Nada Fadul volunteered to assist with trips.

Old Business

Election of Secretary

Brother Shams asked for nominations for Secretary.

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Brother Assef Thafer nominated, Sister Samar Badwan, seconded by Brother Magdy Taha. No other candidates were nominated. Brother Shams called for the vote.

Voting - Yes - (Eslam Ali, Mohamed Shams, Magdy Taha, Assef Thafer, Nada Fadul, Samar Badwan)

Not Present (Mohamed Abdo and Bahjat Zayyad)

Ceiling Repair Update - Brother Assef Thafer

The roof repair has been completed. The leak was repaired and all rotted wood replaced. Gutters have been ordered to help maintain the life of the roof.

New Business

Prison Outreach Program, brought by Brother Shams to reach out to the incarcerated that have an interested in learning about Islam. The Program would help provide educational materials/programs/services and advocate for religious rights of the incarcerated Muslims. Shoora members discuss the Program and will extend an invitation to Brother Abdul Rahim to attend the next meeting to provide previous knowledge and experience of the process. (Shoora Member Bahjat Zayyad agreed to be Chairperson of the Program if approved, he extended his interest to Brother Shams prior to the meeting).

TV Monitor for upstairs and Sisters Section - Shoora Members discussed placement and the number of TV Monitors needed for the Masjid. This will let all Community Members view and hear the Imam during Jummah prayer and other events. A vote was called for one monitor or two monitors.

Voting for one monitor -(Magdy Taha, Samar Badwan, Eslam Ali, Mohamed Shams)

Voting for two monitors - (Nada Fadul and Assef Thafer)

Not Present - (Mohamed Abdo and Bahjat Zayyad)

It was approved to purchase one TV Monitor for the Sisters Section.

Parking Lot with the gravel needs repair for the effective use to Community Members.

It was unanimously agreed upon to be replaced with concrete. Brother Magdy Taha was placed in charge of the Bid process for this job. Voting Yes - (Eslam Ali, Mohamed Shams, Magdy Taha, Assef Thafer, Samar Badwan, Nada Fadul)

Not Present (Mohamed Abdo and Bahjat Zayyad)

A Monthly Dinner for the Community will be organized and coordinated by Brother Assef Thafer and Sister Nada Fadul. The Majlis Shoora is enthusiastic this will foster stronger bonds within the Community.

Ramadan Planning:

1. Weekly Iftars on Saturday during Ramadan - Brother Assef Thafer will coordinate.

2. Invitations for Dignitaries, InterFaith Members and other non-Muslims :

Attending Shoora Members agreed the best time to host these groups would be the second and third weeks of Ramadan. Brother Magdy and Sister Samar Badwan will collaborate on identifying invitees and extending the invitations.

3. Zakat Collection will be collected on the first day of Ramadan and distributed immediately to those in need within the Community.

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4. Fundraising for the Masjid will take place during Ramadan.

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Not Present (Mohamed Abdo and Bahjat Zayyad)

Masjid's Website is the Majlis Shoora's responsibility to post informational items, minutes and announcements for the Community. It was motioned by Brother Assef Thaher and seconded by Brother Eslam Ali for Brother Magdy Taha and Sister Samar Badwan to handle these duties and collaborate with Brother Mushabar in the posting of Community items.

Voting - Yes - (Eslam Ali, Mohamed Shams, Assef Thaher and Nada Fadul)

Not Present (Mohamed Abdo and Bahjat Zayyad) Sustaining - (Magdy Taha and Samar Badwan)

The return of election materials to the Shoora:

Majlis Shoora Members discussed the return of election items to the Majlis Shoora for the purpose of safeguarding the registered voters information pursuant to privacy laws. The Secretary was asked to handle this task via the internal channels to seek the return of the said information. The returned information will be in the possession of the Majlis Shoora to be held in confidentially. This information was entrusted for the purpose of registering to vote and not to be used for any other purpose than what it was collected for.

Voting - Yes -(Eslam Ali, Mohamed Shams, Magdy Taha, Assef Thaher, Samar Badwan, Nada Fadul)

Not Present - (Mohamed Abdo and Bahjat Zayyad)

Friday Khutba Speakers Group - Brother Shams opened the floor for discussion to organize a group of Friday Khutba Speakers. Shoora Members suggested several brothers from the Community. Brother Shams and Brother Eslam Ali was asked by the Shoora to make contact with each brother to ask if they would like to participate. Also to consulat and coordinate with the Imam. Brother Shams and Brother Ali will update the Shoora members at the next meeting.

Good and Welfare Items

Sister Samar Badwan informed the Shoora members on April 30, 2016 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm, the Interfaith Prayers for Peace and Justice will be at the Masjid. Brother Shams suggest refreshments would be a nice gesture of fellowship.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm by Brother Shams, seconded by Brother Eslam Ali and ended with supplication.

Next Shoora Meeting will be on April 5, 2016 at 7 pm.