

Islamic Association of Eastern North Carolina
 Minutes for the Monthly Meeting of the Majlis Shoora
 June 24, 2016 at 6:30 pm
 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.

Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved unanimously by all attending Shoora Members

Approval of Minutes from previous meeting on April 5, 2016

Minutes from the April 5, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Changes were given to the Secretary for correction and the President will review said changes, approve and post to the Masjid's Website.

Committee Reports

Prison Outreach- Brother Bahjat gave update about the prison outreach program in regards to seeking volunteers to help with the Islamic services at the Greene County Correctional Institution. The Shoora will have volunteer forms that will be provided to the mosque members which will be announced tonight. Women's Committee-Sister Nada informed the other Shoora member that after Ramadan, the Women's Committee will meet on the 1st Saturday.

Youth Committee-Brother Mohamed Abdo updated the Shoora member about the sleepover initiative and because there was a lack of youth participating that it would be cancelled and Brother Eslam suggested having the sleepover at a later time. Brother Magdy informed the Shoora members that there would be updated basketball goals and ping pong game put in for the youth.

Old Business

Parking Lot Update-Brother Magdy Taha updated the Shoora members about the Parking Lot and showed the Shoora members design plans of what the parking lot would look like when finished. Also an addition of towing signs would be added to the design plans. Sister Samar made a motion on the towing proposal and Brother Eslam seconded and Brother Shams, Brother Bahjat, Brother Eslam, Sister Samar, Sister Nada, Brother Assef and Brother Magdy all voted yes to adding towing signs and Brother Mohamed Abdo voted no to the addition of towing signs. It was approved by the Shoora.

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Zakat Distributions-Brother Mohamed Abdo and Brother Assef informed the Shoora that they were having issues with obtaining funds in a timely manner to distribute to those in need. The Shoora members agreed that a discussion with Brother Farhad would be necessary to resolve this issue so that Brother Mohamed Abdo would have full access to the funds/checks without having to go through others. The Shoora members agreed that with the proper documentation for all funds withdrawn, there should not be an issue with giving Brother Mohamed Abdo access. Also Brother Mohamed Abdo suggested an online application for those that need to apply for assistance and all the Shoora members agreed that it would be a good option. Brother Shams informed the Shoora members that fundraising efforts achieved totaled approximately \$44,000 so far. Also Brother Shams informed the Shoora members of a member who would like to donate new carpet for the whole mosque and the Shoora members decided to continue discussion at the next meeting.

EID PREPARATION- There were several suggestions for where the EID prayer would take place. Jaycee Park, the mosque and the Greenville Convention Center were a few suggestions. A majority Shoora vote narrowed the option to the Greenville Convention Center. Brother Assef, Sister Nada and Brother Magdy were going to look into this suggestion and the final announcement would be made at the July 1st Friday Jumaa Prayer.

New Principal and Vice Principal- The current principal has moved from our Greenville community and the Shoora needs to vote for a new principal and vice principal for our Islamic Sunday School for the new year. Sister Samar, Sister Nada and Brother Shams made some suggestions of some possible candidates. Sister Samar offered to contact all suggested candidates and report back to the Shoora members and the Shoora members agreed to this decision.

Yearly Maintenance- Sister Nada and Brother Eslam informed other Shoora members of the necessity of cleaning supplies (cleaning products, toilet paper, paper towels, etc). Sister Nada let the Shoora members know that there would be someone cleaning the mosque on Tuesdays and she would be paid \$60. The majority of the Shoora members agreed to that there would be funds for both the cleaning supplies and the cleaning lady. Brother Eslam let the other Shoora members know about the leaking issue in the women's bathroom and the Shoora members agreed that someone would be contacted to repair the issue as soon as possible. Also, several of the Shoora members mentioned the hole in the women's prayer area and once again the Shoora members agreed that this would be repaired.

Landscaping-Sister Samar mentioned to the Shoora members that some of the Greenville community suggested improving the landscaping in the front of the mosque by adding flowers. Sister Samar told the Shoora members that there were offers of providing flowers for this project. The Shoora members agreed to this suggestion and informed Sister Samar that she could move forward with this initiative.

Islam Education-Islam Education for the Greenville Public was suggested by Sister Samar in which different members of the mosque would be contacted to volunteer to provide Islamic Education to our Greenville Public. The Shoora members agreed that this would be a great way to connect with our Greenville community and suggested to Sister Samar to move forward with this positive initiative.

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Meeting was adjourned at 7:50m by Brother Shams, seconded by Brother Magdy and ended with supplication.

Next Shoora Meeting will be on Sunday July 3, 2016

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