



# MASJID AL-ISLAM

Dallas, TX

THE BEACON OF LIGHT, COMMUNITY OUTREACH CENTER

## A Religious Non-Profit 501(c) (3) Organization COMMUNITY (Virtual) MEETING MINUTES Of Sunday, August 16, 2020

Attendees on File

- Imam Muhammad Abdul-Jami opened with Dua.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the meeting of February 23, 2020 were read and accepted with two noted corrections: Correct spelling of "Zarifa" and "clergymen". (Motion by: Twyla Abdullah; Second by: Talib Udeen). Minutes from the meeting of June 28, 2020 were read and accepted by all. (Motion by: Stanley Lewis; Second by: Tim McCoy).

### **Introduction of New Board Members:**

-Stanley Lewis, Administrator. Bro. Stanley cautioned everyone to stay engaged with the masjid activities in spite of Covid 19.  
-Ishmael Fahmi, Treasurer. Bro. Ishmael expressed being honored to serve in this position as well as echoing Bro. Stanley's message.

### **Finances** - Ishmael Fahmi, Treasurer, reporting:

-The Balance Sheet, As of August 14, 2020: All Bank Accounts totaled \$1,656,487.02. The Profit & Loss sheet of July 2020: Total Income - \$23,597.49; Total Expenses - \$14,189.65; Net Operating Income \$9,407.84.

### **New Construction:** Amir Makin Hamzah, Chair, reporting -

- All properties have been surveyed. The Alley abandonment process includes tearing up pavement, installing new water and sewer lines which must be rerouted, new sidewalk, all according to new city codes. City estimate to complete is \$800k. New plat should be completed this week. Soil analysis is done. Plat will have to be approved by the City.

### **Committee & Imam Status:** -

-Zakat Committee, Shahidah Akhtab, Chair, reporting: Committee continues to assist those in need during Covid. Seeking to find ways for recipients to help themselves and in return to be able to give back to the community while.

-Hospitality Committee, Aasiyah AbdalRahim, Chair, reporting: Committee has gained to two members (Jasmin Ali and Aneesah Thompson). Brainstorming activities to sponsor during Covid. Considering Drive In Movie outside the BQL and a musical event. Kudos to committee members and Imam Muhammad for supporting both EIDs. Also, "thank you" to Zarifa Zarif who keeps in touch with family issues. She is exceptional at what she does.

-EFG (Expansion Fundraising Group), Faiz Quraishi, Chair, reporting: Committee's priorities are to continue to fundraise to cover cost of new masjid; work to increase MAI's digital presence to better engage youth and adapt in the age of Covid; and, to increase the community's engagement via domain specific subcommittees. Consistent volunteers are needed.

\*Imam Muhammad Abdul-Jami's priorities: Education - all activities are to facilitate stronger personal relationships with Allah. During these times, the goal is to use pre-recorded Jum'ah messages, zoom sessions to facilitate halaqas, and Sunday school online/virtual with revamped curriculum to better reflect the immediate needs of our students. Activism - coordinate with Imams of Black Muslim communities to push for racial and economic equality while seeking ways to collaborate to bring congregations closer together. Fundraising - will use platform to advocate for non-Black Muslim Communities to recognize that 'Black Muslim Lives Matter'.

### **Open Issues/Discussions:**

- Alley abandonment - New water lines will have to be installed to make water and sewer lines accessible to all who are using it now. Neighbors will have to give permission to us to install the new lines. Community will have to decide whether we will build on lot we own or continue to fundraise to purchase alley.

- Twyla Abdullah thanks the community and the Zakat Committee for resources needed while in Oklahoma during her Father's illness and his return to Allah.

-Amir Makin reported free Covid 19 testing was done on Friday. First group failed on us an hour before start of event without notice. Current Community partners are willing to conduct testing for HIV, prostate cancer, high blood pressure and breast cancer. Community members should come out to support these events.

-Ishmael Fahmi will register for the North Texas Giving Day.

-Imam Muhammad asked for volunteers to join the planning committee for the upcoming Day of Dignity event on October 17th at the MLK Center.

-Financial support is available for a youth created group that would represent their ideas. Please see Ishmael Fahmi for more information.

-Quarterly Community meetings will continue virtually during this Covid climate.

Imam Muhammad Abdul-Jami closed with Dua

Meeting Officiated by Amir Makin Hamzah, Chair  
Minutes Prepared by Ameenah Sabour, Board Secretary