



In the Name of Allah, the Compassionate, the Merciful. Praise be to Allah, Lord of the Universe, and Master of the Day of Judgment

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Chairman of the Joint Meeting: **MOHAMMAD ALI**

Monthly AMDA Joint Meeting Agenda - March 05, 2022

Date: 03/05/2022

Time: 10:00 - 12:30PM

Agenda items

1. **Meeting Starts with the Name of Allah (SWT):** Chairman
 - The chairman started the meeting with recitation of Surah 'Fatiha'.
2. **January and February Joint Meeting Minutes Approval:** All
 - January and February joint meeting minutes approved by the members.
3. **Financial update**
 - Income Update: Br. Shafiq
 - Expenditure Update: Br. Abedin
 - Check-O-Matic Account Update: Br. Anam
 - Br. Shafiq updated income status
 - Br. Abedin updated expenditure status
4. **Covid Situation Review - Prayer mat, Face Mask and Social Distancing:** All
Based on current CDC and MDHHS guidelines,
 - The prayers will be performed shoulder-to-shoulder with no physical distancing.
 - Face mask and prayer mat are optional, but it is safer to wear face mask and bring your own prayer mat to preserve safety of yours and others. Community email will be sent out for awareness. Lifted Covid restrictions will be displayed on Masjid TV display.
 - Prayer guidelines(covid restriction lifted) will be posted at the entrances of the Masjid.
5. **Masjid Carpet Cleaning Before Ramadan:** All
 - Br. Azim will contact Br. Chari Gul(in the past, he used to clean the Masjid carpet). Sr. Marina will update to the board when Chari Gul will be available to clean the Masjid carpet.
6. **Ramadan Taraweeh, Fund-Raising, and Election:** All
 - Taraweeh: In-person Taraweeh will be performed at the Masjid. Hafiz Tazim Khan and Hafiz Sorwar Ahmed will lead Taraweeh prayer.
 - Ramadan Fundraiser: Ramadan annual Fundraiser Dinner/Iftar(In-person at AMDA premises) date is 16th April 2022. Tentative fundraiser time is at 6:30pm. Br. Farooqi will contact Br. Shaykh Abdullah Waheed for fundraiser guest speaker. If Br. Shaykh is not available, other options are to contact Br. Dawud Walid and Br. Ali Bashir.
 - AMDA Election: The chairman will remind board of advisors to start upcoming election process which is in June 2022.

7. Ramadan Weekend Iftar: All

- in-person at the Masjid or distribution at the Masjid premises. How many days?
- Iftar sponsoring fee. Announcement to the community.
- food arrangements
- A short(10-12 min) speech related to “Ramadan” by Imam before Iftar during entire Ramadan
- 5 min dua by Assistant Imam before Iftar during entire Ramadan
- In-person Iftar at the Masjid premises. 2 days in a week, Fridays, and Saturdays.
- Iftar sponsor fee \$350/family. Community email will be sent out. Iftar sponsorship signup sheet will be posted at Masjid on both men and women sides.
- Br. Ferdous Ghazi will lead overall Iftar management with the help of board members and volunteers.
- For Fridays and Saturdays, live/in-person short presentation will be made on 'Ramadan' related topics by the Imam and followed by short dua by the assistant Imam. During entire Ramadan, all other days other than Fridays and Saturdays, online short presentation will be made by the Imam and followed by short dua by the assistant Imam.

8. During Ramadan Soft Appeal of 5-10 Minutes by Non-Profit Organizations: All

- Insha’Allah, AMDA fundraiser Iftar will be on 16th April. No organizations are allowed for fundraiser on/or before April 16th and the night of Lailatul Kadr/Khatme Qur’an. 5-6 organizations could be allowed for fundraiser/soft-appealing with priority of 1) CAIR, 2) Diversified Educational Foundation, 3) Helping Hands, 4) ..., 5) ..., 6) ... at Imam’s choice.

9. I’tikaf in the Masjid During Last 10 Nights of Ramadan: All

- It has been approved of doing I’tikaf at the Masjid during the last 10 nights of Ramadan.

10. Reach Out to Our Neighbors(Senior Living) for Parking Space During Ramadan: All

- Insha’Allah, Br. Ferdous Ghazi will approach to our AMDA neighbor(Senior Living) to use their grass area for additional parking space during Ramadan in case of overflowing crowd.

11. AMDA membership Update: Br. Ali

- Br. Ali is waiting to get online paid members list from Br. Moin. Master members list will be updated with the new paid members list. The committee members proposed to create online database so any members can check if their membership dues are paid or not.

12. Update on Imam Hiring: Sub-Committee

- At the beginning of the discussion on this agenda item, Br. Sadique pointed out that two of the Imam Hiring Sub-Committee members resigned from the Sub-Committee in protest of the failure of the Sub-Committee to make their final recommendation for the Imam. The two members who resigned are (1) Br. Muhammad Azim and (2) Br. Javid Khatri. Since two members resigned from the Sub-Committee due to the failure of hiring an Imam, Br. Sadique proposed to call the Sub-Committee invalid and form a new Sub-Committee immediately.
- Two of the remaining Sub-Committee members, Br. Abu Ashraf, and Br. Moin Asjad were not present in the meeting. Br. Javid Khatri was present in person in the meeting. Br. Azim was brought into the meeting over phone by Br. Sadique.
- Br. Khatri confirmed that he resigned from the Sub-Committee verbally during the monthly joint committee meeting on Jan 8, 2022. The reasons for his resignation as he pointed out

are (1) He doesn't agree with the idea that BOT is the hiring authority for an Imam which he came to know recently. According to his understanding, joint committee is the hiring authority of an Imam instead. (2) His recommendation of a short list of candidates for Imam hiring was not accepted to make a final recommendation by the Sub-Committee.

- Br. Azim pointed out his frustration of not moving forward with the short list of potential candidates he recommended. According to him, AMDA missed some potential candidate to hire as an Imam AMDA is looking for. Because of this failure he resigned from the Sub-Committee in August or most probably in September of 2021. He recommended to dissolve the current Sub-Committee and form a new Sub-Committee for Imam Hiring. He also recommended that our current Head Imam should be part of the new Sub-Committee as he is the suitable person to properly evaluate a candidate on the depth of knowledge on Islamic Jurisprudence.
- Br. Taufique requested everyone to refrain from making negative comments on the Sub-Committee or even on any Sub-Committee members as such comments may demoralize those brothers who are putting their valuable time for this noble cause of serving Allah SWT.
- Since two of the 4 Sub-Committee members were not present in the meeting, Br. Hafiz proposed to listen to those brothers of their account of the Imam Hiring as well, as we heard from two of the Sub-Committee members who attended today's meeting before moving forward with forming the new Sub-Committee.
- Majority of the attendees agreed with that proposal, so a Special Joint Committee Meeting was scheduled on Mar 12, 2022, on this agenda with the attendance of all the concerned Sub-Committee members.

13. **Resume** Friday Monthly Potluck Dinner, Fajr Khatira, and Tahajjud Salat: All

- Friday monthly potluck dinner will resume right after Ramadan(May 2022).
- Fajr khatira resumed.
- Tahajjud salat will resume in Ramadan.

14. **Construction Update:** Br. Moin/Sub-Committee

- No update - lead subcommittee member was not present. This agenda will be in next joint meeting's agenda.

15. **AMDA Policy** Discussions (BOT, BOR, and SC members Rules and Responsibilities): All

- BOT will send draft of responsibilities to BOR & SC members and vice versa. BOT and BOR & SC members will bring draft of responsibilities in next joint meeting for discussion.

16. **AMDA Constitution: Additional Amendment proposals:** Br. Moin

- Br. Moin was not present in the meeting. This agenda will be in next joint meeting's agenda.

17. **Next Steps** of the Process to Execute AMDA Constitution Amendment Proposals: All

- Tentative date to call AGM after the Eid(May/June 2022). 30day advance notice must be given to the general members for AGM.

18. Meeting Adjourn with Closing Remarks and Prayer: Chairman

- Meeting adjourned by chairman

Future Agenda

19. Board Members' Resignation Acceptance: All

20. YouTube Videos(20-25 min) Upload - Tafsir of Surat Fatiha and Baqarah by Imam

21. AMDA Joint Meeting Attendance Log: Br. Khatri

22. Email Sent by Br. Hafiz on September 30th, 2021, with Specific Request to the Board: Chairman

23. Decision Making Practice in Monthly Joint Meeting for BOT, BOR, and SC members: Br. Moin

24. Assignment of Muazzin for Zuhr Adhan on Fridays: Br. Moin

25. Rahma Worldwide requested for vaccine clinic at AMDA (who make decision): All

- A sister requested for multipurpose room.

26. Assistant Imam Br. Romman Ahmed's Responsibilities on Daily Prayers: All

27. Open Item: All

Board Members:

Date: 03/05/2022

P = Present A=Absent E=Excused Absent

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Guest Attendee:

Muhammad Azim(via phone)

Ferdous Ghazi(via phone)