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**Final Report of ISS Board of Directors (March 2008 – February 2009)**

The ISS Board of Directors for 2008 was elected in March 2008. The following are the major achievements and accomplishments during the ending term (March 2008- February 2009):

- The site plan for the entire Islamic Center project was approved by the City of Stillwater.
- Recitation of the Holy Quran was completed during the blessed month of Ramadan. This was the second year in a row that this feat was achieved during Ramadan. May Allah (SWT) accept the prayers, Qiyam and fasting from all of us. Ameen.
- The ISS was granted 501(c)(3) status by the Internal revenue service that designates ISS as a Federally registered, non-profit religious organization.

The rest of this report has been categorized into the following major categories. Details on each of these categories are also provided.

- I. Fund-Raising and General Donations**
- II. Masjid Project-related Work**
- III. Property Maintenance/Management**
- IV. Dawa'h Activities**
- V. Social and Sports**
- VI. Cultural Activities**
- VII. Cooperative Fund Activities**
- VIII. Arabic School/Education**

May Allah (SWT) help all of us to please Him!

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**ISS Board of Directors, February 20, 2009**

## **I. Fund-Raising and General Donations**

1. Several Masajid were visited for raising funds for the new Masjid project in Stillwater.
2. The ISS fund-raising committee reached Muslim communities in the following cities in 2008: Wichita, Plano, Richardson, Houston, Oklahoma City, Tulsa, Edmond, Fayetteville, and other cities.
3. Weekly contributions were also received from the local community through Friday fund-raising lunches and in Ramadan during the last ten days.

We would like to thank all the brothers, sisters, and kids who, with the help of Allah (SWT), contributed in many ways toward this fund-raising effort.

## **II. Masjid Project-related Work**

1. The site plan for the entire Islamic Center project was approved by the city of Stillwater.
2. The ISS applied for 501(c)(3) status and was granted the same this year by the IRS as per their guidelines. This certification is a standard status that is sought by non-profit organizations in the U.S. that are also federally registered.
3. An architect has been hired to design the engineering aspects of the new project. The technical aspects of the design for phase-I of the project are underway.
4. Inshallah, the year 2009 will see the beginning of the construction in the form of Phase-I.

## **III. Property Maintenance/Management**

1. Regular maintenance on all Masjid's property including heating and air-conditioning systems were carried out.
2. Regular cleaning and house-keeping for the Masjid (both inside and outside) were carried out. Many brothers formed teams and volunteered in preparing the Masjid for Juma'h prayer and other special events.
3. Carpet cleaning for the Masjid and Dar-es-Siddiq was conducted several times in the year.

## **IV. Dawa'h Activities**

1. An Open House event was organized at the ISS facilities in April, 2008. This consisted of live presentations about Islam and videos on different Islamic topics. Discover Islam posters were displayed and food and refreshments were served. Stillwater Mayor gave the opening remarks to the visitors of the open house.
2. Several OSU/NOC classes requested for a visit to the Masjid and presentations about Islam through the year. Therefore, they were given a tour of the Masjid, presentation about Islam was made and food and refreshments were served.
3. Copies of the English Translation of the Quran were distributed to visitors who requested for a copy of the Quran.

## **V. Social and Sports**

1. Daily Iftar was provided for the community in the month of Ramadhan. Dinner was provided for two days per week during the holy month of Ramadhan.
2. Community-wide dinners were provided on the Eid-ul-Fitr, Arafat/Eid-ul-Adha and Ashura.
3. The Masjid organized Aqeeqa for several families in the year.
4. The two Eids were celebrated with Eid prayers and a community-breakfast/pot-luck. Moon-walk was also rented for kids on the occasion of Eid.
5. A soccer tournament was held with the participation of many brothers during the summer.
6. Pot-luck dinners were held during Friday evenings in the Masjid.

## **VI. Cultural Activities**

1. Alhumdulillah, this Ramadan (2008) marked the second occasion in two years that **Khatam-ul-Quran** was achieved. This was a great blessing for all of us that we were able to achieve this goal. We would like to thank the brothers who led the Ramadan prayers (Taraweeh and Qiyam-ul-layl) and, with the help of Allah (SWT), made it possible to achieve this great goal.
2. Several guest speakers were hosted in the year. The guest speakers were also made aware of the need to raise funds for this Masjid.
3. Khataras were arranged during Ramadan Taraweeh prayers.
4. A series called Seerah of Prophet (SWS) was held during Friday evenings in the Masjid.
5. The series "forty-hadith from Imam Nawawi" continued to be organized on Monday evenings in the early part of the year.
6. Another series called "Day of Judgment" was also organized on Wednesday evenings in the first few months of the year.

## **VII. Cooperative fund Activities**

Cooperative funds were used to provide assistance for families who were found in need of such help.

## **VIII. Arabic School/Education**

1. The registration in Arabic school witnessed a healthy growth in enrollment. The kids were taught basic Arabic and the reading of the Quran.
2. A new book which can serve as a resource for public school teachers to refer to on Islam was purchased and will be shortly distributed to the schools as an unavailable resource.
3. A request was sent to the elementary schools in Stillwater to grant excused absence to Muslim kids on the occasion of Eid.

The ISS board thanks all the brothers and sisters, who by the help of ALLAH (SWT), made the above activities possible. We pray to Allah (SWT) to reward all the brothers and sisters for their sincere efforts.