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Final Report of ISS Board of Directors (March 2009 – February 2010)

The ISS Board of Directors for 2009 was elected in March 2009. The following are the major achievements and accomplishments during the ending term (March 2009- February 2010):

• The building permit for Phase-I was received and construction activity began on Nov 1, 2009.

• Recitation of the Holy Quran was completed during the blessed month of Ramadan. This was the third year in a row that this was achieved during Ramadan without a full-time Imam. May Allah (SWT) accept the prayers, Qiyam and fasting from all of us. Ameen.

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**
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- VI. Cultural Activities**
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May Allah (SWT) help all of us to please Him!

I. Fund-Raising and General Donations (in collaboration with the Fund-Raising Committee).

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 2009: Wichita, Plano, Richardson, Ardmore, Norman, 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.
4. Game-day parking was also used to collect funds for the Masjid.

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 (in collaboration with the Building Committee).

1. The construction documents of Phase I were completed in July 2009 after several months of technical effort by the structural engineers in consultation with mechanical engineers and the building technical committee.
2. Soil testing was also completed for the entire project.
3. A drainage study was also completed by the planner and this was approved in the Summer 2009 by the City.
4. An interim progress report on the project was presented to the ISS General assembly in August 2009.
5. Building permit was issued for Phase I in October 2009.
6. Construction activity for Phase I began in November 2009.

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.
4. Maintenance work was also undertaken to organize the Arabic school and Main Office.
5. The sewer line broke late May. The ISS Board managed very quickly to get it fixed.
6. Removal of the decaying tree west of the existing Masjid.

7. The broken window on the west side of the one-bedroom apartment is fixed.

IV. Dawa'h Activities

1. An Open House was organized at the ISS facilities in April 2009. This consisted of live presentations about Islam and videos on different Islamic topics. Islam posters were displayed and food and refreshments were served.
2. Several OSU/NOC classes requested for a visit to the Masjid and presentations about Islam through the year. 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 Eid'ain were celebrated with Eid prayers and a community-breakfast/pot-luck. Moon-walk was also rented for kids on the occasion of Eid.
5. Pot-luck dinners were held during Friday evenings in the Masjid.

VI. Cultural Activities

1. Alhumdulillah, this Ramadan (2009) marked the third occasion in three years that **Khatam-ul-Quran** was achieved. This was a great blessing for all of us that we were able to achieve this goal without a full-time Imam. 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. Khaterahs were arranged during Ramadan Taraweeh prayers.
3. A Halaqa series was started after Ramadan. This series was held on Jumuah after Isha Salah.
4. A new series of reading ahadith from Riyadh-us-Saliheen was started in January 2010.

VIII. Arabic School/Education

1. The weekend school budget had a deficit of \$215 in the fall semester and an additional deficit of \$500 for providing lunch for students and teachers. The Masjid had to cover these expenses since the tuition of the school was **insufficient** to meet the school budget. This has been the case for at least past two years. More funds will be required to cover these expenses in the future.

2. The contact time at the weekend school was increased by having a fourth teacher. This was necessary to maintain a healthy **student-to-teacher ratio**.

Other Recent Activity:

- A new set of rules for the conduct of kids at the Islamic Center have been approved by the general assembly of ISS on February 5, 2010. A copy of these rules will be posted in the Masjid and would also be provided to members soon.
- An ISS pocket guide for regular activities undertaken at the Masjid is under preparation. The pocket guide contains the details of activities at the ISS and also contains helpful advice and reminders for future boards to help them with their schedule of running the affairs of the Islamic center.

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.