

Vision Statement – Board Of Trustees

Masood Ali Khan

Dear Community Members,
Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wabarakathahu

My name is Masood Ali Khan, and I'm running for an open Board of Trustees (BOT) position, InshaAllah. My family and I have been part of this beautiful community for more than a decade, during which IFN became part of our extended family. Apart from fulfilling our religious duties and strengthening our faith, we continue to volunteer at IFN.



Besides volunteering at IFN for the last several years, Alhamdulillah, I served as Vice President of the Executive Committee (EC) for two terms between 2016-2019. Currently, I'm a member of the fundraising committee. As Vice President, I have worked in various committees to fulfill the operational and strategic goals of IFN. I'm grateful to Allah SWT first and then the volunteers who helped me accomplish several goals in the following areas.

Sunday school: Following changes were made in Sunday school to improve the quality, accountability and discipline:

- Established a uniform contract/code of conduct for all the teachers. Including options for teachers and principals to be paid
- Introduced Arabic class program for Sunday school students
- Introduced school administration software, other technology and curriculum improvements

Quran Academy (QA):

- Led the adhoc committee to improve QA program (in 2016)
- Recruited QA director
- Increased enrolment of part-time/full-time hifz students
- Introduced part-time hifz classes for girls

Security Establishment and Enhancements:

- Inception of security guards during weekend schools, Friday salah and IFN events
- Introduced security measures inside and outside of the building (door alarms, access control etc)
- Established good contacts with local and county law enforcements agencies
- Planning of additional safety measures in the musallah area

Special Needs program at IFN:

- Started partnership with MUHSEN
- Improvements made to get certified by MUHSEN
- Started a Sunday school class for children with special needs, special accommodations for people with special needs at the IFN events.

Besides these key areas, I was actively involved in:

- Overseeing and help conduct education programs/topics
- Scheduling and publishing monthly line-up of Khateebis
- Helping and finalizing the yearly calendar design and printing
- Help introduce new programs like Aikido classes at IFN
- Actively involved in interfaith activities
- Participated and conducted social events at IFN

I would like to carry forward this enthusiasm into next phase and InshaAllah, my focus as a BOT member will be the following:

1. Help improve and carry out the strategic vision of IFN. Establish clear and concise goals for every year, involve, educate and augment our volunteer base to fulfil the goals from our strategic vision
2. Support building of a multipurpose facility to help transform the current space into a full Islamic center - Alhamdulillah, this will help meet the needs of our weekend schools as we are outgrowing the current classroom space, bring youth activities closer to masjid, conduct IFN events and help establish a full-time school with a daycare center
3. Work with EC and BOT to Introduce scholarship programs for outperforming students in Quranic and secular studies – Help talented and interested Hifz students pursue a career path through higher learning
4. Leadership shadow program for youth – Encourage and engage our youth to participate in the meetings to help them understand the decision-making process and assist them to become future leaders. Provide internship opportunities where possible
5. Establish relationships with other masjids in our area – Identify areas of synergies and cooperate in these areas
6. Open communication through open house – Improve mutual understanding of the development needs and get a perspective of the community on the ongoing activities
7. Refocusing on Community engagement – Last couple of years have been very hard on us, but inshaAllah, we will get past this together with the blessings of Allah SWT and begin focusing on getting our community re-engaged in improving and making the masjid a central part of our life for us and for our future generation.

If elected, inshaAllah, I will be working closely with the fellow BOT members and the EC (as needed) in accomplishing these goals.

I Pray to Allah SWT to guide me in the right direction and help me make the right decisions (as dictated by Qur'an and in-line with the Sunnah of our Prophet (pbuh)) that is beneficial to our community and the Muslim ummah in general. Personally, I believe there is always room for improvement as an individual (for myself) and in the organization (I will be representing) – My eyes and ears are always open to hear the feedback from the community and act on it. If you have any questions or suggestions please feel free to contact me at masood.ali@yahoo.com.

Jazak Allah Khair
Your brother in Islam
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