



## IFN General Body Meeting – Q&A

Date: 12/6/2020

**1. How is Al Ihsan School funded?**

Answer: IFN does not fund the school, as they are completely independent. The school is funded by tuition, private donations, and holding fundraising events. They only use IFN facilities, except for this year they are operating off campus due to the Covid pandemic. For additional details, see [www.alihsanschool.com/support](http://www.alihsanschool.com/support) for FY2019 breakdown.

**2. We built Emergency Exits for Men. Any plans for building the same for Sister's Section?**

Answer: Not at this moment. We will consider it in the future and discuss it with the Construction Committee, Board, and Executive Committee.

**3. Is there a reason for Bylaws having Voting eligibility requirement to be a member by March 31<sup>st</sup>? Can we have an amendment to update Bylaws to extend the voting eligibility to the time IFN election starts?**

Answer: This is one of the improvement areas we are considering for the Bylaws Refresh. Going up to the election date is not an option, because there has to be some time for the Election Committee to validate and finalize the roster of members. September 30 might be a viable option.

**4. Can you comment on the data integrity, security and sharing of the data collected by the prayer app?**

Answer: The SMART Jamaat App gives us access to Application Programming Interfaces (APIs) to allow us to customize it to our requirements. The information is persisted and secured in the cloud in their data warehouse. We do have access to our IFN data, unlike other Masajid. In the future we can share the data with the CDC for contact tracing, if needed. Other than that, we would not share the data with anyone.

**5. Do we know that they are not selling the data?**

Answer: They do not sell the data and do not intend to sell the data. They would inform us first if an organization approached them to buy the data.

**6. How are you planning on funding the youth in the upcoming year?**

Answer: We have bumped up funding for the youth from \$5000 last year to \$7000 this year. Next year we will assess youth activities, discuss them, and decide if more is needed.

**7. Treasurer's slides had a lot of numbers for us to digest. Can you please increase the presentation time of the Treasurer in future meetings?**

Answer: As was done last year, we plan on holding a Finance Town Hall early next year, probably in February, at which we will deep dive on the numbers. Due to the Covid pandemic this year, we

were not able to hold one this year before today's meeting. Community members can also reach out directly to the IFN Treasurer if answers are needed sooner than next year.

**8. The Youth Journey program is very interesting, nice work on planning that out. How can more of our youth be involved with it?**

Answer: We currently have a small group (10 – 15 people), working on a cadence. The communication has been by word-of-mouth so far. However, members of the community interested in helping can reach out to the EC, Br Shayaan Shaikh, Sr Moneza Anwer, or Br Naveed Ismael: naveed.ismail@ifnonline.com or ifn.yc@ifnonline.com.

**9. I recommend adding a youth diversity council to ensure a true diverse perspective.**

Answer: We are striving to add diversity to every effort at IFN, including the Youth Initiative. As far as the EC goes, moving forward, we will be including the youth in our EC meetings and different committees to be observers.

**10. We heard that the youth funds have been bumped up from \$5000 to \$7000. Is there a process on how those funds will be disbursed?**

Answer: All requests coming to us from the Youth Groups in shaa Allah are going to be considered for financial assistance. We will continue to support Youth Activities we have at IFN.

**11. Are we extend Zakat to outside of our community?**

Answer: Zakat always extended outside of our community. The preference is to address our community first, but we serve Chicagoland and even outside of the state.

**12. Other**

*2019 Meeting Minutes*

Br Diallo: I would like to move the motion to approve the December 15, 2019 General Body Meeting Minutes composed of the Presentation and Q&A documents, posted on our website.

Br Haris: I second the motion.

Voting electronically was allowed to continue until 4:00 PM. It was later found out that we did not meet the quorum to approve the minutes. We had 85 true attendees and needed 95 (out of 284 members).

*General Comments*

"I support Rafiq's proposal for a Town Hall for Bylaws feedback."

"Great meeting Jazak Allah. Appreciated the youth segment."

"Please spread the word out for the Food Distribution event."

"Also, lot of families are going through hardships. Please spread the message to approach the Zakat Committee in case they are going through Financial Challenges."

“I request the community members to support this effort (Food Distribution). We have seen long lines and it’s our responsibility to support this effort. Please donate; and you can donate via Sadaqat.”