

The Prophet MPBUH stated, "It is not permissible for any Muslim who has something to will, to stay for two nights without having his last will and testament written and kept ready with him."

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weekly Quran Lecture

Time: Every Friday
Maghreb to Isha

Lecturer: Imam
Wissam Abdul Baki

JUMAH

Time: 12:30 pm

TIME TO ELECT THE NEW BOARD MEMBERS

This is November and the election time at ISWM. Three board members are leaving their posts. They are Dr. Kamal Ali, a member of the board since the society started, Br. Salim Ibrahim and Br. Rehan Peerzada. These brothers have served our community for many years in multiple capacities. We need to have better and more appropriate mention and recognition for Dr. Kamal Ali. Br. Salim Ibrahim has moved to the eastern part of the state. He also has served us for number of years. Beside many other things, his knowledge and skill with

technology or computer was critical to accomplish multiple tasks. His dedication is worth mentioning; I remember having a telephonic and online meeting with him and accomplishing some important time sensitive tasks while he was sitting in Egypt, in a different time zone. I came to know of his location after the project was finished. He still manages our websites. On behalf of the society, I like to thank him and his family to provide us this voluntary service. May Allah SWT bless him

and his family with success in this world and hereafter, Ameen.

Br. Rehan Peerzada also has been a key member of the board taking care of many important tasks, more noticeably the Ramadan and Eid arrangements and financial matters. For the time being, he is busy and has requested some time off. We hope that he decides to come back in near future; until then we thank him and his family and pray for their health, success and happiness.

Electing the New Board Members

Following is the list of brothers and sisters who have been nominated and have agreed to serve on the board of ISWM, if elected. In the coming weeks, the election committee would provide the official ballot papers to every Regular Member of the society. Please review our by-laws at ISWMONLINE.COM to get more detail

about our rules and regulations related to the election process.

The candidates are as follows, in alphabetical order:

1. Sr. Ahmad, Saadia
2. Br. Dastgir, Mohammad
3. Br. Durrani, Zulfiqar A.
4. Br. Elbakri, Eltahir
5. Sr. Eubank, Asilla

6. Br. Hussein, Abdulkader

Filling out the ballot paper, please pick only three out of this list of 6 brothers and sisters. Please take part in this critical yearly process to help bring new leadership to the society.

IQRA ACADEMY K-12

Principal:

Nadeem Sikander M. Ed.

Current Enrollment: 60

Staff: 15 Teachers

Our Academy offers:

- ..Kindergarten to 12th grade
- ..Quality secular education
- ..Islamic environment
- ..Islamic studies, Quran and Arabic language
- ..Superior atmosphere of learning
- ..Physical education classes

Registration: Open for 2014-15 school year

Please call to setup appointment for a visit at 413-642-4499 or send an email at principal@iqra-academy.org

We look forward to meeting with you and discuss the plans for your child's education.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

In-charge: Br. Marwan Al-Masri and Sister

Staff: Many dedicated and hardworking brothers and sisters.

Students: Children of ages 5 and up.

Time: 10:30 AM Sharp.

Contact for further info: iswmsundayschool@gmail.com

Specific Donation to ISWM and its Use

The board has reviewed the policy for certain donations made to ISWM with a specific purpose. We had an unwritten policy that we have been following but there seemed to be some misunderstanding about this policy, which prompted the board to look at this matter and design a written understanding. The purpose of this policy is to fulfill the desires and wishes of the donor while avoiding any misuse of the donated funds. The policy is as follows:

a: Any donation given to ISWM for a specific cause or the purpose defined by the donor is spend exclusively for that cause or the purpose. If that cause or the purpose does not exist or does not require any more funds, the donor is approached and this information is conveyed. Any further disbursement of that money depends upon the donor's wishes.

b: The Zakat and Fitr type of religious donations are collected and disbursed following the appropriate Sharia guidelines including the appropriateness of timings and the recipients.

c: For accounting purposes, money donated for a specific cause or a purpose is tabulated in that account. It could be disbursed right away for an active cause or

Rabi ul Awaal 1436

The new Islamic year started with the first of Muharram on Oct 25th. Rabi ul Awaal this year starts on Dec 23rd. In this month, Muslims all around the world remember the Prophet Muhammad (may

peace be upon him) more than many other months. They do it in many different ways following the local traditions. The exact date or month of his birth is not precisely known. We are in the process of

arranging an educational program sometime in Rabi ul Awaal. A lot of volunteer work is needed to make it possible and useful. Please contact Dr. Bajwa or any board member if you like to volunteer.

Some Future Programs at ISWM

We are in the process of formulating at least three or four programs during next 2-3 months. Here is a brief summary of the programs we are working on:

A: Evening with Muslim psychiatrists and behavior health professionals

B: Evening with Muslim immigration attorney and local immigration resource at Catholic charities.

C: Reception for the new Catholic Bishop

Please contact any board member to get involved and help arrange these events and also to bring the

larger contribution of the community. We need help in the area of organization of the event, advertisement, physical arrangements in the hall, food arrangements and service and cleaning afterwards. An announcement will be made as soon as one of these programs is finalized, hopefully sometime in December.