

University of Michigan Muslim Students' Association

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

June 2004 – January 2007

These are the chapter's own minutes of its executive board ("E-Board") meetings. The texts are reproduced as the chapter wrote them, with their original spelling, abbreviations and informal style. This set of 29 meetings, from June 2004 to January 2007, collects the U-M MSA e-board minutes for those years.

Abdul El-Sayed sat on the board in 2004–05 as an Outreach Committee co-chair and in 2006–07 as Vice President – Internal Affairs. Several sets record the board's discussion of a fundraising dinner for KindHearts for Charitable Humanitarian Development, a Toledo charity whose assets the Treasury Department froze in February 2006.

These are not all of the board's minutes from these years. Of the 29 sets, 27 have an attendance list. The lists are informal sign-in sheets; members wrote first names, nicknames and occasional jokes. A name missing from a list does not prove absence. El-Sayed's name is spelled several ways (for example "Abdul El SAYed" and "Abdul GI Sayed").

Each set begins on a new page. Minutes the chapter posted as .rtf files are printed from those files exactly as written, including original typing and character errors (for example, "i;" where an apostrophe was intended). Minutes the chapter posted directly on its website are shown as the full web page on the date noted, so a page may also show other meetings' links or entries.

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#	Meeting	El-Sayed	What the minutes record	Original	Page
1	June 1, 2004	Not on list	A summer meeting of the newly elected 2004–05 board; social plans (Cedar Point).	Web page, June 8, 2004	4
2	June 8, 2004	Not on list	A summer meeting; picnic and Cedar Point plans.	Web page, Aug. 3, 2004	6
3	Sept. 21, 2004	Signed in	MSA National's "call to action" week against the revocation of Tariq Ramadan's U.S. visa; Islam Awareness Week plans; an invitation to join MOSES, a Detroit interfaith social-justice group.	.rtf file	8
4	Dated Sept. 21, 2004 (second set)	Signed in	A different set under the same date line; it mentions a Qiyam planned for Oct. 11, so it is probably a later meeting (late Sept. or early Oct. 2004).	Web page, Oct. 14, 2004	13
5	Nov. 16, 2004	Signed in	Halaqa with speaker Yusuf Estes; Eid dinner and Sacred Time retreat (Dec. 3–5) planning; Ramadan iftar reviews.	.rtf file	15
6	Nov. 23, 2004	Not on list	A fundraising dinner for KindHearts is first raised.	.rtf file	19
7	Nov. 30, 2004	Signed in	Eid dinner and retreat updates; whether to host a Central Zone retreat around March.	.rtf file	22
8	Dec. 7, 2004	Signed in	The KindHearts dinner proposal ("Organization has no legal problems"). An agenda item is under El-Sayed's name, and the sign-in lists a bare "Abdulrahman"; the board's other Abdul Rahman signed in separately.	.rtf file	24
9	Dec. 14, 2004	Mentioned; not on list	The minutes name him as the MSA's representative on a Children of Abraham interfaith panel ("Abdul Rahman Elsayed was our rep").	.rtf file	27
10	Jan. 11, 2005	Not on list	The KindHearts event is put off to the next semester.	.rtf file	29
11	Jan. 18, 2005	Signed in	"KIND HEARTS DINNER (MAYBE)"; the board discusses holding it through IES rather than the MSA.	.rtf file	31
12	Jan. 25, 2005	Mentioned; not on list	The minutes record his apology about not holding the CZ zone conference ("AR elsayed apologizes if offended anyone...").	.rtf file	33
13	Feb. 1, 2005	Signed in	His Outreach Committee report (high school recruitment).	.rtf file	35
14	Feb. 8, 2005	Signed in	A new presidential election rule (half general body, half e-board votes); the minute-taker expects the board not to co-sponsor a Hillel comedy event.	.rtf file	39

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15	Mar. 22, 2005	Signed in	Election nominations close; the Coke campaign and divestment ("the biggest MSA meeting in the history of MSA meetings").	.rtf file	41
16	Mar. 29, 2005	Not on list	The board votes to join the campus coalition to ban Coke products; elections are held after halaqa.	.rtf file	43
17	Apr. 5, 2005	Not on list	The web copy lists the 2005–06 election results; he is not among those elected.	.rtf file	45
18	Apr. 12, 2005	Not on list	Halaqa review (a talk on Islam and democracy) and planning for next year.	.rtf file	47
19	Apr. 19, 2005	Signed in	Last meeting of the 2004–05 board: reflections on the year and advice for the next board.	.rtf file	50
20	May 3, 2005	Not on list	First meeting of the new 2005–06 board.	.rtf file	52
21	May 10, 2005	Not on list	A CAIR dinner: "Chaplain speaking. He was detained for 'terrorism'."	.rtf file	55
22	May 17, 2005	Not on list	Honorarium for speaker Usama Cannon (\$650–700).	.rtf file	58
23	May 24, 2005	Not on list	Committee updates for the new board.	.rtf file	60
24	May 31, 2005	Not on list	Announces an Ann Arbor mosque protest over the desecration of the Quran; the next halaqa speaker is Dr. Jackie El-Sayed, a different person.	.rtf file	63
25	June 7, 2005	Not on list	Reviews the halaqa by Dr. Jackie El-Sayed (a different person).	.rtf file	65
26	June 15, 2005	No attendance list	Halaqa and Habitat for Humanity reviews; T-shirt vote; fall e-board training.	.rtf file	67
27	Oct. 25, 2005	Signed in (listed under "Non-Eboarders")	Ramadan reviews, including a Sunni–Shia iftar; plans for a Muslim co-op house on campus.	Web page, Jan. 6, 2006	68
28	Feb. 14, 2006	Signed in	The MSA's response to the cartoons of the Prophet: a film event and plans for a Michigan Daily viewpoint.	Web page, May 1, 2006	70
29	Jan. 16, 2007	No attendance list	Committee updates (ACT tutoring, a "V for Vendetta" screening, the Eid dinner). He was Vice President – Internal Affairs that year.	Web page, May 27, 2007	73



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JOKE OF THE WEEK

QUOTE OF THE DAY

QURAN

HALAQA UPDATE

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EBOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, June 1st, 2004

JOKE OF THE WEEK

For DESIs: What did one glass of milk say to the other glass of milk?

(I made up a joke for the Arabs to go with the answer to the joke.)

For Arabs: What did one worm say to the other worm on a chilly day?

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"For five hundred years, Baghdad had been a city of palaces, mosques, libraries and colleges. Its universities and hospitals were the most up-to-date in the world. Nothing now remained but heaps of rubble and a stench of decaying human flesh." - Sir John Bagot Glubb

- Remember to make dua when you see stuff like this.
- Allah has a plan and iA we learn something from stuff like this

QURAN

Surah Al-Jathiya (45: 1-6)

- Allah takes the night to day, he is the one who can change situations
- All civilizations rise and fall

HALAQA UPDATE

Last weeks Halaqa given by Imam Abd al Fadeel on Maqasid al Quran.

- Good halaqa but the attendance was poor.
- It is mandatory for Eboarders to attend.

This weeks Halaqa - br. Ahmad Nassar on fairness, justness, and forgiveness in Islam.

- In the POND ABC room of the union.
- Make dua that the Pistons win tonight so that EVERYONE can come to halaqa on Thurs.
- It's not that long (you can catch most of the game, if there is a game 7).

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SPRING TRAINING PRESENTATIONS

LEADERSHIP

- We cannot be ignorant leaders
- We are the most important group on campus
- We have to work with other people even if we think they are not the best of people.
- Set a good example for non muslims

PLANNING AND PRIORITIZATION

- Try to get GB involved in planning
- Plan every moment of your time, because if you don't you end up wasting it.
- If you see people who are always doing righteous acts, don't feel that they are better than you when you are doing other meritorious acts and don't have time. Just make the intention to do those acts when it is possible for you to do them.
- If things don't work out the way you want, always remember that Allah knows what is best for you.

QIYAM/TOUR/ EBOARD RETREAT

- Qiyam started late.
- The tour was very helpful, many people didn't know that we had these resources available.
- The tour made you appreciate the books more because you heard about the Imam's and how much work they put into making the books.
- Retreat -the impromptu speeches dragged on.
- ANSWER TO THE JOKE: You are one cool doood.
- The retreat made us interact more and get more comfortable with each other.
- Retreat - not enough team building activities
- Retreat - more informal leadership training
- Retreat - the power point presentation was cool, we learned a lot from it, we should make more and use them at halaqas
- START ON TIME

ALUMNI PROJECT

- Have a dinner/ breakfast/ lunch thing at ISNA. An informal way to fundraise.
- Were gonna send info packets to alum and parents

- Saber is in charge of the alum stuff.
- Parent dinner in the fall – target toward incoming/ prospective students parents
- IF ANYONE KNOWS ANY ALUMNI LET AMRO STINO KNOW (amstino@umich.edu)

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

- Cedar point is THIS SUNDAY, June 6 let lubna khan (lkhan@) or Ali Husain (husaina@) know by thurs if you want to go.
- This thurs the girls are doing "girl stuff" after halaqa and the boys should contact Ali.

MISC.

- Soup kitchen was excellent – 7 people from here attended. It was a really humbling experience. They do it every fourth Saturday of the month. iA we will do this more regularly
- Community affairs wants to plan a clean up for the Ann Arbor Masjid
- MI Council is having a meeting on June 12, all are welcome to attend
- Al Safa Halal has helped us out so please remember to buy their products, especially from Kroger.
- This weeks Joke was donated by Zeenah Khader and I made up the arab version, if you have any jokes to contribute please email me.

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ATTENDANCE

Saif Omar
 Sarah Youssef
 Richard Hamilton
 Aisha Jukaku
 Roua Al-Rawi
 Ali Husain
 Tayshan Prince
 Maher Iskandar
 Zubair Sarmast
 Lubna Khan
 Rasheed Wallace
 Mo Asbahi
 Chauncy Billups
 Yasser Ads
 Nura Sedique
 Ben Wallace
 Malas V.2.0
 Amro Stino

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JOKE OF THE WEEK

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EBOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, June 8th, 2004

JOKE OF THE WEEK

What do you call something with 3 eyes, 5 arms, 8 legs, and 6 heads???

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Nobody can give you freedom. Nobody can give you equality or justice or anything. If you're a man, you take it." - Malcolm X

- We have to prepare for everything, nothing will come easily.
- We get our equality by being active in correcting other peoples misconceptions of us.
- We need to look at ourselves before going out to the non-moz.
- Be active not passive.

QURAN RECITATION

Surah Bakarah verses 128-132

- Don't die in any state but in a state of being a muslim. We don't know when this will be so always be in a state of being a muslim.

HALAQA UPDATE

- Ahmad Nassar talked at the last halaqa. Good Speaker. Having alum is a really good idea because we can relate to them and it is more interesting. Try to get alum sisters also. Have speakers talk about things that they specialize in.
- Next Halaqa - Imam Saleh at 7pm in Pond ABC room of Union

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CEMETARY/QIYAM UPDATE

- Next Tuesday have a cemetery thing/ talk with a speaker. Come back and have a qiyam after it here.
- TODAY is the last eboard meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- IAW - talked about speakers, need to know the budget. Have it be in the beginning of October. Lubna Grewal (lubna@umich.edu) and Hazem Malas will be in charge. Talk about the prophets of each religion and how similar they are. Have a big movie night instead of big lecture. Get new jeopardy board.
- NSO - we are in good shape for that. Flier in the dorms. Get in touch with the RAs there, they have more access to the students. Table tents in the dorm.
- ANSWER TO THE JOKE: I don't know, I was hoping you could tell me.
- MASS MEETING - show eid skits there. Power point.
- Keep all receipts and email Saif and Nauman to get reimbursed.
- Let me know if you guys need rooms booked ASAP (sayou@umich.edu)

SPRING TRAINING PRESENTATIONS

Remembrance of Death

- We are into clothes and cars and everything, but none of this will be coming with us in the hereafter. We could give the extra \$20 we spend on brand name things and give it too a poor person.
- We don't spend enough time thinking about death until something really big just happened. Lady diagnosed with cancer and so the lady came to a Shaikh and said that she missed about 60 years worth of Salah, and that she just started praying when she was diagnosed. The sheikh said that it was one of the best things that happened to her because it made her come to Allah.
- We need to be ready for death when it comes, it can come at any moment.
- The best amongst us is the one who neither prefers death nor life but leaves it up to Allah.
- Everyday when you wake up you should think "what if I died today, am I prepared enough to die. Am I ready to die"

Ethics of Disagreement

- Always keep focus of things, keep the common goal in mind.
- Do not separate, always remember that you are part of an UMMA
- Handle your disagreements don't turn a blind eye to it, you have to face it and work through it.
- Take everyone's perspective into account, we are all diverse people.
- Remember when you are fighting with people you think that you are right, but they also think that they are right.
- Don't raise your voice, have adab, speak with respect, don't cut people off
- Remember the purpose of the argument, don't argue to be right.
- People will always have disagreements, if it is for the sake of Allah, then leave it up to Allah instead of fighting.

- Realize that sometimes you have to be the bigger party.
- Show adab to your parents, first and foremost.

MASJID PROJECT (Roua & Amjad)

- Friday June 11, after jumaa at 3pm
- Plant flowers, remove weeds, trim bushes, put down mulch, etc...
- Stay after jumaa and everyone can get lunch together and then work
- We need mulch, work gloves, maybe flowers, weed killers...

MISC

- MI Council meeting 11:30/ UMD picnic Saturday 2-6. contact ahmad malas (malas@umich.edu)
- MGSA picnic Saturday the 20th
- Cedar Point – try to go to other committees events. We should have done it in the first week of the semester when people don't have any tests or anything.
- Website Updates – added eboard minutes, calendar, forum to post stuff up, links to MSA peoples websites, apartments, roommates, book swaping (still trying to do this), alum info, eboard bios.
- Photography Update – get pictures of halaqas, eboard retreat, masjid clean up, soup kitchen, people watching the pistons game, etc..
- Alum database – get it together soon.
- This weeks joke was contributed by Shimaa AbdelFadeel. (it was funny in the moment). IF YOU HAVE ANY JOKES TO CONTRIBUTE, PLEASE DO SO, AS YOU CAN SEE I AM RUNNING OUT OF THEM.

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ATTENDANCE

Sarah Youssef
 Roua Al Rawi
 Fatima Makhzoum
 Lubna Khan
 Nura Sediqa
 Tayshaun Prince
 Aisha Jukaku
 Farayha J. Arrine
 Rip Hamilton
 Wajeeha Shuttari
 Zuhab Ahmad Qamar
 Zubair Sarmast
 Amro Stino
 Amjad Tarsin
 Saif Omar
 Big Ben Wallace
 Moumen Asbahi
 Yasser Ads
 Maher Iskandar

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Sorry no joke this week.

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> Opening

> Reflection Time

> Du'a

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> 21Qur'an 2:274

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> "Those who (in charity) spend of their goods by night and by day, in secret

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> in public, have their reward with their Lord: on them shall be no fear, nor

> shall they grieve."

> -as students we don't necessarily give money but we do give in time and

> effort and this is a reminder not to despair.

> -the reward we are looking for is not necessarily from people, but rather

> from

> Allah. If you leave this intention, then you will not fear the future and

> you

> will not grieve about the past.

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> 3. Quote of the Day

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> "Before you begin a thing, remind yourself that idfficulties and delays quie

> impossible to foresee are ahead. If you could see them clearly, naturally ou

> could do a great deal to get rid of them but you can't. You can only see one

> thing clearly and that is your goal. Form a mental vision of that and cling

> to

> it through thick and thin."

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-Kathleen Norris

> -we should remember to keep strong through difficulties as we work for MSA

> -remember that what we are doing is for Allah and this should put things

> back

> in perspective.

> -we have both individual and group goals and if we can envision that then

> other

> things will fall into place and we should keep in mind the bigger picture and

> not get caught up in details.

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> 4. MSA Organization structure and Responsibilities

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> -having a strong committee is integral to success in your events, because as

> things get difficult having a few people to fall back on should keep you

> going.

> -having committee meetings will bring a strong backbone, so there are people

> each committee head can depend on for things

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> 4.5. Reflections on MSA

> -Many Muslims have fallen victim to a society that is secular, although their

> parents are Muslim. Every Muslim encounters Islam differently, not everyone

> is

> at the same level in terms of practice. Getting involved in MSA is hard when

> you feel liek you are not practicing. People should pay attention to this.

- > There is no sure way to solve this problem, either. There is no blame being
- > put on MSA, rather each person should take certain steps to be more
- > open-minded. Without having any experience in a masjid, or an Islamic
- > school,
- > etc. it is very intimidating to be thrown into the MSA.
- > -We have to try to be more sincere with people. People might not be
- > outwardly
- > as religious as you but no one knows their station with Allah. Although you
- > may seem not practicing, Allah may see more in you than people do. We must
- > work on Adab, giving others 70 excuses, thinking the best of people. If we
- > work upon ourselves, that will attract other people. We must reflect upon our
- > own belief, certainty, faith and if we grow there, then others will be
- > attracted to that.
- > -If more Muslims are understanding about other people's backgrounds and not
- > judging people will help many people feel comfortable. If you see someone
- > who
- > has been where you have been, be friendlier with that person.
- > -There is a lack of understanding the unfamiliar. We stick with that which
- > we
- > know often, and we don't branch out. We should reach out to those who we
- > don't
- > know, someone who doesn't seem "our type". We should leave our comfort zones
- > so
- > that those who maybe have not found a place in MSA can feel welcomed. This
- > is
- > key to understanding our purpose.
- > -Islam in the Political Realm-It's hard to see a skewed version of reality
- > being
- > presented. We should make our side clearer. Most of campus is ignorant of
- > our
- > religion, and they have a view of us being militant. We are not seen or
- > heard
- > as much as we should be. MSA should take a stance openly and fearlessly, and
- > we should take a stance against the injustice in Palestine. Everyone
- > (including those who disagree with us) have a right to express their opinion,
- > but we should make sure we express ours. We can't leave a majority of campus
- > ignorant on the issue of Palestine.
- > -These are just suggestions in general, a methodology is not necessarily
- > laid
- > out.
- > MOSES
- > -MOSES is an interfaith social justice organization in Detroit. It grew from
- > churches of all faiths who wanted to change things, so they combined efforts
- > to
- > work towards social justice.
- > -They do a lot of changes such as cleaning up the streets and policy
- > changes
- > -Sunday Sept. 26th - They are having a meeting where as many people as can
- > fit
- > are put in a room and put in with leaders, and demand changes from those
- > leaders. Before, this has worked to change policy. 7000 people are planned
- > to
- > be at the meeting this time. U of M is a member of MOSES. MOSES is
- > requesting
- > MSA's attendance at this meeting. Buses will be leaving from Ann Arbor.
- > -They are currently doing work on immigrant's rights, and working on
- > informing

- > the public about these issues.
- > -MOSES is trying to diversify, no mosque, Muslims association, or Islamic group
- > otherwise has joined MOSES, and that's a tragedy. Especially since Muslims are
- > one of the biggest demographic changes in the southeast region of Detroit.
- > They
- > have contacted organizations generally in Detroit (with major Imams in the area). There are Imams that are peripherally involved but no organization is signed on.
- > -MOSES is made of institutions (with cores of leaders who coordinate the larger
- > body with their issues) and there are also task forces, and this is where
- > people can get involved. Issues include mass transit, health care,
- > infrastructure of MOSES, civil rights of immigrants. Specifically civil rights
- > of immigrants is significant now as it is really gaining momentum. In Ann Arbor, there is a large movement working on voting, and working towards monitoring polls.
- > -Long - term: MSA can use this as a social justice organization to get our issues attended to.
- > Questions: Contact: Ryan Bates dasbats@umich.edu
- > Or Sarah Youssef: sayou@umich.edu
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- > IAW Update:
- > -Monday: Documentary: Muhammad Legacy of the Prophet
- > Tuesday: Dr. Umar Farooq Abd-Allah: Roots of Islam in America
- > Wednesday: Panel Discussion (Muslim Women): Women's Issues in Islam
- > Thursday: TBA
- > Friday: Movie: By the Dawn's Early Light: Chris Jackson's Journey to Islam
- > -Friday is open for MUSLIMS AND NON-MUSLIMS. Many Muslims go home on Fridays,
- > but we ask you to PLEASE spend Friday night here. Please publicize to EVERYONE
- > you know.
- > -Everything is booked (diag, rooms). Lectures will be in 120 Hutchins Hall.
- > -Cultural Room: We want to inshaAllah have calligraphy done and henna tattooing done.
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- > Social Committee
- > *Mass Meeting/Bowling Review
- > -Thanks to everyone that helped.
- > Comments:
- > -It went pretty smoothly, didn't start on time (nothing new), Saif seemed ill-prepared for the speech, and that made other things seem less organized.
- > We should make things seem more professional.
- > -There should have been more brothers helping, many brothers went straight to bowling. In the future we should have people delegated to ushering and others
- > delegated to clean-up. Eboard should act as chaperones, so the speaker doesn't
- > constantly have to remind people to settle down.
- > -Social is key to reaching out to not so involved people. Especially for those
- > who are not as practicing, because it is realm in which they do not feel out of
- > of

- > place. Everyone knows how to socialize so we should use it as a universal
- > method.
- > -Lots of time conflicts with other groups many MSA members are involved in.
- > -Entertainment was really good. Overall people really enjoyed and it went
- > pretty smooth.
- > Also, we should have made it clearer about the committee boards. Also, we
- > should consider doing more than one mass meeting.
- > -How do we keep attendance high?
- > -we could make social clubs (tennis, billiards, etc.) so that we can present
- > them at Mass Meeting
- > -other suggestions: email wajeehm@umich.edu or lkhan@umich.edu
- > -bowling started really late - lowered attendance
- > *Fall Picnic Update
- > -next week: probably Friday.
- > -ideas: wajeehm@umich.edu, lkhan@umich.edu
- > *This Week: Post Halaqa
- > -tba, suggestions: wajeehm@umich.edu, lkhan@umich.edu
- > "In Defense of Academic Freedom:" Tariq Ramadan event
- > -Summary:MSA Natl wants to have a call to action week, Sept 24 to Oct1 to
- > speak
- > out against the revocation of Tariq Ramadan's Visa in the US.
- > -We are trying to publicize it in the daily, and there have been viewpoints
- > printed on it. A flyer has been constructed. We need to get UM
- > administration
- > and Student Government to support this.
- > -more info: www.msa-natl.org
- > -Contacts: nasediqe@umich.edu
- > Finance Committee
- > *Finance Reimbursement/Budget training
- > -all committees should let Nauman know about ANY events they are planning on
- > maybe having. Give detailed and thought out plans including where money will
- > be spent and who is cosponsoring if any organization. The more detailed the
- > better.
- > -We can purchase-order from the vendor so we can avoid reimbursement to save
- > everyone a lot of headaches.
- > -For reimbursement: A lot of money does not go directly into our account, we
- > must first show the receipt to prove the money actually went to where it was
- > supposed to go. So it is a "painful process". Always put your name on the
- > back
- > fo the receipt.
- > -We can't get paid to give people food, so most of our money for food is
- > through dues, etc
- > -We have about fifty paid members of right now. , Eboard needs to sign up
- > and
- > pay.
- > -We should do a fundraiser, or get families to donate some money.
- > -NEED BUDGETS BY TOMORROW NIGHT
- > -questions or ideas: snsyed@umich.edu
- > Committee Meetings:
- > Tomorrow
- > -Outreach: 4:45 Tap Room
- > -Big sib/Lil sibs: need to be more organized
- > -Political 8:30 in 3rd floor Mason hall.
- > -there are a lot of things PC wants to cover
- > -more hands on approach (instead of conferences)
- > Thursday
- > -Publications 6 pm Tap Room

> Upcoming Events

- > -SAFE Mass Meeting: Tomorrow 5:30
- > -MI Council Meeting (Saturday Sept. 25th Dearborn)
- > -In Defense of Academic Freedom: lecture (sept)
- > -MOSES: Sat, Sept 26th (see earlier)
- > -In Defense of Academic Freedom: Sept 29th (tentative)
- > -AIDS Walk (Oct 3rd)
- > -IAW (Oct 4th - 8th)
- > -AMPLify: Your Culture (October 6th) on the Diag
- > -Help Darfur Conference (October 16th)
- > -bucketing: next Tuesday
- > -Thursday Halaqa: Saleem Khalid: The Muslim Identity on Campus (120 HH at 7 pm)

> Miscellaneous

- > -MLSA: more proactive approach to recruit people for Law School
- > -Turn in OFFICE HOURS to Sarah
- > -NEW MSA Office: 4346 Union
- > -First Sister's Peacenet: This Monday 7pm 25I Tower Plaza

> Closing Dua

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> THIS WEEKS MINUTES WERE BROUGHT TO YOU LUBNA GREWAL, THANK HER IF YOU SEE HER.

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> ATTENDANCE

- > Sarah Youssef
- > Abeer Odeh
- > Lubna Grewal
- > Deedee's Husband
- > Lubna Khan
- > Nura Sedique
- > Aisha Jukaku
- > Saif Omar
- > Ahmad Hatahet
- > Abdur Rahman Blauvelt
- > Platypus
- > Maher
- > Wajeeh Muhammad
- > Abdul Rahman Mohamed El Sayed Mohamed El Sayed Jumnah Ali Umdr? (Sorry if its wrong, cant read your writing)
- > SN Syed
- > Ahmad Malas
- > Nadiya Ahmad
- > Sana Khatib
- > Roua Al-Rawi



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EBOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, Sept 21, 2004

JOKE OF THE WEEK

What do you call an invisible mom and dad?

QUOTE OF THE DAY

(Surah 3 Verse 20) "Despair of self is the door into religion; despair of God is the door out of it."

- Allah is all powerful

QURAN RECITATION

(3:20)

- For IAW our duty is to convey the message
- Remember to put your self in the other person's shoes when you are at the dawa table, nobody likes to be preached to.

HALAQA REVIEW/ COTTAGE INN

- Saleem Khalid: The Muslim Identity on Campus
- We want to try to make it more discussion like rather than lecture like. Have shorter lect and more time for questions.
- We will now be STARTING ON TIME so please always try to be there at 7pm sharp.
- Cottage Inn was very good, there was a good turn out and it was really good. Not too many little sibs showed up. Try to take some time out to go out with your lil sibs and get to know them so that they will feel connected to you and come to events when you tell them about them.
- Cottage Inn, see if we can get a discount there since we have a large group. Suggestions for future Halaqas: Ikhan@umich.edu or wajeehm@umich.edu

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CONTINUING THE AGENDA

EDUCATION

- Halaqas - we want to have connected-ness in them, have a continuous topic running through all the halaqas. After Ramadan we will have Saad Qadri, The Malas's mom, etc.
- Qiyams- we want to have one before Ramadan, Mon Oct 11, at about 10:30/ 11pm in the pond room of the union. Try to have some Qiyams in Ramadan, maybe even coordinate tahjud/ suhur together in Ramadan.
- Peace nets- the brothers have about 3 groups of about 6 people. They asked people what days work best for them. Try to send out more emails to get more people involved.
- Tajweed class/ help with reading classes - we have about 15 people signed up. The girls have about 15 girls signed up and about 7 teachers, the girls already started, the brothers want to try to get started before Ramadan.
- Arabic Class - they met for the first time last night, they are gonna do more reading, not too much grammar.
- Campus Jumaa - we want to try to have people reinforce what happened in halaqa in their campus jumaa khutbahs
- Answer to the joke: Trans- parents.
- Spiritual enrichment classes- not going to good, try to make it better next semester, try to read texts that invoke remembering God and maybe sing Qasidas, no set ideas because there is no set leader, iA this will be up and running next semester.
- We should try to have committee meetings for edu, and try allocating some of the work. It will be very beneficial for people to get involved and get experience/ let their ideas be heard.

AMPLIFY OUR CULTURE

- On oct 6th on the diag a bunch of cultural groups teaching others about their culture
- It will be a lot like festifall, put IAW schedule in there/ cultural room.
- Try to put some of the cultural room stuff on the table.
- Have Selot USA perform on the diag to bring attention to Indonesian culture (they are muslim and it is there culture).

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

- Only day that we can have the picnic is Friday this week.
- Try to get a day next week, it will be about \$3 a person
- Thursday Social - the brothers are gonna try to play basketball at central

academy, sisters will figure something out

- EID dinner – will be on January 27, 2005. We need to find head chairs (one guy and one girl)
- Hazam Malas is gonna be incharge of the brothers skits.
- Other suggestions: email wajeehm@umich.edu or lkhan@umich.edu

IAW UPDATE

- Cosponsorship –
- Publicity – we need to flier and chalk every morning tomorrow and thurs and mon ththrough thurs next week. We need one bro and one sis to be incharge each day. IF YOU COME, BREAKFAST WILL BE PROVIDED
- Cultural room – want to try to get as many diff. cultures involved as possible, play an-nasheed, maybe have the girls do henna, and have a calligrapher write peoples names.
- Try to get the fliers on colored paper.
- Try to get some departments to post fliers, we can flier in the dorms.

MICHIGAN DAILY

- If you ever have any suggestions for the daily, email Mona Rafeeq, mrafeeq@umich.edu.
- If you have any in depth issues you want to be seen in the daily go tell Mona, they need stories
- Try to get IAW events in the daily.

POLITICAL

- Thurs we want to get people on the diag to sign petitions for Tariq Ramadan
- Mohamad Hassan Khalil is in charge of Darfur.
- We want to get more non-muslims to be involved in our political committee.

FAST-A-THON

- Roua, Zeenah, and Maidah are incharge of it. We are still trying to find a room for it. Are we gonna have the dawah iftar at the same time?
- We will have a separate dawa iftar for professors, social and VP will be incharge of this.

AIDS WALK

- Starts at 12:30 pm at the corner of E.Williams and Main St. Bring as many people as you can and try to bring \$5 or so to donate. Wear your IAW tee shirts to publicize IAW.

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Sakina Al-Amin
Maie Seif
Maher Iskandar
Rami Fetouh
Atif Habib
Farhan Haq
Zubair Sarmast
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Moumen Asbahi
Samsuddin N. Syed
Saif Omar
Abdur Rahman El-Sayed
Ahmad Malas
Fatima Makhzoum
Talha Khan

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JOKE OF THE WEEK: What did the survivor of a shark attack say after his left limbs were torn off?

Eboard 11/16/04

-reflection time
-opening dua'

-Quran recitation: -96:1-5

-forget to take some time out and read and study about islam in all the activism and business with MSA

-first revelation to the Prophet Muhammad (s)

-Quote of the Day:

Abu Hurairah narrated that Allah's Messenger said, "...He who treads the path in search of knowledge, Allah will make that path easy, leading to Paradise for him. And those persons who assemble

• THURSDAY HALAQA UPDATE:

Speaker: Yusuf Estes

- was supposed to be for non-muslims, but there may be a problem with getting word out to non muslims aka. Flyering
- subject was supposed to be a dawah halaqa
- but maybe we should have a post ramadhan or eid halaqa instead

Venue: Henderson Room League (third floor)

- Next Thursday halaqa: Thanksgiving
- Imam Majid, Ahmad Malas Mom

• EID DINNER UPDATE

- Eid Dinner chairs: Moumen Asbahi and Ambereen Rizvi
- Meetings will insha Allah start within the next few weeks
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• PENNY WAR IFTAR/UPDATE and CCRB NIGHT

- Penny war iftaar is this THURSDAY 11/18/04
- Totals of the penny war will be sent out by email
- CCRB night- 11:30 pm-1:30 am
- bball courts, volleyball, squash, weights

• NEWSLETTER UPDATE

- Need stuff for classified
- Also need pics from Ramadhan (brothers pics mainly, too many sisters pics)
- Should we have the "Name That Hijab Section"?
- If you want an add in the risalah send email to Blauvelt@umich.edu

*EID FESTIVITIES OR THE LACK OF

- have a program for eid for those students who can't go home
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*SACRED TIME RETREAT

- Imam Majid, Sheikh Tawfiq, and Omar Mahmood
- weekend program covering a time line of scholars, talk about their students, texts, etc.
- Date : Dec 3rd -5th, 2004

-Sisters only session with Imam Majid on Thursday night

- Registration on Friday Dec, 3rd

- \$ 25, fee

- After Fajr reflection with Imam Majid

- 9-11am Library tour with Imam Majid

- 3-4:30 pm Brothers only session with Imam Majid

- Sessions at Duderstadt center Friday and Saturday

- Schedule is tentative

- our website www.umich.edu/~muslims will have a link to the complete

program

-publicize to alumni, adults, and

Speakers: Misbah Shahid, Ahmad Samhan, and

Food: Ahmad Malas

ANSWER TO THE JOKE: I'm all RIGHT now.

Curriculum: Saif omar and Lubna Grewal

Registration: Wajeeha Shuttari

- CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM:

-Dec 13th,

-Sakina Al Amin and Fatima Makhzoum will update next week

- DARFUR CONFERENCE WED and THURS:

- Wed's Lecture is 5:30 -7:00 pm in the Pond Room

- We need a lot of people to attend the lecture...please do show up!!

- MASJID WALL-PAINTING: part of Unity Experiment

-to help kick off unity experiment

- need some classroom walls to be painted and maybe some bookshelves

- first priority pick a date

-maybe as a social event some Thursday

- possibly Sunday?

-entire cost is going to be about \$200

- IFTAR REVIEWS

- Fastathon review: Zeenah is compiling reviews to use for the next year

-Registration needs to be entirely electronic

- organization

- maybe we should serve them as in waiters...

- maybe instead of a speaker have a video instead

- use pdf and have possibly electronic signature

-why do we need signatures?

-businesses sometimes ask for proof

- our way to remind them of the event

- have a do's and don't sheet for the non-muslims

- what happened to the sahoor's we were supposed to have for the fasters

- what was with the guy with no shirt and overalls on?

-he is on the rugby team and he thinks that that is warm

- he is a nice guy, says AR

- ASA JOINT SAHOOR

- some think that the turnout for MSA is good

- others don't think that the turnout was good

- there is an issue with people having to sit with the opposite gender

- Denny's may not be the best place to have this type of event

- BIG SIB/LIL SIB IFTAR

- turned out well,

- cost was more than we expected.
- Shatila was good...mmmm!!!
- Food was good
- Price was kind of a lot!!
- Turnout was good
- Those who wanted to go to taraweeh got there
- MSA- Dearborn gets free food a lot,
- We should talk to them for donations
- Maybe we should advertise for them, aka. Shirts, banner, newsletter
- We need to have a place to pray, (maybe pray in the masjid there,

Black Student Union Suhoor

- went well, try doing a joint iftar with them.

MESA Iftar

- went really well, food almost ran out but it didn't
- its good to reach out and work with these other organizations

Office Clean- Up

- WE WILL BE CLEANING THE OFFICE THIS THURSDAY IN BETWEEN HALAQA AND SPORTS NIGHT

POOL

- if any brothers want to play pool tomorrow/ are good at pool email Blauvelt
- we want to have a pool event later maybe with MESA

MSA- MSU B-ball

- on Sunday Nov 21, 11:30 am at MSU. If any brothers want to go contact Wajeeh Mohammed

U-Penn Law representative coming nov 29, contact dabki@umich.edu for more info

Multicultural MoJo, holiday recognition –Aisha will give us updates online about it.

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 Rami Fetouh
 Wajeeh Muhammad
 Abdul Rahman El-Sayed
 S.N. Syed
 Amjad Tarsin
 Abdur-Rahman Blauvelt
 Papa Smurf
 Sister Ikancuk
 BROTHER Ikancuk (thought you were tricky, huh???)
 Saif "Sailorman" Omar
 Yasser Ads (Lentils)
 Zubair Sarmast
 Moumen Asbahi

Ahmad Malas
John Ashcroft

THE INVESTIGATIVE PROJECT ON TERRORISM

Eboard Meeting
11-23-04

JOKE OF THE WEEK: What did the ocean say to the shore?

Quran Recitaion

- Surah Tawbah, verses 38-41.
- These verses are encouraging, especially in leadership positions. Allah is always there to help.
- Don't waste your time, because you cant get it back and if you have free time spend it helping the Umma.

Quote of the Day

- "A coward dies a thousand deaths, A soldier dies but once" ~ Tupac Lyrics

Sacred Time Retreat Update

- will be dec 3-5 and will be \$25, SPOTS ARE GOING FAST, SO REGISTER
- Thursday there will be a session for the sisters only after halaqa, and Friday after jumaa there will be a session for the brothers only, both of which are free to the general public
- See the website of your email for an updated schedule.

What are we Doing Here

- MSA and other organizations can not be taken lightly.
- We have the right to meet, we have the right to organize, and we have to put our priorities into perspective. We all have time for MSA. We can all sacrifice for the MSA
- The MSA is just a means to be doing Islamic work.
- We don't realize how easy we have it, we don't have to start from scratch and we are a respected member of the community.
- Everybody's events are the MSAs events.
- We need to take advantage of the legacy of the MSA that the alum left us.

Thursday Halaqa Review

- the speaker seemed to be very involved in his technology

Children of Abraham Update

- sakina and Fatima met with the group bringing the activity.
- The program is gonna have a program about the prophet Abraham, then have a piece about the negative words associated with certain religions, and have students of each faith give a little talk.
- December 13, at 7:30 PM and its FREE
- They are thinking of bringing the program back in the spring around march 7, or 14

Email Policy

- many people have been unsubscribing from the nets because people send out stupid things like the basketball fight on the MUSLIMS net.
- We cant keep having people unsubscribe.
- We need to make ground rules for the MUSLIMS net and distinguish it from the BROTHERS and SISTERS nets.
- SEE OFFICIAL EMAIL OR THE WEBSITE FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF THE RULES (the list of rules still needs to be finalized/ posted)
- ANSWER TO THE JOKE: Nothing, it just waved :)

Eid Dinner

- Entertainment and food need to be decided soon.

Peney War Iftar/ CCRB Night

- the boys didn't like the food, apparently they did like it though, they just said they didn't because the girls made it.

Newsletter Review

- Send your comments to Abdur Rahman Blauvelt.
- The newsletter needs to be edited better.
- People liked the first two newsletters better than the last one.
- Put people's artwork in color rather than not in color.

Fundraising Opportunity

- Trying to put on a fundraising dinner some time in March (political committee, maybe SAFE as well).
- Fundraise for the Kind Hearts organization
- The money is targeted to go to whatever cause needs it at the moment, (causes in Countries that need it).
- The fundraising dinner is targeted to communities, rather than students. They are better for fundraising.

Darfur Conference Review

- It was really good, thanks to the people that flied, about 60 people attended the conference

Liason Meeting Review

- there are liaisons to pretty much all the groups on campus.

Haji Noor Chinese Calligraphy

- he designed the Eid stamp, he might come here in the last two weeks of march.
- He does calligraphy and a lecture on islam and china.

Office Clean Up

- it went really well, we need to do another one soon.

Upenn Law represenative visit on Monday nov 29 at 8 pm in the Henderson room (league)

Horowitz ad in the Daily

"E-board should write letters to the editor concerning the advertisement, and that these should be sent in as soon as possible. Letters can be e-mailed to: tothedaily@michigandaily.com, or directly to the editorial page editor Jason Pesick (jzpesick@umich.edu)."

The ALIM

- Conference in Dalas, Texas,
- Friday, December 31, 2004 – Monday, January 3, 2005

MGSA Lecture:

Felix Change (J.D. 2006) "Muslim and Chinese Communist Realtions" and learn about China's sizeable Muslim minority in the Xinjiang province. Monday, Nov 29, 2004 6:00pm Michigan League- room D

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Abeer “malika” Odeh
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Amjad Tarsin
Saif Omar
Aisha Jukaku

THE INVESTIGATIVE PROJECT ON TERRORISM

BOARD MINUTES

11-30-04

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Why do OSU students leave their diploma's on their dashboards?

QURAN

- surah 2, ayah 32
- we are distinguished from other being because we have the ability to seek knowledge.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

- "A bore is a man deprives you of solitude without providing you with company."
- ~ Gian Vincenzo Gravina

EID DINNER

- Want to have a meeting w/ general body later this week or early next week.
- Eid skits – brothers eid skits (Hazam Malas is in charge), Sisters skits will be taken care of.

RETREAT

- About half of the people coming are from out of state.
- We have about 60 people coming
- ANSWER TO THE JOKE: to validate handicap parking
- Sisters session will be thurs night and brothers session fri after jumaa, both are free and open to everyone.
- Email will be sent out soon.

HOSTING CZ RETREAT

- if hosted it, it would be really successful, but would be a lot of work.
- Would be sometime around March
- Would be a large event, probably 200 people.

FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

- we will apply for funding for the Eid Dinner next semester.
- IAW is all paid for

Email Policy

- Fatima will send out an email
- We will have discussions on bros and sis nets and announcements on muslims net

UPENN Law Rep Review

- it was pretty good, all interested kids could talk on a one on one basis.

Horowitz in the Daily

- send in editorials.

Michigan Council Meeting: Sat, Dec 4th (2-4:30pm) UDM campus

Diversity Dialogue about the US Election Results: Sunday Dec. 5th from 3-5pm

- A break and snack will be provided
- Please RSVP to Naomi or Pierce with your intention to join us
nlevitz@umich.edu, beckhamw@umich.edu

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Sana Syed

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Aisha Jukaku

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Zubair Sarmast

Yasser Ads

Abdulrahman El-Sayed

Captain Amjad Tarsin

Mohammad Hussain Dar

SN Syed

Abdur-Rahman Blauvelt

Princess Saif

Fhqwghads

INVESTIGATIVE PROJECT ON TERRORISM

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
DEC 7, 2004

1. OPENING

-Reflection Time

-Dua

2. QURAN

3. QUOTE OF THE DAY

4. PC FUNDRAISING PROPOSAL (MAHER)

* Things need to be more active this year; we need to go beyond educating the community and taking on a more active role
Kind Hearts Fundraising Dinner- non-profit relief organization helping Palestine and other Muslim countries
PROPOSAL

1. Date: Mid March

2. Website: www.kind-hearts.com

3. Total Estimated Cost: \$2000

4. Estimated Return: \$5000-\$6000

5. Organization has no legal problems

6. MSA is no jeopardy by being affiliated with this organization

7. Organization has had huge success rate in fundraising and using its fund to aide the suffering in the occupied territories

8. Projects Include: 3 Medical Facilities, Clean Water Treatment in open schools and towns, Food Donations, and Ramadan Food Baskets.

* Does this go along with Political committee's Objectives?

* This would be something worthwhile and a means of taking direct action in helping Islamic political causes

* Should perhaps sign on with other relief organizations to take on this dinner as opposed to MSA doing this by themselves

* Could also have a week's worth of lectures to help meet with MSA's educational goals in terms of political awareness and then finish off with the dinner

* Not a lot of relief work is done, want to take education and turn it into action

* Expected audience: 400-600 students; emphasis on local community as opposed to college students as audience

* There will be an educational aspect to the dinner

* Trying to establish connection with MSA-Dearborn to host this event

5. EID DINNER UPDATE (Lubna)

-Moumen & Ambereen plan to have a meeting this week

- A lot of work is getting accomplished, need to find people to help with volunteer work like set up at the dinner, tickets, etc.

6. SACRED TIME RETREAT REVIEW (Saif)

-It's over!

-Good turnout

-Meeting tomorrow to wrap up @ 6:00 pm in the Tapp Room

7. Children of Abraham Play

- this Monday Dec. 13th @ East Quad Auditorium, 7:30 pm

- need sister on discussion panel that would happen in the intermission of the play

8. Hosting CZ Conference/ MI Council meeting updates (Ahmad Malas & AR Elsayed)

- Dearborn is having a class every Thursday night next semester with Imam Muneer Fareed
- got mixed messages from Dearborn about wanting to co-sponsor conference with us
- writing proposal for conference this Friday
- start making rough committees for the conference
- Outreach Committee are conference chairs

9. COMMITTEE REVIEWS:

-some committees and members not putting in the effort, in terms of events and general attendance that these reviews will help show and establish a better team effort

- e- boarders should help outside of their committees as well
- may even have to find replacements for e-boarders not willing to continue their share of work

*Outreach Review

1. NSO iV rather successful except did not start on time (something that all eboard committees need to work on improving)

2. Big/Lil Sib- ineffective this year iV needs massive overhaul for next year + techniques to help it be effective next year:

- give students work to do with the MSA
- have a big/lil sib training session
- start thinking of new ideas to help this program- talk to grad students and alumni

-Outreach events on Friday nights as opposed to Thursday nights

3. Freshman Halaqa Series- held only 2 of them; in conflict with Ramadan and other MSA events iV effective program though

4. Big/Lil Sib Iftar- pretty good iV find location to pray next time- food was expensive though

5. Festfall- very successful & had a prime location iV make sure we always sign up early

6. AMPLify iV should bring food next year to this cultural event

*Next semester:

1. High School recruitment- weekend before spring break in February

-bringing in Peter Sanders, photographer, in February

-focus on inner city kids for the recruitment

2. C Zone Conference- March

3. Winterfest- January

- email issue iV make sure all muslims are on the email lists ,,³ give out a phone number in case people are not getting the e-mails

- message board topic

-DAWAH

* past semester events

IAW

Dawah table

Children of Abraham

*GOALS

Getting in contact with BSU

Day in the Life

Wants to make a structured schedule for the participants

Dawah Table- someone on e-board needs to set up the table

- one person could perhaps take charge of the table for the next semester- or a committee of 3 people

- need to train MSA student to help them give dawah

Interfaith event
Multicultural Council event on Sunday
Representing holidays not in December

3. Community Affairs

*Objectives- do a lot of activities with other student groups on campus and have consistent events on campus for Muslims

*Past Events

1 soup kitchen in spring

Masjid clean up

SERVE it UP! ;V festifall for comm. Service group

Fastathon ;V

*Next Semester:

- continue soup kitchens

-Unity experiment

- painting the masjid project

- much more activities this coming semester;K..

*Billiards Tournament

- THIS FRIDAY AT 7 PM- ALL MUSLIMS WELCOME- THERE IS NO FEE AND LOTS OF FREE PRIZES!!!

9. MISCELLANEOUS

ATTENDANCE

Nurd Sedique

Lubna Khan

Abeer the one and only

Lena Masri

Nerdiya Ahmed

Roua Al-Rawi

Sakina Al-Amin

Jukaku

Sana Syed

SN Syed

Abdulrahman

Mahammad Hussain Dar

Amjad Tarsin

AR Blauvelt

Saif ;§Slater;” Omar

Ninjai

BOARD MINUTES

12-14-04

QURAN

Surah Ali Imran, verse 33

- this verse puts everything into perspective.
- Everyone is competing with exams right now.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“There were tens of thousands of pilgrims, from all over the world. They were of all colors, from blue-eyed blonds to black-skinned Africans. But we were all participating in the same ritual displaying a spirit of unity and brotherhood that my experiences in America had led me to believe never could exist between the white and the non-white. America needs to understand Islam, because this is the one religion that erases from its society the race problem.” ~ Malcolm X

- Our MSA does a good job of erasing the race problem.

EID DINNER UPDATE

- Not much to discuss yet.
- we will discuss this over the exec net over break.

HOSTING THE CZ CONFERENCE

- turned our proposal in on Saturday.
- There are a couple other MSAs competing with us for the conference, but we will get to host it.
- We are going to start planning anyways.
- Prospective date is March 11-13.
- Planning to have a meeting over break on dec 29, if interested in helping out, contact Nura Sediqa (nasediqa@umich.edu).

CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM REVIEW

- the play was a full hour and was enjoyable. Then they had a panel of reps from each religion (Abdul Rahman Elsayed was our rep).
- most of the audience were older members of the community.
- About a fourth of the audience were muslims.
- Want to bring the play back sometime in March

COMMITTEE REVIEWS

- EDUCATION

o Brothers/ sisters peace net/ tajweed. These fell through on the brothers side, and are still going on on the sisters side.

„X Keep the sisters peacenet the same, try to make the brothers peacenet groups bigger next semester.

- Start these events early on in the semester, while peoples schedules are free-er and people can work these in to there schedules.
- Halaqas- we need to start ON TIME next semester, we should have a halaqa about timely-ness.

- SOCIAL

o Try to get more people involved by having fun activities.:

o Mass meeting, bowling, fall picnic, guys played b-ball at canton, rented out the CCRB, cottage Inn, Ramadan Iftars went well

o We should have more social events on thurs, (more regularly), try having a welcome back social event, try doing iceskating, skiing, etc.

MISC

- MICHIGAN DAILY- send Aisha any events you will be having next semester so that she can contact the daily and get them to write about it.
- CHABAD HOUSE- we should try to help them with their Manora issue that they had a few days ago. Try to get it in the daily to show the "solidarity" that we feel with them. Show them our support with a letter.
- Skiing Proposal- try to have a ski trip once we get back from break. We can try going to mount Brighton.
- We need to start training others on our positions on eboard so that they can take over next year.

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Amjad Tarsin
Saif Omar

Eboard Minutes
1-11-05

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Why was the MSU student staring so hard at the orange juice carton?

QURAN (16: 18)

"If ye would count up the favours of Allah, never would ye be able to number them: for Allah is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful"

- Count your blessings.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Liberty means responsibility. That is why most men dread it." ~ George Bernard Shaw

- being responsible can be liberating

TSUNAMI RELIEF

- MSA should get involved.
- The meeting is going on right now, they are deciding what we as a campus should be doing.
- We need to make people aware of the situation.
- There is a cultural barrier between the people that need help and those helping them.
- We need to be amongst the leading groups that are helping out on campus.
- We are gonna work together with the campus effort

EID DINNER

- the tickets are printed and are being distributed.
- We are getting grilled chicken and spinach lasagna are the dinner choices
- We may have a comedian and qari Hassen Rasool coming, maybe 171 qawali troop
- We are gonna need a lot of help the day of the dinner/ at the dinner
- Their will be a poetry and baking contest, iA EVERYONE TRIES TO PARTICIPATE
- The new deadline for buying a \$15 ticket is this THURSDAY NIGHT, at midnight
- Publicity needs to be improved, tell everyone about the dinner

High School recruitment/ CZ conference

- it will probably be the weekend before spring break, not sure when we will have it, try to book around midterm
- ANSWER TO THE JOKE: Because it said "concentrate"!
- we want to try to get Saad Qadri's to speak
- Not hosting CZ conference anymore

Finance Review

- if you plan on spending any money, you need to consider the money aspect of it and let him know
- Actively seek out low cost solutions

Political Review

- proposing to have a fund raising event for kind hearts
- we will talk about having this event next semester
- tee shirts- we are thinking of making red shirts that are red and say "wherever we stand we stand for freedom" or "wherever we stand we stand with the truth"
- Maybe before halaqa we can have a world events discussion, or after halaqa

Publications Review

- there is a meeting Thursday at 4:30pm in the tap room
- Make the risalah's less funny and more serious

MISC

- relay for life for cancer
- coach carter Thursday at 7 pm, tonight is the last night that you get a ticket if you still want to go
- Book drive with hillel
- Ski trip- thinking about having one
- Forward the alumni email, that moumen sent out, around to all the alumni you know

ATTENDANCE

Sarah Youssef
Lubna Khan
Roua Al-Rawi
Shimaa Abdelfadeel
Sana Syed
Nura Sedique
Ambreen Rizvi
Abeer Odeh
Sakina Al-Amin
Fatima Makhzoum
O^2
Rashad A
SN Syed
Yasser Ads
Moumen Asbahi
Wajeeh Muhammad
Zubair Sarmast and the cast
Amjad Tarsin
AR Blauvelt
Banana pants
Aisha Jukaku

EBOARD MINUTES

1-18-05

JOKE OF THE WEEK: why didn't the skeleton cross the road?

QURAN

Surah 3, ayah 200

- remember to be patient

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Patience is the best remedy for every trouble." ~ Titus Maccius Plautus

- try to smile more

EID DINNER

- we will try to have discounted tickets for anyone who cannot afford an ticket (and is a U of M student). If you cant afford a ticket, approach an e-boarder and we will see what we can do. We will try to have eboard pitch in to cover the costs.
- Contact any businesses you think can sponsor the dinner.
- They told the cook to try to make the food a little spicy. The chicken is also halal.

Social Stuff

- coach carter was #1 at the box office
- maybe try to have a qiyam on days when we don't have halaqa
- try to maybe have a brunch on Eid day, Yasmin ElSayed will be incharge of this.

KIND HEARTS DINNER (MAYBE)

- they give money to places all over the middle east
- Should MSA focus there resources on a foreign affair? Maybe have this dinner through IES as opposed to MSA
- ANSWER TO THE JOKE: because it had no guts.
- We will do this event with having IES sponsor it

BOOK DRIVE

- do this with Hillel
- try to collect books by fliering in neighborhoods, ask book stores to donate, and ask people in our organization to donate new or gently used books.
- Want to start fliering at the end of Jan, collect through out feb.

RELAY FOR LIFE

- great dawah to participate in this. It is 24 hours long for cancer. Its april 9-10.
- We need a rep from our group there at all times.
- We need more brothers especially for night time so that we don't have girls there at night.

MISC

- ski trip- try to do it on a Saturday
- High school recruitment- need a speaker incase the speaker they are trying to get falls through

ATTENDANCE

Sarah Youssef

Ambreen Rizvi

Sakina Al-Amin

Abu Lahab
Fatima Makhzoum
Roua Al-Rawi
Nura Sedique
Yasmin ElSayed
Lubna Khan
Shimaa Abdelfadeel
Abeer Odeh
Maher
SN Syed
Abdul El Sayed
Moumen Asbahi
Ms. Amjad Tarsin
AR Blauvelt
Franklin The Turtle
Aisha Jukaku
Omar Odeh

INVESTIGATIVE PROJECT ON TERRORISM

Eborad Meeting
1-25-05

QURAN Surah 3, Ayah 27

"Thou causest the night to gain on the day, and thou causest the day to gain on the night; Thou bringest the Living out of the dead, and Thou bringest the dead out of the Living; and Thou givest the substance to whom Thou pleasest, without measure."

- It is so important to be ready for death, because it can come at any moment
- Always s reevaluate your intentions

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Without a struggle, there can be no progress" ~ Frederick Douglas
- with the Eid Dinner coming up, a lot of people have worked really hard for it

EID DINNER UPDATE

- TICKETS ARE ALMOST GONE, GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!!!!!!!
- Basil will be the MC
- ENTER THE BAKING CONTEST/ POETRY CONTEST
- Brother Ramzi will give a short talk
- 786 will do a short performance
- The comedian will perform
- Maybe have Nasheed playing in the background
- We made "Winter Updates" for the alum and parents
- DON'T FORGET TO PICKUP A RISALAH ON YOUR WAY OUT

OUTREACH UPDATE

- HighSchool Recruitment will be on feb 24, we will iA have RYAN HARRIS come and speak.
- We need reps from each city to be advertise for this.
- We really need to try to outreach to Detroit
- Email nasediqe@umich.edu if you have any suggestions/ want to help out
- Want to try to have an event to teach Muslims to outreach to other muslims who don't normally come to events

BOOK DRIVE

- there will be a meeting this Sunday
- we will be making the boxes with Hillel
- Contact Roua AL-Rawi for more details. (rouana@umich.edu)

ATHLETIC CHAIR POSITION

- exercise is extremely important
- the girls have semi organized exercise regimens, and the brothers play IM sports
- we will try to have a sub chair of social committee be in charge of this.

Jeffery Lang

- he is a good motivational speaker
- we want to try to bring him here in the fall

MISC

- experiment for money- each participant gets \$15
- we are trying to have a ski trip on feb 12
- AR elsayed apologizes if offended anyone about the whole not holding the CZ zone conference this year. We want to hold it next year iA
- we should Co-sponsor an event with BSU in Feb (black history month)

ATTENDANCE

Sarah Youssef
Ryan Harris
Ambreen Rizvi
Shimaa
Lubna Khan
Barney
Hena Ashraf
Nura Sedique
Donovan McNabb
Fatima Makhzoum
Abeer Odeh
BJ
Mohammad Hussain Dar
SN Syed
Moasbahi
AR Blauvelt
Baby Bop
A. Stino
Aisha Jukaku
Amjad "I SKIPPED" Tarsin
Tom Brady
Yasmin Elsayed
Aliyah Rab
Mona Rafeeq
Roua Al-Rawi
Sakina Al-Amin
Napoleon Dynamite

EBOARD MINUTES 2/1/05

1. Opening

- reflection time
- dua'

2. QURAN

-Let there arise out of you a band of people inviting to all that is good, enjoining what is right, and forbidding what is wrong: They are the ones to attain felicity.

3. QUOTE OF THE DAY"

-Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.

-Martin Luther King Jr.

4. SOCIAL: Eid dinner review (moumen and ambereen)

- feedback for next years eid dinner chairs
- big success, alhamdulillah
- attendance, skits, program, music, added speech about eid was beneficial should implement in future
- good idea to have alumni/grad/family section should keep in future.
- apologize about MC's jokes, overall did a good job.
- issues with brothers eid skits
- inshAllah there won't be a problem with food next year/ issue with pre-order. People who ordered veg dish. Need to be clearly identifiable.
- door was unorganized
- having companies at entrance was good, good for funding, and having reg. table at a far end was good.
- decorations were really good.
- keep one person as a contact person with the union. The union prefers one liason.
- meat from Dearborn RIZK MEAT, Mohammad Rizk, good deal and we should continue doing business with him.
- a lot better than last two years
- MC situation: suggest that it should be a person from eboard.
- sound was a problem
- give the EiD speech more time, important
- dim lights for attention of audience, but spotlight was broken
- if sponsors didn't gain anything and we didn't gain maybe we shouldn't have them.
- Ahmad Ahmad is played out, and sometimes inappropriate
- don't increase price because some other msa's didn't come because of this reason. We are catering to the thousands of muslims on campus, because our goal is not to make money even though we did. Reduce cost, goal should be to make eid dinner free.
- should keep eid dinner in the UNION BALLROOM: tradition, holds amnt we expect
- future eid dinner chairs should book entertainment a lot earlier. The entertainers are what jacked up the cost.
- more eboarders involved in pre-eid dinner preparations and post eid dinner clean up.
- some suggest eid dinner should have a more educational influence, less entertainment. Some feel that eid dinner is not beneficial.
- enforce ticket sales as early as possible.
- document where ticket sales came from in the last four days.
- maybe set up a paypal system online.
- if there are any other suggestions, email moumen: moasbahi@umich.edu,

ambereen: rizvi@umich.edu

5. Alumni Networking (moumen)

- alumni don't like reading the risalah, don't find it beneficial.
- some alumni like it: serious articles out way the funny ones
- cost of sending out risalah to alumni can be costly.
- possibly posting on website, and not sending out.
- possibly adding articles that the alumni would like.
- we all need to get alumni to register.

6. Outreach Committee (Nura and AR Elsayed)

- Feb.24th High school recruitment.
- we need a lot of help from alle
- will need people with cars and housing kids in towerplaza
- inshAllah we have ryan harris (football player from Notre Dame)
- room?
- keep a look out for emails for help.
- contact al-ikhlas to invite to high school recruitment
- outreach wants to do something that changes msa internally. Bring in muslims/non-muslims from the fringe
- Thursday halaqa and outreach event: train/change yourself to be better with da'wah and internal da'wah. "How to do effective da'wah" Feb 10 or the 17th.
- parent day? Tough right now, because of lack of demand.
- if any other comment suggestions nasediqe@umich.edu, elabdul@umich.edu

7. Assign Election Committee, Presidential election amendment, New Position?

- two seniors for possible candidates: maidah khan, salman bin noor, raza zaidi...
- email saif omar ideas saifomar@umich.edu
- khurram siddiqi will come and talk to us about amendment issue.
- eboard and GB decide on president
- two VP's: internal and external
- dropping one political committee chair
- dropping publicity committee
- requirement of sub-chairs: campus jummah, eid dinner chair, iaw chairs, each eboard member has people in committee that have kind of set positions. Also liason positions.

8. Community Affairs: Book Drive and Unity Experiment Updates (Roua)

- book drive with hillel last Sunday only 4 members showed up and we will be collecting books and inshAllah there will be more people who show up second time around
- rides from TP to the ROCK, or meet them there

9. EDUCATION:

- Thursday Halaqa this week? Yes
- Qiyaam: have msaers speak instead of big speakers

10. PUBLICATIONS REVIEW: RISALAH, WINTER UPDATES, EID CARDS (Blauvelt)

- happy with the risalah
- will implement winter and spring risalah
- Take winter update back to our own individual communities
- Eid cards were nice, some offensive.

11. MSA LOGISTICS

- *MSA should higher a part-time secretary.
- Walk eboarders through process
- Documenting
- Would be paid position
- Actually quite common.
- Handle important things: finances, tax exempt.
- Should be alumni, that is familiar with msa infrastructure
- Thought of may not need it immediately.

12. VISION SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

- email any suggestions
- donations
- no one has applied yet
- need to have a meeting
- only open to current students: soph, junior, senior

13. MASJID LIASON UPDATE (amro stino)

- should we start a fund for his family?
- Fundraising after campus jummajh
- MSA Exam Database: contact amstino@umich.edu
- Masjid Open House April 2nd maher: meetings tuedays 8-9 Ann Arbor Masjid

14. CAMPUS NETWORKING: Work w/BSU for Black History Month (Sakina, Aisha)

- BSU holding events everyday this month
- Black history month this month
- co-sponsorship: if we are more willing than they will be more willing for us in the future
- we want to do an event as the msa and have BSU co-sponsor our event.
- we want to be out there so that people know that we also feel strongly about this issue.
- waiting for BSU's reply to our emails
- DAY IN THE LIFE: does any know of any particular groups that would like to co-sponsor or have historically been willing to work with us.....contact amjad amjadt@umich.edu

14. MISCELLANEOUS:

- SKI TRIP: we are having it on Feb. 12th inshAllah
- will announce and reply to our emails (lkhan@umiche.edu, wajeehm@Umich.edu, zsarmast@umich.edu)
- Need a new Michigan Council Rep: possibly Nadiya Ahmad
- any suggestions?
- Jeffrey Lang invite next year

ATTENDANCE:

AISHA
AMJAD
ROUA
WAJEEH

NOAMAN
ABEER
NURA
LUBNA
ABDUL RAHMAN
ABDUL EL SAYED
NADIYA AHMAD
OMAR ODEH
WAJEEHA SHUTTARI
SAKINA AL AMIN
ATIYA HUSAIN
AMBEREEN RIZVI
SHIMAA ABDELFADEEL
HENA ASHRAF
THE RISALAH MONKEY
SAIF OMAR

INVESTIGATIVE PROJECT ON TERRORISM

Eboard Minutes
2-8-05

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Why did chicken Dr. Kevorkian cross the road?

QURAN (surah 4, ayah 75)

- very powerful verse
- we had the intercity halaqa last week and we really need to help out

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I am not a racist. I am against every form of racism and segregation, every form of discrimination. I believe in human beings, and that all human beings should be respected as such, regardless of their color." ~ Malcolm X

- As Muslims we should stand for principles and not for vengeance.
- Don't be hypocritical

THURSDAY HALAQA REVIEW/ UPDATE

- last week we had Imam Al-Amin. He gave a really good talk. It would have been nice if he talked more about how we can bridge the gap btwn us and the intercity Muslims. We should try to go to Detroit more and hang out with the kids in the Masjid there to bridge the gap. There are soup kitchens and a free clinic on Saturdays that they need volunteers to go help with. Attendance was good.
- Next Week- want to get Ali Hussain (not the student) to speak for this Thursday.
- What do people think of the before halaqa discussion? It worked really well, made the halaqa more personal, might be better to start a little earlier (20 minutes) so that we aren't still discussing when the speaker comes. We should try sending out disc topics with the halaqa email so that people can get prepared for the discussion

ELECTION COMMITTEE AND MOSES

- we are going to have the president be selected in a manner in which the general body's votes will account for 50% of the vote and the present and new eboard will vote and this will account for the other 50% of the vote and the person receiving the most vote will be selected as president.
- MOSES- we should try to get involved with MOSES more. They work to promote social justice

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

- it is very difficult for the SA Mto do a joint event with the BSU now (its pretty far into Black history month)
- ANSWER TO THE JOKE: To help the patient find the other side :)
- they want us to show up to their events, that is one way we can support them
- we should all try to attend the event on the 23. a Muslim professor is speaking

DAY IN THE LIFE

- nothing has been put into motion yet, they are waiting on funding and co-sponsorship.
- Everyone go to the dawaa meeting tomorrow.

HIGH SCHOOL RECRUITMENT

- Atiya is the chair of this event
- We need back up speakers incase Ryan Harris doesn't work out, iA it will
- Try to make a sign up for high school recruitment on the MSA website

CO-Sponsoring w/ Hillel

- they are bringing in a person Jew comedian and want us to co-sponsor. The event is free, they are asking for donations and 100% of it will go to the Tsunami relief.
- We can attend the event, but I don't think we are going to co-sponsor this b/c we don't want our name on this event (we don't know what topics comedian is gonna talk about)

Skiing Update

- we are waiting for people to reply and sign up.

BOOK DRIVE REVIEW

- last Sunday they picked up the books
- they got A LOT of books, more than they expected, alhamdulillah
- 6 people showed up

MISC

- Masjid Open house is April 2nd.

ATTENDANCE

Aisha Jukaku
Amjad Tarsin
Roua Al-Rawi
Abeer Odeh
Wajeeh Muhammad
Chris the stuffed animal
Saif Omar
Zubair Sarmast
Nadiya Ahmad
Abd. Blauvelt
Yasser Ads
Sarah Youssef
Lubna Khan
Nauman Syed
Rami Fetouh
Nura Sedique
Abd. El-sayed
Atiya Hussain
Sakina Al-Amin
Shimaa Abdelfadeel
The Risalah Monkey
O2

E-board Minutes 3-22-05

JOKE OF THE WEEK: why did the turtle cross the road?

QURAN- Surah 5, Verse 8

"O ye who believe! Stand out firmly for Allah, as witnesses to fair dealing, and let not the hatred of others to you make you swerve to wrong and depart from justice. Be just: that is next to piety: and fear Allah. For Allah is well-acquainted with all that ye do"

- it is hard to stand for justice in a place that doesn't stand for justice
- always be just

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Seek knowledge even unto China." ~ Prophet Muhammad (SAW)

- go very far to seek knowledge
- go see the Hajji Noor exhibit
- seek knowledge to better understand the other side (with things like the divestment)

SACRED TIME PROJECT UPDATE/ WINTER UPDATE

- registration is online and so is the schedule
- Please register ASAP
- Pass out winter updates to who ever you think they will be beneficial to, we have many extras

IRAQ WAR DISPLAY REVIEW

- it was very nice, a lot of people liked it
- there weren't many moz there, there were only like two.

HAJJI NOOR PROGRAM

- last night was really good
- we learned a lot about the culture
- tonight there is a workshop about the Rukaa script type of calligraphy
- tomorrow night workshop about the diwani script and Chinese calligraphy

BILLIARDS NIGHT REVIEW

- there were a little over 20 people there
- it was free
- ANSWER TO THE JOKE: to get to the shell station
- it was a lot of fun
- we need social ideas for this Thursdays social event
- this Thursday the girls will have ice cream and play board games and the brothers will play basketball or watch a movie (potentially)
- stay tuned for email about a social committee meeting this thursday

THURSDAY HALAQA REVIEW

- the speaker was really good, and the topic was very thought provoking.
- Attendance was really poor, probably because of poem of the cloak
- Should include speaker bio, more elaboration on halaqa topic
- Hajji Noor this Thursday

ELECTION COMMITTEE UPDATE

- Nominations are closed
- Tonight there should be emails sent out with the positions you were nominated for tonight and you will have a couple of days to accept

BOARD OF TRUSTEES/ SCHOLARSHIP REVIEW APPOINTMENT

Elected board positions

"RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES" OF EBOARD MEMBERS

These will be posted on the website/ an email will be sent out about this later.

COKE CAMPAIGN/ DIVESTMENT

- there were a lot of moz reppin. We created the biggest MSA meeting in the history of MSA meetings
- this is not over.
- The coke campaign is working to get coca cola off this campus. You can still drink coke though. Coke is responsible for the assigation of 9 unoin workers

RELAY FOR LIFE

- only 2 weeks left. KEEP COLLECTING MONEY

MASJID OPEN HOUSE

- Talk to amro stino

SAAN CONFERENCE

- apply to be on a leadership position on SAAN

YEARBOOK

- submit a committee page to Yasser

ATTENDANCE

Sarah Youssef
Nura Sediqe
Atiya Husain
Azmat Khan
SAif Omar
AR Elsayed
Wajeel Muhammad
CARB
Yasser Ads
Abeer Odeh
Aisha Jukaku
NAfisah Ullah
Lubna Khan
Sakina Al- Amin
Sana Syed
Roua Al-Rawi

EBOARD MINUTES

3-29-05

JOKE OF THE WEEK” why don’t they play poker in the jungle?

QURAN (surah 2, verse 153)

“O ye who believe! Seek help with patient perseverance and prayer; for Allah is with those who patiently perservere.

- if you are re-nominated for eboard stick through it and perservere

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“When you know a thing, to hold that you know it; and when you do not know a thing, to allow that you do not know it – this is knowledge. ~ Confucius

COKE ISSUE

- we are proposing becoming part of the coalition to ban coke products on campus for their human rights violations.

- We voted in support of joining the coke campaign

MGSA PANEL HALAQA UPDATE

- halaqa this week will be a panel of grad students talking about the work they have been doing

- there are various aspects that will be talked about, shows that muslims should be involved in various things

- elections will be right after halaqa

STP QIYAM & REFLECTIONS REVIEW/ RETREAT UPDATE

- Sister Fareeha Khan gave a talk, at first there were only 4 people there, but then more people showed up and there were about 15 people

- ANSWER TO THE JOKE: because there’s too many cheetahs

- Sister Fareeha will be teaching a class this spring, AAPTIS 291, you should all look into taking it.

HAJJI NOOR: “ISLAM IN CHINA” REVIEW

- week was good

- every day was good, but Thursdays attendance was kind of poor.

- Many people were late, iA we can start making an effort to try to be on time more

PRISON VISIT SIGN UP INFO

- some guys are going to a prison in Indiana next Friday. If you are interested email Saif, in order to go you must be willing to skip class on Fri.

- if you are going send Saif your SS number

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF EBOARD MEMBERS (PART III)

- These will be posted on the website/ an email will be sent out about this later

ELECTION PROGRESS

(1) People were nominated and those who accepted are on the ballot.

(2) general body votes for all eboard positions including Prez at thursday halaqah.

(3) Votes are tallied and released EXCEPT for president. New, president-less eboard forms.

(4) Old and new eboard get together for a LONG MEETING to discuss the candidates for president, analyze them, and then everyone votes at the meeting for who they think should be prez. The presidential candidates ARE

NOT allowed to be at this meeting, and the meeting IS CLOSED to the general public, except for the beginning when constituents are allowed to come in and voice an opinion or concern. However, once the meeting starts, only eboard (new and old) are allowed, and the meeting is an amana (sacred trust) where you discuss even the bad aspects of the candidates, and for that reason NOBODY is allowed to say anything about what went on in the meeting afterwards, even to the candidates themselves. Meetings can last from a few hours to more than 12. Finding a time this year is going to be particularly difficult because of STP.

(5) This is the tricky part - A certain combination of general body and eboard votes determine the outcome. I believe it's 50/50, but I'm not sure. Also there's the complication of eboarders getting to vote once at the thursday halaqah and once again at the closed meeting. Khuram seemed against this, although it's unavoidable because even if you made the old eboarders not vote, you can't predict who the new eboarders are and tell them not to vote.

ATTENDANCE

Sarah Youssef
Noor Kheir
Nafisah Ullah
Saif Omar
Mona Rafeeq
Yasmin ElSayed
Abeer Odeh
Lubna Khan
Nura Sediqe
Martha Stuart
Sakina Al-Amin
Aisha Jukaku
AR Blauvelt
Ashy Larry
Amjad Tarsin
Mohammad Hussain Dar
Napoleon Dynamite
Babar
O2
SN Syeed
Ousmane Bah

EBoard Meeting
4-5-05

QUR'AN- surah 9, Ayah 24

- we are making a lot of decisions right now and we need to prioritize and get our goals straight.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Someone's sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago."

~Warren Buffett

- a lot of the things we are doing right now, we are not doing for our selves, but for others to benefit from. Especially the seniors

EBOARD PICTURE

MGSA PANEL HALAQA REVIEW/ HALAQA UPDATE

- interesting, but not halaqa material.
- Halaqa should include spiritual development type stuff. Other events should be on other days
- Way over our head. It was extremely academic.
- We need to define what a halaqa is.
- Halaqa this week will be indoors

STP REVIEW

- we are going over the feedback stuff right now
- on sun there was no talk after fajr because Indiana people don't have day light savings so they didn't know to change the clocks and they were bringing shaykh Walead.
- We need to get the conference heads/ main volunteers from now.
- A lot of people were really tired after wards

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES PART (IV)

These will be posted later.

Relay for life is this saturday starting at 10am and going till 10am on Sunday.

Sisters cultural show will be may 13th

- there is a meeting Thursday at 5 pm in the tap room.

ATTENDANCE

Sarah Youssef
Abeer "Malika" Odeh
Nura Sediqa
Zalmay Khalilzad
Wajeeha Shuttari
Yasmin ElSayed
Lubna Khan
"I choose you" Pikachu
Aisha Jukaku
Saif Omar- Hajji Uncle
AR Blauvelt
Amjad "Kitty heart" Tarsin
Wajeeh Muhammad
SN Syed
Zubair Sarmast
Shimaa AbdelFadeel

Kirby
Roua Al-Rawi
Sakina Al-Amin
Chester Bennigton
Nadiya Ahmed

THE INVESTIGATIVE PROJECT ON TERRORISM

Eboard Minutes
4-12-05

QURAN surah 24, ayah 15

“Behold, ye received it on your tongues, and said it out of your mouths things of which ye had no knowledge; and ye thought it to be a light matter, while it was most serious in the sight of Allah.”

- this ayah is referring to when Aisha (RA) was accused of adultery, and this is the ayah that cleared her name
- when you accuse someone of something always remember/ think of what you are doing. Remember that it is still gossip and backbiting.
- On the day of judgment that person will pick up your good sins.
- Even the lightest matter can be taken in a bad way.
- We should always look to the Quran for guidance

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“All virtue is summed up in dealing justly.” ~ Aristotle

- islam is a religion of obligations not rights. America is based on freedom and islam is based on justice. The two concepts don't always go together.
- Always try to be objective when dealing with a situation and remove yourself from the situation

HALAQA REVIEW AND UPDATE

- Khurum talked about Islam and Democracy. It was very informative and different from normal halaqa. Good change from regular halaqa.
- Maybe we should have halaqa more relevant to college students.
- Halaqa needs to start on time and end on time.
- Need more interesting topics and speakers
- We need to tell other people to come to halaqa and encourage them to come
- We need to find appropriate speakers for an audience our age.
- We need education committee to be a big committee so that we get more view points of what people want to see.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL REVIEW

- Maybe we should have separate social events more often
- Outreach and social combined events a lot this year, maybe we should have more outreach at the beginning and more social events at the end of the year.
- People like the CCRB nights

SENIOR HALAQA UPDATE

- seniors will be called up and given an award and allowed a couple minutes to give advice/ reflect on their college years.
- There will be pizza

Words of wisdom

- it is really important for everyone to be involved with MSA next year even if your not on eboard.
- When you don't come to MSA events you usually hold back a couple other people from coming but when you do come you usually bring on eor two people with you, so try to go to events

YEARBOOK UPDATE

- the brothers year book is coming along smoothly. Brothers yearbook has a lot of pages and pictures and is really nice
- GIRLS NEED TO ORDER YEARBOOKS. They are a lot of fun to look at.
- Maybe consider making a yearbook DVD for next year.

SCHOLARSHIP

- there are two winners for the scholarship and they will be announced at halaqa.

COKE COALITION

- MSA signed on to the coke coalition. If you want to be more involved they meet wedn at 9 pm somewhere in the union.
- we are singling out individuals (south Asians) and they are gonna meet with royster on fri to discuss this
- a darfur group is meeting tonight at starbucks at 8:30 if anyone is interested in becoming involved.

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- these will be posted on the website and/ or by email when they are complete.

RELAY FOR LIFE

- the MSA raised \$500 for relay for life
- maybe make it a social/ dawah/ community affairs event next year, and show that muslims really care about stuff like this and make it funner for the muslims that participated
- maybe have a zabiha barbeque

MISC

- tonight at the other MSA meeting there is a resolution for the evangelical stuff that has been sent out, and asking the Deen to look into and stop the mailings. The mailings have been targeted to Muslims and Arabs. We support the resolution with a vote of all to none.
- signing on to PIRGIM- we will sign on to PIRGIM and support them.
- Spring picnic- should we invite parents and alum

ATTENDANCE

Sarah Youssef
Nura Sediqa
Aisha Jukaku
Lubna Khan
ABeer i§Malika; Odeh
Dreds
Roua Dreds Alrawi
Sana Syed
Shimaa Abdulfadeel
Tamally
Sakina AlAmin
Wajeeha SHuttari
Hena Ashraf
Omran Kaskar
Ali Cheema
Mohammad Hussain Dar
Ashhar
Wajeeh i§pretty bug; Muhammad
AR Blauvelt i§The New Mussolini;
Amjad i§watch yourself; Tarsin
O2 i§wat wat;
Riaz Tootla f°
Nauman Syed
Nafisah i§political action superstar;
Raghav

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Fun Fact of the Week: Babies are born without knee caps. They don't appear until the child reaches 2-6 years of age!

1. Opening (Reflection Time & Dua'a)

2. Surah 84: Ayat 6-12

Relevance: The results after one's life is toiling (i.e. year is almost over, people are graduating). It is obvious to see whether you are successful or not. Each day you complete, have muhasibah, and see whether it was a success. If not, react accordingly.

3. Quote of the week: "Every day I shall put my papers in order and every day I shall say farewell. And the real farewell, when it comes, will only be a small outward confirmation of what has been accomplished within me from day to day."
—Etty Hillesum

Interpretations: Every day is a chance. Make sure you are happy with what you have accomplished that day because you might not wake up the next day. Wisdom is something that All believers should strive and seek for.

4. Brothers yearbook- going great, mashaAllah
Sisters yearbook- should be out next week, inshaAllah

5. Scholarship Review- Awards were presented on Thursday; Abdallah Bukhari and Mehreen Baakza are the winners; Follow-up meeting next week; should begin raising more money; If you have older an older brother and/or sister that have graduated from u-m, make sure that they have registered with Alumni database

6. Halaqa Review- Went well; Perhaps too long; Not enough pizza; Perhaps Mock awards separate for brothers and sisters next year (have social event afterwards or incorporate it into sis culture show); Good close to the social events; The largest halaqa turnout and social event; Everyone participated in advertising and hyping it up which was commendable

7. Reflections over the Year- (Nice) Things were said about every presetn member of last year's executive board as we went around the table.

Is CAIR position or ISNA presidency in Saif's future? SubhanAllah, e-board thinks so!!!

8. Nasiha for Next Year's Executive Board- E-board will hear certain things (criticisms)so make sure that you realize what you are doing is really important. Make time now, before you have kids and other responsibilities. It all starts at the grassroots level. Don't look back at undergrad with regrets. Use it as a basis for future, InshaAllah.

9. Miscellaneous- a) Ann Arbor Masjid has asked MSA to bring a khatib for jumah prayer, sometime in May. It is a chance to improve the MSA and get involved in masjid affairs; relationship between us and masjid has deteriorated. They want more of our input regarding speakers for jumah, etc. Dr. Jackson is first choice, Imam Zaid is second (basically Shifaa speakers is what we want so as to have convenient overlap). Consider bringing up the issue of masjid partition (between bro's and sis) to them.

10. Closing Remarks/Dua'a- MashaAllah a beautiful dua'a by one of our graduating seniors was said

Attendance:

Nura Sediqa

Aliyah Rab

Juggy D

Mona Rafeeq

Sana Syed

Lubna Grewal

Shimaa Abdelfadeel

Atiya Husain

Maie Seif

Sadaf Shaukat

Wajeelha Shuttari

Aisha Jukaku

Lubna Khan

Hena Ashraf

Mohammed T. Safi

Wajeel Muhammad "Baby Face"

AR Blauvelt

Saif "I Heart MSA" Omar

Amjad "The Natural" Tarzan

Sister Ikant Kuc

Brother I. Kant Espel

Mohammad Dar (on behalf of Ashhar)

Riaz Tootla

SN Syed

Abdul GI Sayed

Jay Sean

Raghav

Zeshaun Ahmad

Abeer Odeh

Roua Al-Rawi

Sakina Al-Amin

Bismillahir Rahmanir Raheem

Fun Fact: An Iguana can stay under water for 28 minutes!

E-Board Meeting

May 3, 2005

1. Opening Dua'a/Reflection Time (personal)

2. Surah 23: Ayah 115- Then did you think that WE created you uselessly and that to Us you would be returned?

Interpretations: Why are we here? To study but also to do our Islamic work. This is a good ayah for the new e-board.

3. Quote of the Day: "What we call the beginning is often the end. And to make and end is to make a beginning. The end is where we start from." T.S. Eliot

Interpretations: Good message for the new e-board.

4. General Body Time- New segment for announcements and for people to say certain things.

- a. General body has more experience/input than e-board
- b. We are open to advice so please do not forget that
- c. Thought of as a good idea by members

5. E-board Packets/Ice breaker

- a. Calendars- assignments for each committee to PUT EVENTS ON THE CALENDAR
 - i. This is to ensure no overlaps and allow for proficiency
 - b. Looking over survey results- The results are in but not compiled. InshaAllah they will be ready for next e-board.
- c. Do Spring Results- assignment for new e-board is to READ AN ARTICLE and one 'mystery' member will present on it next week.
- d. Ice breaker- Go around the table introducing themselves. Name, position, location (where to live). Plus worksheet activity. Winners: *Sana Khatib, Aisha Jukaku, Lubna Grewal

6. Social Activities

- a. Sister's Culture Show- 40 people have reserved tickets. \$5 at door. In the Anderson Rooms next Friday. Anderson Rooms can hold 75-100 people
- b. Brother's Olympics- Brothers equivalent to sis cult show. Ali Cheema will be in charge of orchestrating it.
- c. Spring Picnic- April 20th or this coming Friday (not in Gallup Park). Perhaps hold it in the ARB. Check emails for picnics update.
- d. Cedar Point- Perhaps later (weekend) in the semester. Put it in the calendar to decide what date; InshaAllah, sooner than later. Discussion of whether we make it into an MSA event. Good to 'pull' others in but issues like water park attire might be a problem.
 - i. Hold the event but not under MSA title?
 - ii. It is important to reach out to the fringe Muslims. MSA is a reach out organization; certain Moz will feel like they are a part of the MSA (if such an event was orchestrated).
 - iii. We are not as impressionable as younger students. The environment is something that we should handle because living on campus we see it everyday.
 - iv. Should we cosponsor with other MSA's? We need at least ~25 people to get the discount.

7. Masjid Cleanup- Traditionally we did landscaping. Pulled out all the weeds, cleaned outside area, added flowers. It was fun. Plan it (the date) next week.

8. Bank Account- University Bank (advertises with us, has Moz division); not accessible by foot. University Bank advertises with us (in Al-Risalah) and inshaAllah will be more likely to continue doing so if we sign with them. We are currently with a Bank (Nat'l City) that supports Israel; since MSA is backing divestment we should leave a bank that does as well; Political Committee should send them a letter saying why. All exec-members agree to leave National City Bank

- a. Thinking of making our vision scholarship non-profit
- b. University Bank (Non-profit organization); sponsor our mass meeting/NSO if we allow them a booth for sign-up

9. Office Hours- They are only mandatory for VP and President. Any one else can hold office hours if they like.

10. Appointed Tech Co-Chair

- a. We need a sister to maintain list and help with vision scholarship. Fatima is nominated. It all will be decided (closed meeting) via email

11. Miscellaneous-

- a. Getting dates for Habitat for Humanity event. Start meals on wheels (deliver food to housing, unfortunate families)/Ronald McDonald House (cook meals for family of children who are hospitalized) this spring/summer. Community Affairs is way to keep weekend Muslims active; could be a social event in itself.
- b. This Thursday, halaqa on North Campus (Hazem is co-chair for spring). Ali Husain speaking about self purification. Rides will be organized, InshaAllah.
- c. Positions available (phone clerk) for University Bank; job would be to speak about issues like interest and halal banking with potential customers
- i. Perhaps we can let them have a table at NSO to sign up freshman
- d. Grad MSA- they have expanded the eboard; now they have social coordinator and academic oriented coordinator. Muslims.grad@umich.edu for new grad students that you know (please let them know to get involved)
- e. E-board members, DO YOUR HOMEWORK!!!!

Attendance- May 3, 2005

Aliyah Rab
Shima Abdulfadeel
Bacha
Tamally
Faryal Osman
Napolean Dynamite –Goshhh!!
Nura Sediqe
Adil Ray
Atiya Husain
Lubna “I’m done w/ MCAT” Grewal
Mohammed Khalil
O2
Aloo Keema
Zee Troy
SN Syed
Ashhar
AR Blauvelt

Ahmed Khalifa
Wajeeha "I heart Pistons" Shuttari
Abeer "Dreads" Odeh a.k.a. Palestinian Princess
Yasmin Elsayed
Jukaku
Sana Syed
Lubna Khan
Sakina Al-Amin

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Fun Fact: If all the oceans were to evaporate, the salt left behind would cover the entire planet with a layer of salt that was 50 meters (half a soccer field) thick!!

E-Board Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2005

1. Opening Dua'a and Verse of Quran

Consider the flight of time! Very man is bound to lose himself unless he be of those who attain to faith, and do good works, and enjoin upon one another the keeping to truth, and enjoin upon one another patience in adversity. [Surah 103: Verse 1-3]

**This surah is sufficient (if this was the only surah you knew, that would be ok) because it sums up everything. We are bound to go astray but if you want to obtain paradise/salvation you will have to work for it. Let's take advantage of it when we have time. We have to work together.

2. Quote of the Day:

"The question is: can we connect to God if we cannot connect to ourselves?"
-Dr. Umar

The better we coordinate our efforts the more we will succeed. Connecting with others is so important. To serve Allah, serve his creation. Islam is a Social religion. We have to know our fellow Muslims.

3. Social Updates:

- a. Sisters' cultural show- This Friday. We stayed in budget this time, alhamduillah. Invite people to come (email mrafeeq@) as soon as possible for a count). 60 sisters so far.
- b. Spring Picnic- This Thursday. Let's all pray for good weather.
- c. Cedar Point- Potential/tentative date is Sunday June 5th, and we are trying to get at least 20 people to go (for the discount). We would do car pools.
- i. Should we encourage trip AND/OR not have MSA 'back it' but still do it?
- ii. Vote: 15 to 1 e-boarders in favor of going to Cedar Point and having MSA sponsor it

4. Masjid Cleanup- InshaAllah towards end of this month (after a jumah) we can do something. Masjid needs help with landscaping more than anything. We would probably need to bring mulch and some tools.

5. General Body Time-

- a. Announcement: For all sisters, drop by 5D to use internet, watch Piston's Game. Wajeeha will be here for spring and summer, InshaAllah.
- b. Shifaa Retreat: Contact Misbah (mmshahid)
- c. CAIR dinner- Chaplain speaking. He was detained for 'terrorism'. A good keynote. Sent out to net (check your email)

6. Diag boards available- Full Diag board and we can put anything on it and it will be up there until August. It's free space and we should utilize it.

7. Spring Training Reading

Nura highlights the article, piece by piece: The hadith about remaining alone stuck out. If you keep Muslims (or people who are good) around you, it helps you stay on the rt. path. We are here to help each other on the rt.

path. It is very easy to grow as a Muslim when you are around good people and vice versa. Key of outreach and social committees but also every other Muslims duty. Especially reach out to the Muslims in dorms. Sis. Hadia's summary detailed a number of ways to make the organization VISIBLE, (use Dawah table as informational table for the MSA, for Moz and non). ACTIVISM- **Quality not quantity; be consistent with activities and make them great. Give focus to one thing in particular. DO'S AND DON'TS OF MEETINGS: don't spend too much time on minor details. Committee's should come to the table with the decision made. RELEVANCE: Do things that the majority of student body is interested in.

- 'Guideline' worksheets are passed out. The general expectations of being on eboard are brought forth and explained.
- Next week's Reading: Adab of Islam Do readings Please!!!

8. Review of Last Week's events

- Halaqah- Very low attendance. Eboard is supposed to attend even in the spring! Halaqa is always mandatory. Br. Ali Husain on Purification of the Heart. Followed by Cottage Inn and Qiyaam.
- Dinner- More brother's (upstairs) than sisters (downstairs). All had good time.
- Qiyaam- After Isha we prayed, had a short talk (by Hazem Malas), than prayed again. It was mostly MSA people but also some community people as well. A little discrepancy with seating and praying arrangements. Find masjid policy regarding sister's praying in front of partition, directly behind brothers. Attend executive meeting at masjid to bring this issue up.

9. Bank Account- We are switching to University Bank and will ask them to sponsor NSO and Mass Meeting in the fall

10. Scheduling- All committees fill in events in year long calendar. This helps with efficiency and keeps members in the know.

11. Summary of Meeting- Your readin' it! ;)

12. Miscellaneous-

- Habitat for humanity: project for us at the end of this month, InshaAllah. Look for updates. (Fri, Sat, or Sunday?)
- Fix spring budget
- Eboarders, do weekly reading (re: adab)

Attendance 5/10/2005

O2

AC

Zeshaun Ahmad "White Rider"

AR Blauvelt

Sponge Bob's Round Pants

Tayssir Safi

Mohammad Khalil

Wajeeha "Pistons in 4" Shuttari

Aisha Jukaku

Atiya Husain

Aliyah Rab

Nura Sedique

"Roony" Noor Kheir

Shimaa "The REAL Shim Shady" Abdelfadeel

Sheema "Tayshaun is my boo" Rabbaig
Sana Syed
Faryal Osman
Lubna Grewal
Sakina Al-Amin

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Fun Fact: Nutmeg is extremely poisonous if injected intravenously (hmmm...a cousin of anthrax?)

Executive Board Meeting

May 17, 2005

1. Opening duaa & Verse of Quran-

Surah 3: Verse 142 {Did ye think that ye would enter Heaven without Allah testing those of you who fought hard (In HIS Cause) and remained steadfast}

2. Quote of the Day

"Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired, and success achieved." -Hellen Keller

Interpretations: All of us, whether or not on eboard, get into a lot of hardship. College is a transitional period. What doesn't kill us makes us stronger. Everything that we go through is a trial, test for Allah. For the seniors it is the last chance to pass this test. What can we accomplish and what have we done? This is our last chance; treat it like your ultra important Orgo exam.

3. General Body Time- *Usama Cannon is coming and honorarium is needed. How much should we give him? Consensus: 650-700 dollars not including ticket or hotel. *Girls feel free to go to 5D for Pistons game *Can Fatima and Omar Usman Arrange people to train because they are seniors (will be gone)?

4. Halaqa/Social Updates for this week

- Reviews:

Picnic- Good turnout. Enough food. Became cold towards the end. Next time not on Thursday but Friday.

a. Culture Show- Went well. Suggestions to keep in the winter (earlier) so as to get more people involved. ~60 showed up.

b. Halaqa- Great! Got very cold towards the end. Khuram Siddiqui next week for

c. Halaqa- 7pm in Union (look for email).

d. Cedar Point- June 5th is the date. Email will be sent out asking who is interested. Publicize now.

5. Community Affairs: 1)Masjid Cleanup & 2)Habitat for Humanity Update-

1)Estimate for Masjid Cleanup 75-100 dollars for materials. First week of June, InshaAllah. 2)For Habitat for Humanity June 11th, several people have emailed. 10-15 people are needed. Email yanimae@ to be on habitat committee or for questions answered.

6. Alumni Brunch Update

7. Outreach/Publicity T-shirts- Quotes for cost of shirts. Come in long-sleeved (extra \$30). Send to atiya@ with design ideas for t-shirt (specify colors). We want something on back and front. Contest will be over soon (aim for them to be out is June 1st) so be quick about it. E-boarders work with Outreach chairs for design; come to next meeting with an idea, InshaAllah. Perhaps wear them to Cedar Point? Definitely wear them at NSO/festifall.

8. New Office Ideas- Invest in some shelves. Eboarders give 30 minutes of there time to help set-up or organize.

9. Spring Training Reading- Sheikh Nuh Keller, adab of Islam: Ahadeeth mentioned throughout the article. "It is the adab of the path of Islam to be honest when one speaks. Honesty leads to goodness, goodness leads to paradise..." As young adults (or any point in your life), we lie frequently. Lies can just grow and grow once you tell even one. Have more adab with each other on E-board because it will make things easier. We overlook small white lies but you begin to look untrustworthy. Appreciate others honesty (about event, clothes, etc.). It is good character to thank others for the big AND little things they do. In the final sermon: We are all brothers and sisters in Islam. Get out of the judgmental attitude. Culture and race and ethnicity does not matter. Everything is in the eyes of Allah and we need to remember that. It stood out the part about owing women their rights. Be grateful that our MSA is so diverse.

Next week's Reading- Malaise of Discord!

10. Finish committee updates on Calendar- finished making additions and revisions. Think of deadlines to have events ready by as well as committee meetings.

11. Miscellaneous- *Sign up for dawah table, please! *Make dua'a for Aisha Jukaku and her sister who got into a car accident. *Usama Cannon prime choice for khatib at masjid in the future

12. Closing Duaa- Given by Mokal

Attendance 5.17.2005

Wajeeda "Yes, I am the President" Shuttari

Aliyah Rab

Rabia Khan

Atiya Husain

Lubna Grewal

Nura Sedique

DJ Sayou

Faryal Osman

FASA4Life

Sana Syed

O2

Zeshaun Ahmad

Ali Cheema

Mohammad Khalil

Yasmin El-Sayed

Bismillahir Rahmanir Raheem

Fun Fact: If a piece of steel were the same size as a spider's web it would be 5 times weaker. (SubhanaAllah! So maybe if the pursuers of The Prophet had ***tried*** to break through that freshly made web, they would have failed miserably anyway?)

Executive Board Meeting

5.24.2005

1. Opening Dua'a and Reflection

2. Verse of Qur'an

[Surah 2: Verse 286] "On no soul doth Allah Place a burden greater than it can bear. It gets every good that it earns, and it suffers every ill that it earns. (Pray:) "Our Lord! Condemn us not if we forget or fall into error; our Lord! Lay not on us a burden Like that which Thou didst lay on those before us; Our Lord! Lay not on us a burden greater than we have strength to bear. Blot our sins, and grant us forgiveness. Have mercy on us. Thou art our Protector; Help us against those who stand against faith."

Reflections: Reach as high as you can, make your goals high. If it is what Allah wants there is nothing that will hold you back. We need to aim high as an MSA and think of ideas that haven't been delved on before. Allah is the best of planners. We should keep in mind that this is a responsibility. Keep your ego in check. Don't take our job lightly if we are the leaders; don't stroll our way through.

3. Quotes of the day

"With regard to excellence, it is not enough to know, but we must try to have and use it." -Aristotle (384 BC -322 BC)

"Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once he grows up." -Pablo Picasso (1881-1973)

Reflections: We know Islam is perfect therefore we have to use it. It is our responsibility to share it. Everything is new to you as a child. Creativity should be kept; keep that innovative mind. It is so important for us to think as that awe-filled little child.

4. General Body Time

a. Bring Snacks Back! The rule used to be that those who missed (unexcused) eboard meeting would bring food for everybody next time. This will now be the rule for Spring eboard meetings. If no one is unexcused, Wajeelha volunteers to bring something yummy.

5. Halaqa/Social Review & Updates

a. Nice topic for halaqa. More discussion oriented. More relaxed environment. Tell speakers for Spring time to hold more discussion oriented seminars. Next halaqa: Imam Salih (Islamic Leadership for the 21st century).

b. Social- Star wars was quite a hit (brothers). There was also a Pistons Game but there was a good show. Next week for the Brothers ice cream or play ball. Most Sisters went home. Next week for sis, Taboo (game) and a movie. Be on the

look out for the email.

6. Cedar Point Update- Email sent out. Received a couple replies. Need at least 24 for the discount. Get back to aacheema@, InshaAllah.

7. Tshirt updates- 3 designs received. Next eboard there will be a 'finished' design to show off. Mokal will look into particular deals/businesses in the meantime.

8. Dawah Table Review- Nobody signs up. That is a problem. We need to clean up the office to find the rest of the dawah supplies. Next time have a sign that says ISLAM AWARENESS TABLE out on the diag! People won't simply come up to the table unless they are already Muslim or they know you.

9. Spring Training Reading- The Malaise of Discord: "The most dangerous disease which now afflicts the Muslim Ummah is the disease of disagreement and discord." It was shocking to read that in some instances it would be safer to be a non-Muslim around Muslims than to be a Muslim (story of Waasil ibn Ataa). Don't think that you are the only one that is right. It is so important to listen. Don't just wait, while thinking of what you want to say next. Really listen to what the other is saying. We aren't a rubber stamp body (ummah). If you have an opinion (and you should!) voice it correctly. We are the leaders of the MSA's yet we have no opinion when the ayah/quote of the day is read? There are more opinions than what is represented at eboard, we should find some way to represent the other eboards.

10. Discussion: Purpose of the MSA- Br. Nauman Syed. What is the purpose of eboard? Why do we meet every week? Once we figure this out we will have a solid base, InshaAllah. Eboarders brainstorm on the back of agendas and verbally. ***If you would like the complete brainstorming list, let me know, InshaAllah. This brainstorming session was so insightful and thought provoking that we might do this again later in the year (before 2nd semester?).

a. Survey Results – Look over sheets given out. Circle what falls under your committee and answer why it got what it did, etc. Next week come ready to discuss.

11. Miscellaneous:

Community Affairs Update - Habitat for Humanity June 11th, in Ypsilanti, there are at least 10 people already signed up. Transportation is set for brothers, and sisters. Please email yanimae@umich.edu asap. Also, Race for the Cure is June 11th, Muslim team the Razzle Dazzlers.

Finance- Send out budgets to zahmad@, eboarders!

IAW- Bring someone local for IAW training? Discuss over email. EVERYONE respond.

Fund Raising Dinner- Build school in Aceh (where Tsunami hit most badly). Let parents know and contact snsyed@ with questions. Be on the lookout for email.

Attendance 5.24.2005

Lubna Grewal

Wajeeha Shuttari
I. Miss Jukaku
Yasmine Elsayed
Mohammed Khalil
Tayssir Safi
SN Syed
Zeshaun Ahmad
O2
Ali Cheema
Omar Usman
Sana Syed
Fatima Makhzoum
Rabia Ali Khan I Heart Toledo
Atiya Husain
Faryal A. Osman
Sakina Al-Amin

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Fun Fact: This week's fact is hidden! Find it below within the minutes.

Executive Board Meeting
May 31, 2005

1. Opening Dua'a

2. Verse of Quran:

{By no means shall ye attain righteousness unless ye give (freely) of that which ye love; and whatever ye give, of a truth Allah knoweth it well.} Surah 3: Verse 92

Reflections: It is very difficult to give away even things you don't use, let alone something you like. Generosity is emphasized

3. Quotes of the Day

"We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give" –Sir Winston Churchill

"Rich gifts wax poor when givers prove unkind" –William Shakespeare, Hamlet 1600

Reflections: Again generosity is emphasized. It applies to eboard because we need to give freely of our time and consideration and attention.

4. General Body Time: A2 Masjid has protest this Friday regarding desecration of Quran/(sisters) Watch Pistons Game at 5D/Thank You Card sent by Indiana Sisters that attended STP passed around

Fun Fact: Barbie's (the doll) measurements if she were life size: 39-23-33. She would stand seven feet, two inches tall and have a neck twice the length of a normal human's.

5. Halaqa/Social Review & Updates: Speaker did not show up due to date misunderstanding; Probably for this reason halaqa seemed disorganized; First time having an open dialogue; circle of about 8 brothers and sisters talking about the topic (leadership, community building, etc.); discussion is (should be) integral to halaqa; This time it could have been more; next weeks is Dr. Jackie El-Sayed (discussion on TBA topic); InshaAllah, we will try for halaqa on Wednesday for the rest of the spring

6. Social and Cedar Point Update: Last week brothers social was basketball and dinner, this week follows suit/Cedar Point is June 12th (which seems to be better for everyone); Last week sisters social was taboo and movies, this week Pistons Game for sisters and Taboo

7. Outreach/Publicity- T-shirt Updates: Need more ideas. Won't have "MSA" on it, rather "Muslim" so as not to associate with a group. This weekend it should be all settled, InshaAllah.

8. Community Affairs: Habitat 4 Humanity & Masjid Clean-up Update- June 11th and Masjid cleanup is postponed

9. Finance: Masjid Presentations- Booths and donation boxes for Troy, Ann Arbor,

and Canton Masjids

10. Letter to U-M Flint: Meditation room dilemma; Abdur-Rahman sent (will send) letter to university telling them to keep in mind Islamaphobia is a common feeling today, etc.

11. Spring Training Reading- Social Involvement of Women in Islam: Muslims are equal. Women have been in war and involved in politics under The Prophet's scope and he never forbid or frowned upon it. The man is completed by the woman and vice versa. To ensure that women in MSA aren't shut out, brothers should support them in ways that they can.

Pygmalion in Management- B-school article. The main point is the way you treat your subordinates is the way that they will be. Treat them well and expect well. Important for the President and Vice President but also for all of us because we will head committees. People can pick up on things more readily and easier than you would think. However you view your group is the way that it will turn out in the end. Talk to your subordinates. Our expectations for this year should give us good returns.

12. Discussion: Purpose of Committees- Br.Nauman Syed

- Review 2004-05 MSA SURVEY Results: Over next week, email shuttari@ with suggestions of how to improve the events that fall under your committee
- Brainstorm Improvements: E-boarders come up with a purpose for our specific committees (during meeting). They will be perfected next week, InshaAllah, to be put up on the website (perhaps have separate committee pages).

13. Miscellaneous- Remember to keep LSAT'ers (Amjad!) in your dua's.

14. Closing Dua'a

Attendance 05.31.05

~The Ghost of AR~

Lubna Grewal

Faryal Osman

Roony (Noor Kheir)

Omar Odeh

Nappy Paki

Zeshaun Ahmad

A Singer From Kuenzel

Ali Cheema

Mokal

A.Rab

Wajeeha Shuttari

Sana Syed

Larry Brown the Reject!!!

Sakina Al-Amin

Bismillahir Rahmanir Raheem

Fun Fact: Al Azhar University in Cairo Egypt is the first university to distinguish undergraduate students from graduate students. (isn't that cool?? Muslim Pride....)

Executive Board Meeting
June 7, 2005

1. Opening duaa & Verse of Quran

{Behold! Verily on the friends of Allah there is no fear, nor shall they grieve.} Chapter 10: Verse 62

Reflections: In the end, when you don't know who you can count on, Allah swt will always be there on your side no matter what.

2. Quote of the Day

"He who has a thousand friends has not a friend to spare, and he who has one enemy will meet him everywhere" –Ali ibn-Abi-Talib (602 AD- 661 AD)

"Everybody has speculations," Hamilton said about Brown. "But the one thing with us is we know that we have a great group of guys in our locker room, we have a great coaching staff and you really can't believe what people say outside of that." –Richard Hamilton

Reflections: Make yourself a friend of Allah and not an enemy. MSA are the Pistons (in this scenario), and everybody has speculations, but as long as we realize we are people that can make a change, that's all that matters. We can do it if we have it in our hearts. We have a great group of brothers and sisters in the Welker room; alhamduillah we have such good potential. We have done so well already, let's keep up the stamina, InshaAllah.

3. General Body Time- *5D for girls! *Respond to Brother with child in need of ride (outreach, Mokal)

4. Halaqa/Social Review & Updates- Last week was Dr. Jackie El-Sayed. This week HALAQA IS WEDNESAY (that's tomorrow, folks)- Sr. Fareeha Khan on Spirituality

5. Social and Cedar Point Update- Sisters watched TV and played Taboo, this Thursday is The Game and Sports in the Diag. \$31 now for Cedar Point; we need people to come. Mokal can drive brothers

6. Outreach/Publicity: T-shirt Updates- Tentative design of star and crescent and the words Michigan Muslims intersecting and sharing the 'm' running down the side. Might go with Mountain Dew idea. Still contemplating the final design.

7. Community Affairs: Habitat for Humanity & Masjid Clean-up Update- This Saturday from 1-5pm. 10 brothers and 3 sisters- we need more sisters. Yasmin is not getting much of a response. Shima will help her organize this, InshaAllah.

8. Political: Desecration of the Quran response- Idea is to have a booth on the Diag but make it more of a political one with Qurans and literature. Then follow it up with a halaqa/q&a. Aliyah and Atiya will work together on this.

Can make something bigger this fall.

9. Spring Training Reading- Abdal-Hakim Murad- The fringe Islamic groups (extremists) grew at an alarming rate. Muslims got smeared in the process due to their actions. Islam will cease to resist although it is the supreme religion. People say God does not change the condition of a people until the change the condition of themselves. We need to change inward out to attain these virtues. Islamic activism could in fact be "a Salafi burnout". Be consistent and constant; everything should be done in moderation. Shoot for the stars but be realistic.

Presentation: When Teammates Raise a White Flag- Omar Odeh- Business school article. About group interactions. Certain people within groups break away. Self-limited behavior is when a member limits his involvement in group discussion. If someone comes into the room and lays out all the expertise, no one would question that person because this person seems to 'know it all'. Even if they are not an expert they walk the walk and talk the talk. The input and interaction of people in a group varies and depends on many factors. Pick size, status, and goals of meeting at the start of the meeting (eboard agendas). Set the tone of the meeting. Bring honest feedback to the meeting. The way we prevent this (dis-involvement) is to take an active role; if someone isn't participating, ask them why.

10. Discussion: Finalize Purpose of MSA & Committees- E-board PLEASE email shuttari@ with your Committee Mission Statement

- Committee Boards- Statements should go on the these boards as well.

Think about what you want to do with them. Wajeeha and Sakina will be giving your boards to you some time soon, InshaAllah. Have your ideas ready and bring 'things' to the retreat Sept 10-11.

11. Misc.- contemplate dates for committee meetings. MTWTh 6-7 tentative time set to hold committee meetings. Make dua for AR, he leaves for Turkey tomorrow. If you need to get a hold of him, call him tonight and after that, you can reach him online during 5-7 (our time), inshaAllah.

12. Closing Duaa

Attendance 06.07.05

Faryal Osman

SacaWajeeha

Thomas + Edison

Roony

Shaneenee

Atiya Husain

Beyonce

Rabia Ali Khan (Jay-Z)

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Mohammed Khalil, Pistons are Worthless

Aliyah Rab

Mokal Is Worthless

Wajeeha Shuttari

Lubna Grewal

Sakina Al-Amin

Bismillahir Rahmaanir Raheem

Fun Fact: In the fall, this portion of the e-board minutes will be called "Offbeat Oddity" instead of "Fun Fact", inshaAllah. Oh, and Giraffes don't have vocal chords.

Executive Board Meeting
June 15th, 2005

1. Opening Dua'a

2. Verse of Quran

{Verily the knowledge of the HOurs is with Allah (alone). It is He who sends down rain, and He who knows what is in the wombs. Nor does one know what it is that he will earn on the morrow: Nor does any one know in what land he is to die. Verily with Allah is full knowledge and He is acquainted (with all things)}. Surah 31: Verse 34

3. "It is one of the rights of a Muslim over another Muslim that he should visit his grave." -Imam Ja'fer As-Sadiq (A.S.)

4. General Body Time

5. Halaqa & Social Review- Very good Halaqa last week. This week it is Hafiz Ahmad Rabbani on Death/Punishments of the Grave.

6. Habitat for Humanity Review- Went well. Rained but we were still able to get work done (we planted trees and cleaned away debris). Ceremony for the family receiving the house will be later on in June.

7. T-shirt voting- M&M t-shirt is the winner! Shirt will be blue and yellow, inshaAllah. Please buy them and wear them during Festifall week.

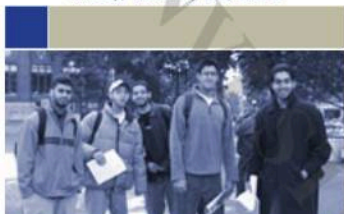
8. Fall eboard training- If there are any objections to having the e-board retreat an overnight thing, please let Wajeeha know.

9. Closing Dua'a (given after halaqa) By Hafiz Rabbani



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E BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

BISMILLAAHIR RAHMAANIR RAHEEM

MOMENT OF REFLECTION & VERSE OF QURAN

{And Hell, that Day, is brought, (face to face), - on that Day will man remember, but how will that remembrance profit him? He will say: "Ah! Would that I had sent forth (good deeds) for (this) my (Future) Life!" For, that Day, His chastisement will be such as none (else) can inflict. And his bonds will be such as none (other) can bind...} [89:23-26]

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"And in the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years."
-- Abraham Lincoln

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AGENDA

GENERAL BODY TIME

No one came from the general body. {This is probably due in part to taking independent exams at 5 pm}

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

•{New Component of eboard meetings--> As seniors graduate, it is necessary to leave a trail for underclassmen to follow, or have as a guide etc.}- Muslim House: We would like to establish a Muslim Co-op on campus in the near future. The house would resemble Hillel in some aspects (full time staff working there, prayer, religious environment). Brothers and Sisters separate but joint facilities. The idea is still very much in the infant stage. For more info or to get involved, email fmbasha@umich.edu

BOXES & WALLS

•It is an organization that puts on an interactive museum in January (18th-28th) which addresses such issues as racism, socio-economic status and other -isms. The goal is to place participants into the shoes of an oppressed / victimized / stereotyped group. Participants are needed for all aspects! Email bwcore@umich.edu or alamin@umich.edu

RAMADAN Review

• Sunni/Shiia Iftar- Overall, the event went well. Time constraints were main issue (something to work on for future). Many Shiias present confirmed that the event was enjoyable.. Perhaps hold a similar event once every semester. Perhaps not in Ramadan again (different times of breaking fast).

• General Iftaars- It seems like until recently we were lacking momentum. Not like previous years for sisters (only 3-4th iftaar this year). InshaAllah this will change because we have less joint/mixed/out of apartment iftaars coming up. Brothers Iftaars are going well.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS Update

• Humanitarian Day: Went very well. 600 people came through. There was food leftover, that was donated to shelters after the event. Other MSA's came/participated. Alhamdulillah the weather was good (there was no Ra'ad or [insert arabic word for lightning])

• FASTATHON - TOMORROW in wedge room of West Quad! Eboarders come early (5:45) to set up if you can. Speaker will be Brother Mukhtar Curtis and Brother Misbah Shahid will do a presentation.

• Misc- There will be a meeting this thursday for South Asian relief. Habitat for Humanity will take off in spring, inshaAllah.

EDUCATION update

- Qiyaams have been held. Nov 10, Jeffrey Lang will be coming (free event!). Nov 17 is halaqa regarding Marriage/wedding stuff. We are looking for STP volunteers (email Hazem Malas).. Tentatively confirmed speaker Usama Cannon. The topic of the Sacred Time Project is Seerah.

MSA Eid Celebration

- On November 10 the CCRB is reserved (sisters get the POOL!), then Penny War iftaar, then lecture by Dr. Lang. Look out for the emails. MGSA will cosponsor Lang event.

EVENT DOCUMENTING

- Attempt to record and document all MSA events so as to help future MSA eboarders. Can use it as a template or guidebook for events as the years pass. Email alamin@umich.edu if you want to take this off her hands. [very important] Checklist for specific events will be included for next years eboarders.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES Meeting

- It will start at noon inshaAllah on a Sunday (lunch will be provided).

SOCIAL Update

- Eid Dinner chairs are Faryal Osman and Taha Qazi. Ice Cream social on the 17th of November, inshaAllah.

- Closing Dua'a led by Brother Abdullah Dan

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Aisha "I {heart} eboard" Jukaku
Wajeeha "that's not what Aisha said when she walked into eboard" Shuttari
Aliyah "Eboard is a hitttt" Rab
Nura Sedige
Ashraf Elbanna
Sultan Blauvelt
Abdullah Dann
Ihsan Khairir
Ashhar Ali
Sakina Al-Amin

Non-Eboarders

Sarah Jukaku
Abdul Rahman El Sayed
Amjad Tarsin

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EBOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, February 14, 2006

BISMILLAAHIR RAHMAANIR RAHEEM

MOMENT OF REFLECTION & VERSE OF QURAN

{O you who believe! Spend of that with which we have provided for you. Do that before the day comes when no bargaining, friendship or intercession shall be of any avail. Thos who reject such sensible admonition, do grave injustice to themselves.} [2:254]

Allah (swt) said: "Spend, O son of Adam, and I shall spend on you" ~ **Hadith Qudsi, Bukhari & Muslim**

FUN FACT

"Dreamt" is the only English word that ends in the letters "mt". (...like you have time to prove that one wrong).

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AGENDA

GENERAL BODY TIME

•Alumni dinner planning was set to be between 7-8 tomorrow, but it might be moved to another date as there are 4 committee meetings tomorrow at that time. Not efficient to over schedule things. Logistically we need to make sure we do not do that often as it not going to turn out the best attendance and it looks unprofessional.

OUTREACHING TECHNIQUES/RECRUITING POTENTIALS

•A sister is concerned with the issue of eboarders outreaching to non eboarders for future training etc. We need to let them know how to do the job. People do not feel as if they have the opportunity to get leadership training. We would like to encourage others to take on responsibility. Also, let's try our best to be inclusive as a general rule. This has been an issue every year, let's make strides to change it.

MSA RESPONSE TO CARTOON

There was a great article today in the Daily that highlighted our event on Friday (movie showing). It is one of the major things we are doing due to the incident. Shaikh Yusuf Abdullah will be facilitating. There was a meeting last night that went over the writing of letter/article (written by Brother Khuram) entitled: What American Muslims feel about the vilifying cartoon of the Prophet. (is read aloud)

Disagreement about Friday event being dawa event- It is semi-irrelevant as it is not going to make non-Muslims understand the issue (why we are so offended) and that is if the non-Muslims attend. We should have a discussion with all these aspects; it would be more efficient, more interesting and more of what the people want.

Areas of focus for the article:

- Freedom of speech is an enormous aspect of it, let's make that point stronger.
- Discuss the violence that happened (predominantly Muslim countries) condemn it
- Context- European Muslims
- Worldwide response
- Prophet Muhammad (s)'s importance

Vote to make it a view point in the daily so that we are allowed more words but also have a letter to the editor. Both will address the issue but they will have different spins/aspects. Email anything about what you want said to ksiddiqu@umich.edu

We do plan to have a bigger, second event that is more panel/discussion oriented.

HALAQA REVIEW & UPDATE

•Good review about the speaker last week. We should bring Uncle Ramzi again, inshaAllah. Speaker for next week will probably be changed. If you have any prospects for a speaker email adann@umich.edu immediately.

SOCIAL REVIEW & UPDATE

•People like free ice cream but social was hindered because of the other discussion and other things that were going on. This week we are going to Pizza House (pay for yourself) after halaqa. Next week is CCRB. Movie night will be rescheduled; perhaps a different movie. Switcheroo will happen: one week sisters will do movie and brothers will do laser tag then vice versa.

HIGH SCHOOL RECRUITMENT UPDATE

•2 highschoolers are confirmed already. Hend Khatib is HSR chair. A lot interest has picked up. Small details are being taken care of now.

STP UPDATE

•Old evaluations have not been gone through. We have tentative date set (that works for scholars, potential speakers) for STP 4.

UPDATE WEBSITES

•Our [events page](#) is up!! Eboarders email [Ihsan](#) the details of your events so that it looks more efficient/organized.

APRIL LEADERSHIP RETREAT

•MSA Natl. wants to do a 1 day retreat for MSA. Sunday, April 2nd has been tentatively decided. This will be a shared event for new and old eboard and for other Muslims that have leadership positions that want to attend.

TENT STATE UNIVERSITY

•On the diag a day where groups are going to be giving presentations on special issues. They are trying to be a spokesperson for campus organizations. We should do a more background check into this before participating. Our issue would be more about dawah if we were to do it. Committee will discuss it.

VIGIL FOR JILL

•Tentatively set for a day that is not good for us. We wanted to do it earlier rather than later but there are problems with that. Candle light vigil is thought to be the most powerful message of solidarity. Perhaps pass out pieces of paper with the candles as a way to educate the masses.

MISC

•Pretty much set with the Amer Suleiman event on the 22nd. We need to hear back from some cosponsors but things are going well. The flight will be booked tonight, inshaAllah.

•Make dua for Aliyah as she is not feeling well.

Closing Dua'a led by Brother Abdullah

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ATTENDANCE

Sir Hamjab can-n-string got into law school
Lubna Al-majnoona Khan-Dann
Mohammed Khalil
Forgottosigninthatmeeting
Abdul El-Sayed
Zeeshan Bhatti
Yaseen Elkasabi
Mokal
Stinky Pinky
Atiya Husain
Khuram Siddiqui
Fooberry Ula
Hena Ashraf
Sarah Jukaku
AR
Wajeaha Shuttari
Ashhar Ali
AC
Aisha Jukaku (present!)

Abdullah Dann
Omar Odeh
Zeshaun Ahmed
Shimaa Abdelfadeel
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Sunday, May 27, 2007



Quote of the Day: (Sahih Bukhari)
Volume 3, BK 44, No. 673

The Prophet said, "The example of the person abiding by Allah's order and restrictions in comparison to those who violate them is like the example of those persons who drew lots for their seats in a boat. Some of them got seats in the upper part, and the others in the lower. When the latter needed water, they had to go up to bring water (and that troubled the others), so they said, 'Let us make a hole in our share of the ship (and get water) saving those who are above us from troubling them. So, if the people in the upper part left others for what they had suggested all the people of the ship would be destroyed, but if they prevented them, both parties would be safe.'"

Quran: 3:195

And thus does their Sustainer answer their prayer: "I shall not lose sight of the labour of any of you who labours [in my way], be it man or woman: each of you is an issue of the other. Hence, as for those who forsake the domain of evil, and are driven from their homelands, and suffer hurt in My cause, and fight [for it], and are slain - I shall most certainly efface their bad deeds, and shall most certainly bring them into gardens through which running waters flow, as a reward from God: for with God is the most beauteous of rewards."

Agenda:

General Body Time: SAAN
Advertisement needed by Wed 8pm; it costs \$25.

Community Affairs: ACT tutoring this Thursday, Relay for Life will be held in April, sign-up process has begun

Education Committee: Committee meeting will be held on Monday, January 22nd

Political Committee: "V for Vendetta" on Friday, January 19 at 7pm

Risalah: Is finished

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