

# **Islamic Society of Central Pennsylvania**

## **Annual Report**

**February 14, 2015**

### **Executive Counsel Members:**

Abdulrahman Abu Murad: President

Mohammed Althuwaini: Vice President

Abdurahman Alolayan: Activity Coordinator

Husain Shekhani: Secretary

Jim Andrews: Treasurer

# Prayers

## *Jumuah Prayers*

Juma prayers were held at the Masjid every Friday starting at 1:30 pm. The Penn State Muslim Students Association (MSA) also hosts Juma prayers on campus at 12:30 on Campus. We thank the many brothers for volunteering to give the khutbah

## *Daily Prayers*

Fajr and Isha prayers have been held everyday at the Masjid.

## *Eid Prayers*

Both prayers of Eid were held at the HUB with coordination from the MSA. ISCP reserved Penn Skates (roller skating rink) for each Eid for the children's entertainment. Also, ISCP facilitated the sacrifice of approximately 50 animals during Eid-ul-Adha.

# Halaqas

The following halaqas were regularly held at the Islamic Center:

- *Friday*: Tafseer Halaqa after Isha prayer by Brother Zaid and Dr. Imran
- *Wednesday*: Tajweed halaqah after Isha help by Br. Saleh Alabaadi
- *Sunday*: Quran Halaqah for boys and girls from 6:30pm-8:00pm

# Weekend Islamic School:

The weekend islamic program continues to serve the community children. Program's mission to teach islamic studies, Qura'n and arabic for all ages from KG - Middle School. We recently moved to the campus so the we are now located at Chambers Building. Currently 27 students are enrolled.

### *WIP Board:*

Sr Reham Ali (School Coordinator), Sr Suzane Ahmed (Secretary), and Sr Raghda Ibrahim (Treasurer)

### *WIP Teachers:*

Sr Ahlam Yazidi, Sr Ghada Fehil, Sr Reham Ali, Sr Moza Alsalami, and Br Mohamed Kanbari

### *WIP Volunteer :*

Sr Nabila Zawawi, and Sr Diana Affip

# Ramadan/Iftar

Daily Iftar was provided in the Masjid throughout the month of Ramadhan. May Allah accept from all the families who made the effort. We would like to thank our sisters who cooked the food and volunteered to sponsor Iftar multiple times during the holy month. The masjid provided the halal meat for the families who cooked the meals. We would also like to thank the local Muslim owned businesses for sponsoring meals including: Pita Cabana, Shakir Grill, Monte Carlo Pizza and Penn Kebab.

Also, iftar was provided at ISCP for the days of Arafah and Ashura.

## Facilities

### *Masjid Cleaning*

A professional cleaning company has hired to clean the entire masjid every Thursday. They have been doing a good job.

For the snow, we would like to thank our brother Abu Hassan, who is volunteering to clean the snow this year by his own truck.

### *Masjid Renovations and Upgrades*

- The company which ISCP was working with of the masjid expansion last year went out of business. Therefore we needed to look for a new company to do the renovation/expansion. In this matter, we would like to thank brother Dr. Omran for his effort to find a reasonable contractor for this project.
- The EC recommends that the present building be remodeled to increase the quality of service it provides. Also, the property owned by the masjid (East College ave) should be made into a multipurpose community center.

### *Townhomes*

The EC has been managing the affairs with regards to the town homes including rent collection, finding tenants, and maintaining the building and facilities. All of the profit goes toward the masjid income.

However, the EC is encouraging the community to help the EC by managing these two houses, so if you feel you can do that, please contact the EC.

## Activities

### *Adopt a Highway*

The Masjid has adopted a stretch of Highway 322/199. Adopt-a-Highway is a program in which organizations volunteer to clean parts of a highway three or four times a year. A sign is posted on the side of the highway that says: "Adopt a Highway: Islamic Society of Central Pennsylvania". We look forward to continue that community service and would like to thank Brother Jim Andrews for organizing the work.

### ***Monthly Potluck Dinners***

Monthly potluck community dinners were held at the masjid and at a community center for the sisters. We thank all those who cooked and supported these events.

### ***Picnics/Potlucks***

ISCP held four picnics last summer at local parks

- (1) May: Spring Creek Park
- (2) June: Del Grossa Amusement Park
- (3) July: Ramadan-no picnic
- (4) August: Bald Eagle Park
- (5) September: Picnic for newcomers

Also, several potlucks were held at ISCP, approximately monthly.

### ***Camping***

During Spring Break 2014, ISCP organized a camping trip. Alhamdulillah 45 men and 25 women attended.

### ***Open House***

On the request of certain visitors, ISCP held an open house to present Islam to our non-muslim friends.