

# What's new at your masjid?

ATTAWHEED ISLAMIC CENTER
TOWN HALL MEETING

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## Meet our Board Members



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### AIC Imam – Community Leader

Open Position

Salamai Jannati Zamal

**Rob Charly** 

Masjid Director

Office Manager

Facility Manager

Open Position

AIC **STAFF** 

Bilquees Gulam

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Principal

Vice-Principal

<u>Teachers</u>

Farhat Shaheen Fautma Eshnuk Hamnah Altaf

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Elham Noori

Elham Muthanna Hanan Elghawi



### Key activities and Events during the past year:

- Qur'aan Miracle Fair
- Arabic Spelling Bee
- Book Fair
- Fitness class for Sisters
- Parenting Workshop
- Seerah Classes
- Youth halaqahs on various topics throughout the year such as stories of the sahabah and sahabiyat
- Friday Family Fun in the park all summer
- Hajj Camp
- Weekend School
- Salah Workshop
- Qur'aan programs
- Ladies Halaqahs in English, Arabic & Urdu
- Eid Bazaar
- Community Potlucks
- Guest Lectures and Community Halaqas



Activities & Events







### Vision and Mission

To enlighten and empower communities through character and action.

- Nurturing knowledge
- Instill Islamic values
- Foster character developments
- Promote inclusivity
- Uphold excellence
- Empower leadership

2021-2022: 180

**Enrollment Trend** 

2019-2020: 224

2020-2021:150

**Curriculum Focus** 

2022-2023: 140

Islamic Studies (Tarbiyah)

2023-2024: 155

Quran (Recitation and understanding)

Arabic (Fluency in reading, writing and conversational skills)

### Teachers & Staff

We have a staff of 35 teachers including high-school teacher assistants. All our teachers are highly qualified in their fields.

### **Training**

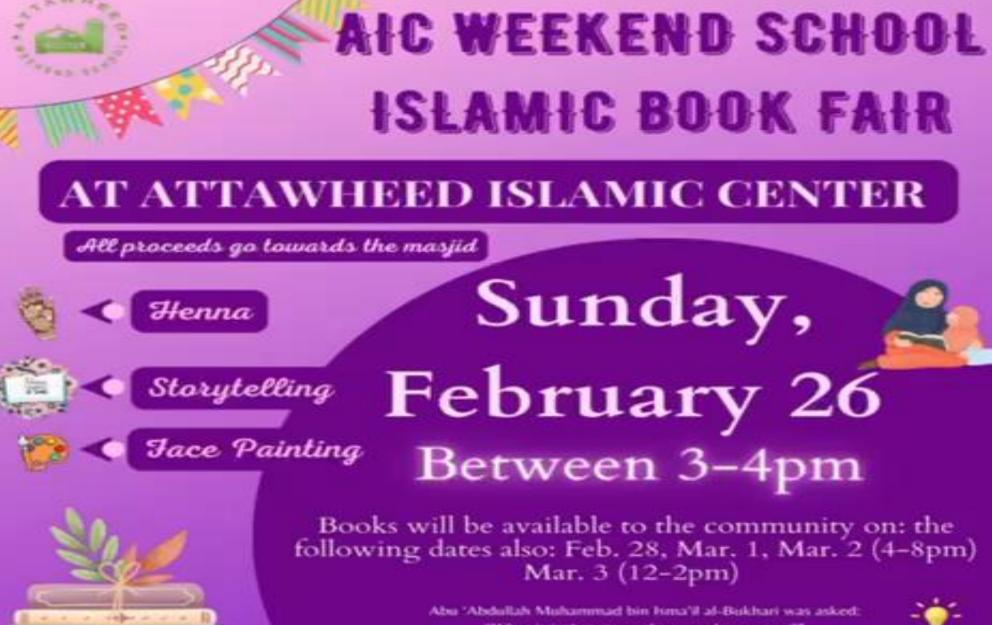
In the beginning of the year AIC Weekend School arranged a CPR training in addition to a two-day intensive curriculum training for its staff.

#### What's New:

- This year our youth program includes community service.
- Monthly Youth Boys Halaqah
- Monthly Newsletters
- Morning Assembly
- Security Guard throughout the entire Sunday school session
- Utilization of the next door building as an extension of AIC weekend school classes
- Ramadan Workshop
- Dismissal App designed by our youth –
   Launching soon for both Apple and Android



Weekend School





Abu 'Abdullah Muhammad bin hma'il al-Bukhari was asked: "What is it that strengthens one's memory?"

He replied: "Constantly looking through books."



Books on Ramadan, Akhlag, Eid, Seerah & Sakab



### **Important**

- AIC's Ramadan and Eid announcement based on moonsighting
- Isha will start 15 mins after Adhan
- Working with other masajid in Pittsburgh to source only dates from Islamic country
- Eid at Park (weather permitting)

#### **Taraweeh**

- Br. Mohamed Khir Alhariri
  - Acting Imam of AIC
  - Lead Maghrib and Fajr prayers in Ramadan
  - Back-up Imam for Taraweeh
- Br. Mohamed Saad
  - Lead the Taraweeh Prayer
  - Lead Qiyam-Ul Layl prayers in the last 10 nights
- 8 Rakats + Shafa/Witr

### **Fundraising**

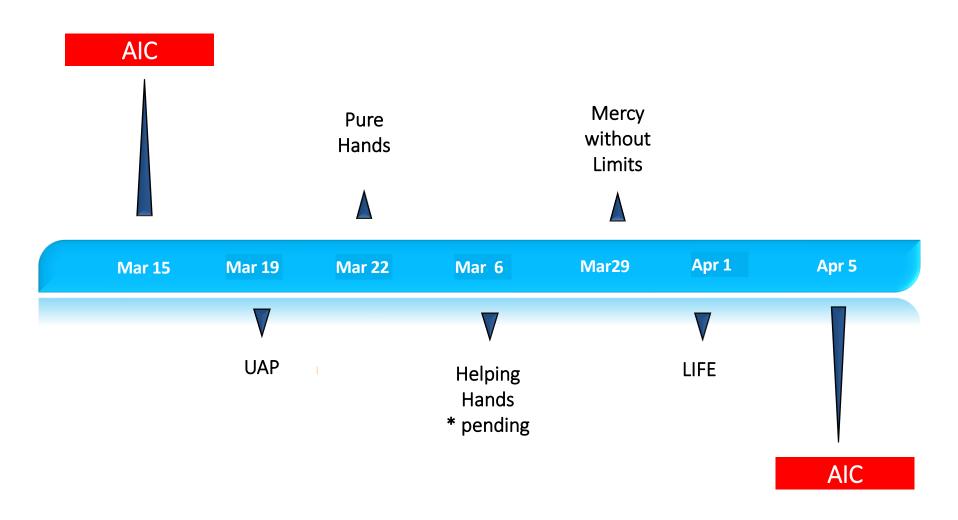
- AIC Fundraising (First and Last Jumu'ah
- Fundraising by other organizations (schedule next slide)
- Fundraising after Witr

### Ramadan Activities

- In-house Iftaar on all 30 days
  - Iftaar Donation Signups
- Laylatul Qadr Programs on the 27<sup>th</sup> night of Ramadan
- Taraweeh Trivia every night after Witr
- Qur'aan competition
- Ramadan Workshop
- Ramadan Quiz
- Everyday Khatirah after Fajr
- Qur'aan Halaqa
- Witr
- Fundraising
- Eid Bazaar
- I'tikaf during last 10 days of Ramadan



Ramadan Fundraising Calendar





# IT & Security

- Centralized IT services for masjid needs through IT Committee
- System upgrades
  - MASJIDAL cloud services
    - Donation kiosks
    - Masjid Signage
    - Athan+ app
  - Website Re-design
- All special events will live stream via Facebook and Youtube
- Zoom, Microsoft, Quickbooks, Paypal, Zelle services are used for various purposes
- Audio upgrade
  - New mixer
  - New speaker in Women's musalla
  - Basement speaker upgrade
- Additional TV, Monitor and Kiosks are installed in the classrooms and Musalla
- Armed Security guard on duty during Sunday School hours, Jummah Prayers and on all 30 days of Taraweeh and Eid prayers



# Imam Search

- **Br. Hussian Khan** lead the Imam Search committee
- Around 10 brothers are part of this search committee
- 100+ applications are received from various countries till-date
- On-line interviews were conducted for 15+ Imam candidates
- Five Imams were invited for weekend program
- 3 Prospective Imams were visited AIC to conduct various programs
- And the search is still-on...

### Hiring Process

- Screen and review all candidates resumes/ videos/ lectures/ khutbahs
- Conduct virtual interviews to shortlist candidates
- Recommend potential candidates to the Board to invite for interview
- Attend all candidates' in person functions to observe and evaluate
- Provide final written recommendations for hiring
- AIC Board initiates background check and negotiation process for the recommended candidates







### 419 & 415 Washington Ave Carnegie, PA 15106 (in 4 different parcels)

Lot 1 - 24,050 SQFT Lot # 103-M-10 Lot 2 - - 2,520 SQFT Lot # 103-M-2 Lot 3 - 3,360 SQFT Lot # 103-M-6 Lot 4 - 3,200 SQFT Lot # 103-M-8 P



### UMC Property Purchase

### The Progress...

March 2023 – Received an offer from Church Trustee with the listing price of \$1.2M

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**June 2023** – Church Trustee reduced the offer price to \$925K

**July - Aug 2023** – Finally the Church trustee accepted our negotiation offer of \$650k + closing cost

**Sep 2023** – Structural and other required Inspection, sewage camera works are done

**Nov-Dec 2023** – Dealing with the Borough contingencies and approval process

**Jan 2024** – Carnegie borough approved the ordinance change of a church can purchase another church

Jan 2024 – Application submitted to Carnegie Borough for contingency approval

Feb 13, 2024 – AIC sign the purchase agreement and made a down payment of \$25,000

**Mar 27, 2024** – Closing date



UMC Property Purchase





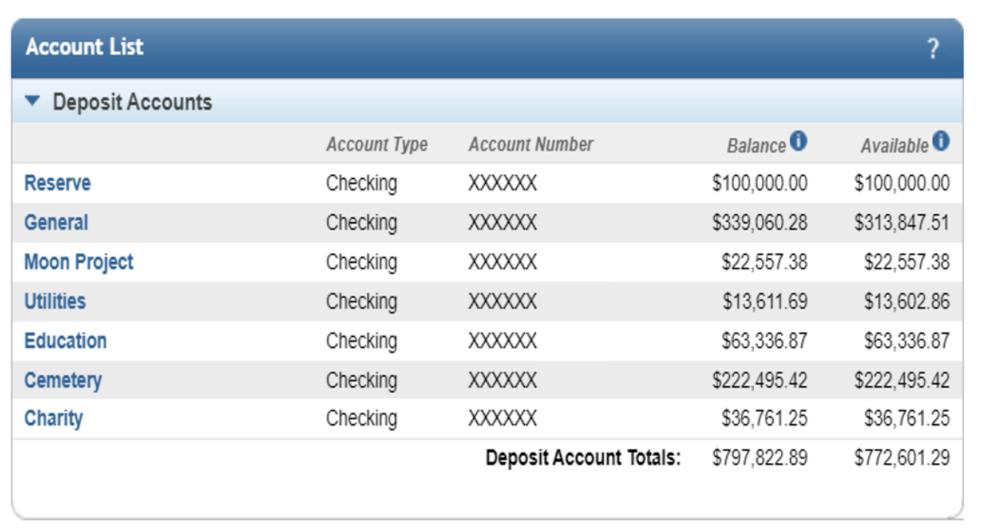
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- Building Inspection was all positive
- Finalize Fundraising plan (Goal \$1,000,000)
- Community open house building tour after closing
- Finalize buildings use and development plan
- Construction & Re-modelling
- Parking lot refinishing & New Paint lines





### **AIC's Account Summary**





- No Imam Salary for 1 year
- House sale cash donation from Dr Anas (Allah have mercy on him)



2023 Financial Breakdown	
Masjid Income (From all sources)	316,016
Expenses	
Salaries	62,775
Bank & PayPal Charges	1,378
Utilities	35,277
Ramadan Expenses	42,665
Software Renewal & Office Supplies	825
Special Events & Community Gathering	31,340
Maintenance and Repair	53,897
Masjid Programs	6,3993
Total	234,550
Sadaqat and Charity	
Income (From all sources)	133,000
Sadaqat and Charity Distribution	125,000
Weekend School	
Total School Tuition	49,827
School Expenses (Salary, Supplies, Expenses, etc)	57,600



# Completed Projects

- New school building Interior completion and furniture purchase
- Weekend school movement to the new building
- Masjid main wooden door restoration
- Interior painting
- Main Musalla LED lighting replacement
- IT (Donation Kiosks, Signage, website redesign)
- Armed security guard for Jumu'ah and School (covered by PA Security Grant through March)



In-Progress





# On-going & Future Projects

- UMC Property (Church) Purchase
- Main Musalla Expansion
- Bridge between buildings (Banquet Hall and School Building)
- Parking lot Lydia St Entrance
- Day to day AIC operations
- AIC Cemetery
- IT and Security Improvements
- Church and House renovations
- ACC Attawheed Community Center





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# Q&A Session

