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Term: Jan - Apr 2021

Meeting Minutes: AMDA Special Meeting - April 4, 2021

1. Meeting started with the prayers lead by Imam Munawar seeking guidance from Allah SWT.
2. Main agenda item: Mode of Isha and Taraweeh Prayers. Before the Mode, the issue seating arrangements came in to discussion first. Different members presented many options. Finally two options were put on motion for vote: Here are the results:

Option 1: No change in current seating condition: 11 Members voted for this option as follows:

- i. Br. Mustafa Chmeiseh
- ii. Br. Mohammad Ali
- iii. Br. Abul Hashem Molla
- iv. Br. Zainul Abedin
- v. Br. Abu Ashraf
- vi. Br. Taufique Bhuiyan
- vii. Br. Noor Alam
- viii. Br. Javid Khatri
- ix. Sr. Marina Azim
- x. Br. Moin Asjad
- xi. Br. Hafiz Rahman

Option 2: Change current Seating to W Pattern placing every rows: 2 Members voted for this option as follows:

- i. Br. Saria Sadique
- ii. Br. Ashabul Anam

Based on the voting Option 1 was decided to be adopted for the seating arrangements.

3. Two proposals were made from different Members in favor of having the Taraweeh in (1) 8 Rahahs or (2) 20 Rakahs. Many pros and cons were discussed. As there was no unanimous option, those two options place in motion for vote. Here are the results:

Option 1. Taraweeh 8 Rakahs: Two Members voted for this option as follows:

- i. Br. Javid Khatri
- ii. Br. Mustafa Chmeiseh

Option 2.

Option 2. Taraweeh 20 Rakahs: Ten Members voted for this option as follows:

- i. Br. Saria Sadique
- ii. Br. Abul Hashem Molla
- iii. Br. Zainul Abedin
- iv. Br. Taufique Bhuiyan
- v. Br. Mohammad Ali
- vi. Br. Abu Ashraf
- vii. Br. Noor
- viii. Sr. Marina Azim
- ix. Br. Ashabul Anam
- x. Br. Hafiz Rahman

Br Moin Asjad abstained from voting.

Based on the voting results, Option 2 - Taraweeh 20 Rakahs was decided to be performed during the upcoming Ramadan.

- 4. Since the Masjid capacity will remain much lower than expected lot of discussions happened on how to manage the number of attendees for Isha and Taraweeh prayers. On this issue proposal was made to allow the attendees by registration. Some brothers opposed the idea of registration as this would be a challenging task to manage. In this case both pros and cons were presented. Due to not having unanimous option, those two options were put on motion for vote. At the time of voting Br. Moin was not available to vote. Remaining 12 Members voted for “No Registration - 1st come, 1st served Basis”. So this option was adopted for implementation during the Ramadan to manage the number of attendees.
- 5. There was proposal to install tent outside of the Masjid to accommodate more people during the Isha and Taraweeh. Some concerns were raised to do that. So the motion was put for vote to decide whether a Tent be installed for the duration of Ramadan or not. Here are the votes:

Option 1: Set-up Tent for the whole month: Two members voted for this option as follows:

- i. Br. Saria Sadique
- ii. Br. Ashabul Anam

Option 2: No Tent Set-up: Twelve members voted for this option as follows:

- i. Br. Hashem Molla
- ii. Br. Mohammad Ali
- iii. Br. Zainul Abedin
- iv. Br. Abu Ashraf
- v. Br. Taufique Bhuiyan
- vi. Br. Noor Alam
- vii. Br. Javid Khatri
- viii. Sr. Marina Azim
- ix. Br. Moin Asjad
- x. Br. Mustafa Chmeiseh
- xi. Br. Shahid Iqbal
- xii. Br. Hafiz Rahman

Since Option 2 got more votes, it was decided not to set-up tent outside the Masjid.

6. Meeting Adjourn with closing remarks and prayers

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