

Southland Muslim Association Incorporated  
Annual General Meeting 11 February 2012  
President's Statement

Bismillah Arrahaman Arraheem, Assalat wassalam ala Rasool ak Kareem

Assalam Alaikum Wa RahmatAllahi Wa Barkatuhu

Alhamdulillah year 2011 was a year in which Southland Muslim Association consolidated its position as an established Islamic Centre in the Southland. Muslim travellers through Southland do make a point to visit our Centre during their journey and are pleased with the facilities and the welcome they get from local brothers and sisters. The challenge is now to maintain and sustain these facilities that Allah SWT has in His Mercy bestowed us. The following are the major achievements of the year:

**Activities**

1. The first and foremost Islamic requirement is the establishment of the five times daily prayers and the weekly Jumu'ah Salat. Alhamdulillah we achieved this strictly accordingly to the published timetable. An Auckland brother printed and laminated the SMA Salat Time Table for all months of the solar year as a donation to SMA. These are being sold for \$5 each to raise funds for SMA. This brother also provided 2 large-scale wall mounted timetables that has made it much easier to keep track of constantly changing prayer times throughout the year. May Allah SWT reward him and others who were involved in this charitable act.
2. The holy month of Ramadan was observed with traditional enthusiasm and religious fervor with brothers and sisters enthusiastically competing to book their place on the Iftar Roster and giving donations for the Hafiz expenses.

SubhanAllah, in spite of making arrangements well ahead of time we were deprived of a qualified Hafiz led Taraweeh due to the New Zealand Immigration's refusal to allow entry to the two Malaysian Huffaz. Alhamdulillah, the Taraweeh prayers were still conducted on all nights of Ramadan with brothers sharing this important duty.

Fitrana/ Sadaqat-ul-Fitr was collected from those brothers and sisters who wanted SMA to distribute it on their behalf. It was sent to Pakistan.

An Eid function was held as usual with gifts provided to children of 12 years age and under.

3. The Tableegh/ Da'wah activities were carried out in the Masjid with a few committed brothers actively taking part in the Ta'leem, Bayan, Gasht and Tashkeel with some of them visiting the Joor and Ijtima'ah held in Auckland. A number of Jamaats visited us during the year and were happy with the facilities and ikram given by local brothers. Their presence has been a source of Barakah for the Masjid with increased attendance of local brothers during their stay.
4. The SMA Madrasah for small children and ladies flourished with the focus on learning Quran and Islamic manners. There are no fees charged for this most important learning

activity. One young sister was able to complete the Nazirah/ Quran recitation during the year.

5. Social gatherings amongst Muslim families in an Islamic environment are an important aspect of living in the West. SMA promoted this by establishing a monthly one-dish party, which is regularly held on first Saturday of the month.
6. SMA participated in Sadaqat events and encouraged all brothers and sisters to contribute in this sacred duty. During the year SMA contributions were sent to the following appeals. The amounts given are detailed in the Financial Statement.
  - a. FIANZ Australian Flood Appeal
  - b. Annoor Masjid Christchurch Donation Appeal
  - c. Christchurch Earthquake Appeal
  - d. FIANZ Libya Appeal
  - e. Manawatu Cemetery Appeal
  - f. FIANZ Somalia Appeal
  - g. Islamic Education Centre Sabeto Fiji Donation
  - h. Medical assistance for Br Rafiq Fiji

### **Building Maintenance and Improvements**

1. All outstanding Building Consent works including the car park was, Alhamdulillah completed to the satisfaction of the Invercargill City Council (ICC) and the Code of Compliance was obtained. The Car Park is a very valuable addition to the facility especially for Juma and Eid Prayers.
2. SMA undertook to build a Wudu Khana and Alhamdulillah this project was completed satisfactorily during the year with full compliance of the ICC processes including issue of Building Consent and subsequent inspections. A big improvement in the layout of the Masjid Hall was achieved as a part of this project when the door leading into the kitchen from the Masjid Hall was relocated to allow a better access to the kitchen and more space in the Masjid Hall.
3. A brother built and donated the Minbar, which was needed for Jumaah and Eid Salats.
4. Kitchen facility was improved with additional cabinets and donations from brothers/ sisters for plates, tea/ coffee/ sugar, garbage bags making it a fully functional kitchen. Auckland Brothers donated a set of Handis (large cooking utensils), which would be useful for catering large functions. The kitchen facility is free for SMA functions/ meeting and guests (e.g. Tableegh Jamaat, Muslim travellers) and is available for hire for private functions by Muslims in an Islamic Environment.
5. A Jumbo Garden shed was installed in the back yard, which has given the much needed storage space. An inventory of items kept in the Shed is recorded for reference and issue to brothers/ sisters as per established procedure.

6. A number of maintenance and improvements in the Building were voluntarily carried out by brothers which included; provision of lights in the entrance patio, provision of multiple donation boxes set, painting and general maintenance activities.

## **Financial**

1. The need for a vigorous fund raising campaign that was required for the acquisition of the SMA property at 31 Fairview Avenue and subsequent Building Consents works has gradually diminished. There was only one special collection of \$5210 from Australia during the year. FIANZ donation of \$2000 was received for Ramadan Hafiz as per previous years. They also provided a special donation of \$1000 as a part of FIANZ's contribution to regional/ remote Islamic Centres.
2. The normal running expenses of the Masjid are now being met by donations from local brothers and sisters by direct credit as well as from the donation box. A couple of brothers/ sisters who have left Invercargill are still continuing to contribute. The membership fees collected from SMA members remains an insignificant portion of the collected funds. It is important to mention that a healthy balance of funds is needed to meet any unforeseen expenses due to weather related damage (may Allah SWT protect us from 'naghani aafat' (Aameen).
3. The collection of Janaza Fund continued with the target of having sufficient funds for two funerals still not achieved. This is a sadaqa fund that will be used in a genuine case where the affected family cannot afford the burial costs.
4. Alhamdulillah due to our persistent efforts the ICC has reduced the rates for SMA property once again due to SMA being a religious organisation. The original rates at the time of purchase of property was well in excess of \$2000 which was reduced to about \$1370 in 2010 and now it is further reduced to \$667.
5. The Financial Statement of income and expenses is prepared monthly and is filed in the Masjid documents folder, which is available for reference and any enquiries.
6. The annual Financial Statement for the year 2011 will be issued as the Treasurer's Statement after this presentation. Absolute transparency and accountability is the hallmark of any Islamic organization and SMA takes these matters seriously. Another brother who was not involved in the preparation of the statement and operation of the Bank Accounts audited the Financial Statement. Brothers are welcome to ask any questions that come to their mind now or later.

## **Management**

1. The management of the SMA has been and will always be on the basis of Consultation or Shura (Chapter 42 of AlQuran). The principal forum for this consultation is the monthly executive committee meeting which is held regularly on 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month. Where any decision is to be made on an urgent basis then this consultation is done via telephone, emails and through Invercargill Muslims Yahoo Group.

The monthly committee meeting is open to all members and they are continually reminded and encouraged to participate and contribute in the Shura process. These

meetings in spite of an open invitation were poorly attended. The following is a record of the number of 2011 meetings attended by brothers:

Br Mursad 11; Brs Abdul Azeem & Reza 10; Br Abu 9, Brs Wali and Shaizad 7; Br Manzoor 6; Br Shamir 5; Br Saiyyad 3; Br Zahid 2; Br Usama 2; Brs Fahmi, Ahmad, Wahid, Abdullah, Aaraf, Nihad, Eisa, Adem 1.

2. The SMA registration as a Charitable Organization was maintained which is of benefit to brothers & sisters who are New Zealand taxpayers as they can claim a refund for their donations to SMA.
3. The SMA status as a GST Registered Organization was also maintained and SMA was able to receive a refund of over \$6700 during the year. SMA collects GST on membership fees, sale of yearly timetables and any other income activity such as hiring of facilities.
4. Returns for GST, Charities Commission, and Societies Office were timely prepared and submitted without hiring an Accountant.

### **AGM Approval of SMA Office Bearers**

In the December 2011 Committee Meeting it was discussed and agreed that due to a very small number of members in SMA and the fact that every member is welcome to actively participate in the monthly committee meetings there is no need to elect executive committee members. In this situation every member is a committee member.

Moreover it was decided in the meeting to recommend continuation of the existing office bearers for the next two years. These being – Brs Abdul Azeem (President); Wali Kamali (V. President); Mursad Ali (Treasurer) and Reza Abdul Jabbar (Secretary)

The above recommendations were documented in the minutes of the meeting that were, in addition to being issued on Yahoo Group, posted on the Masjid Notice Board. Brothers were asked to review this recommendation and come to the January 2012 committee meeting if they had any objection or other views. This was also announced after the Jumaa Salat of the week before this meeting.

Although no one came to the January Committee meeting to present any other views it was still thought appropriate to give brothers and sisters an opportunity to nominate people other than the current office bearers. The invitations for nomination along with the nomination forms were placed on Yahoo Group, SMA Website and on Masjid Notice Board/ Shelf. No nomination was received for any position.

After the presentation of the Treasurer's Statement/ Annual Financial Statement the AGM will be asked to formally approve the current office bearers for the next two years. Any differing views will still be welcome. Also there will be an opportunity to raise any concern or suggestion that brothers may have.

JazakumAllah Khairan for your help, support, prayers and I ask your forgiveness for my shortcomings.

Abdul Azeem

## Treasurer's Statement

<b>Southland Muslim Association Incorporated 2121115</b>		
Financial Statement for Year 1 Jan to 31 Dec 2011		
Presented at Annual General Meeting held 11 February 2012		
<b>INCOME</b>		
	Membership Subscriptions 2011	\$1,460.00
	Membership Subscriptions 2012	\$560.00
	Donations	\$22,651.57
	Fitrana& Zakaat (Annual Ramadan Charity)	\$1,075.00
	GST Refund	\$6,726.27
	Ramadan/ Hafiz Collection	\$3,420
	Kitchen Hire	\$50.00
	FIANZ Somalia Appeal Collection	\$755.00
	Christchurch Earthquake Fund Collection	\$1,298.50
	Prayer Time Table Sales	\$195.00
	Fiji Sabeto IEC Collection	\$1,789.10
	Janaza (funeral) Fund	\$1,088.10
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$41,068.54</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
	Bank Charges	\$6.70
	Electricity Charges	\$1,572.53
	Building Maintenance & Improvements	\$902.40
	Construction Work for Building Consent - Howden Construction	\$2,577.15
	Invercargill City Council Code of Compliance Fee	\$204.20
	Wudu (Ablution) Area Construction	\$12,535.00
	Invercargill City Council Rates	\$667.23
	Fire Protection System Maintenance	\$253.00
	Building Insurance	\$916.15
	Environment Southland Rates	\$101.20
	Charities Commission Fee	\$51.110
	Hafiz Ramadan Air Fare	\$1,397.750
	Paper Towels	\$102.40
	Jumbo Garden Shed	\$2,756.56
	FIANZ Australian Flood Appeal	\$500.00
	Christchurch AnNoor Masjid Donation	\$1,000.00
	Christchurch Earthquake Appeal	\$1,798.50
	Medical Assistance Br Rafiq Fiji	\$300
	FIANZ Appeal Libya	\$250.00
	Manawatu Cemetery Appeal	\$250.00
	FIANZ Somalia Appeal	\$755.00
	Fitrana (Annual Ramadan Charity) Distribution	\$1,075.00
	Eid Function	\$135.00
	IEC Fiji Sabeto Donation	\$2,289.10
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$32,395.98</b>
<b>NET SURPLUS</b>		<b>\$8,672.56</b>
	plus previous year's net surplus	\$27,979.66
	<b>TOTAL FUNDS as at 31 December 2011</b>	<b>\$36,652.22</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
	Cash in Account 03 1745 0104001 00 on 31 Dec 11	\$32,807.47
	Cash in Account 03 1745 0104001 01 on 31 Dec 11	\$3,844.75
	Property at 31 Fairview Avenue Invercargill valued at cost	\$121,570.06
	Property improvement value plus chattels	\$126,408.94
	<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$284,631.22</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
	Liabilities	\$0.00
<b>Net ASSETS</b>		<b>\$284,631.22</b>