

Southland Muslim Association Incorporated
Annual General Meeting 9 February 2013

President's Statement

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Assalat wasssalam 'ala Rasool al Kareem

Alhamdulillah year 2012 was a year in which Southland Muslim Association further consolidated its position as an established Islamic Centre in the Southland. Number of Muslim travellers visiting our Centre increased as Southland attracted more tourists from Muslim countries. Many of them admired the facilities we have for Muslims to break their journey, offer salat and get ready for their next travel. They appreciated the welcome they got from local brothers and sisters. The challenge continues to be 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 but it is a matter for great concern that local brother are not frequenting the Masjid as much as they should.
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.

Alhamdulillah, we were able to get a Hafiz from Fiji for the Taraweeh prayers, which were conducted on all nights of Ramadan with the completion of Qur'an taking place on the 27th of Ramadan. May Allah SWT reward with His choicest blessings Hafiz Mohsin and all brothers who facilitated his visa, travel and local arrangements.

Fitrana/ Sadaqat-ul-Fitr was collected from those brothers and sisters who wanted SMA to distribute it on their behalf. The collection was sent to International Centre for Children Charitable Trust (ICCCT) for distributing Fitrana among orphans in Sri Lanka.

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

3. Alhumdulillah, the work of Dawat-e-tableegh was carried out throughout the year in our Masjid with brothers committing to daily Taleem in the Masjid, doing local Gusht and frequently visiting the Muslims in Invercargill and surrounding towns. A few 3 Days Jamaats were formed from our Masjid making efforts in the Southland areas of Bluff, Lumsden, Queenstown, Wanaka, Winton, Alexandra and Cromwell. Brothers from Invercargill and neighbouring towns regularly attended the monthly Mashwara and they also made effort to join the annual National Jord and Ijtima' in Auckland and Wellington.

During the year we received Jamaats from Kerala, Maharashtra, Brisbane, North Island and also the first local Masturat/Sisters Jamaat. The Jamaats were very pleased with the facilities provided and the ikram made by our local brothers & sisters. Their presence

has been a source of Barakah for the Masjid with increased attendance of local brothers in the Masjid during their stay. Insha Allah with the Hijrat and Nusrat we will be able to spread the deen in our local community.

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. A number of picnics and functions were held to celebrate children's successes.
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 now held on the same day as the monthly SMA meeting, i.e. on 2nd Saturday of every 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 collected and donations given are detailed in the Financial Statement.

FIANZ Fiji Floods - 2 Appeals in the year

New Lynn Islamic Trust Donation

Fiji Muslim League Nausori Masjid Donation

FIANZ Appeal Syria

Building Maintenance and Improvements

1. New carpet was provided in the living room while providing new tiling in the kitchen and all toilet areas.
2. Maintenance and improvements were carried out in the building including painting the fence and improving the functioning of the driveway gate.
3. A sister dedicatedly cleaned the masjid regularly while seeking assistance from other sisters when she was not in town.
4. A proposal for extending the sisters' section is currently being investigated. This is needed to allow sisters' socializing in an area separate from the prayer hall.

Financial

1. Alhamdulillah, the running expenses of the Masjid are easily being met by regular direct weekly/ monthly credits from local brothers and sisters as well as the funds collected weekly from the donation box. The membership fees collected from members is not regarded as a main source of funds for SMA.
2. A FIANZ Grant of \$2000 was received for Ramadan Hafiz as per previous years. They also provided an increased Grant of \$2000 (\$1000 in 2011) as a part of FIANZ's contribution to regional/ remote Islamic Centres. An anonymous Australian donor provided over \$5000 during his/ her four donations during the year. A Malaysian businessman while hospitalized in Invercargill Hospital provided \$1000 donation to SMA. May Allah give him complete recovery from his accident injury.

3. Alhamdulillah SMA has now a healthy balance of funds, which is necessary to meet any unforeseen expenses (may Allah SWT protect us from 'naghani aafat' (Aameen).
4. 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.
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 2012 will be tabled by the Treasurer after this presentation and will answer any queries that you may have. Absolute transparency and accountability is the hallmark of any Islamic organization and SMA takes these matters seriously. Brothers are welcome to audit accounts now or any time they like.

Management

1. The management of the SMA has been and will always be on the basis of Consultation or Shura. The principal forum for this consultation is the monthly meeting, which is held regularly on 2nd 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.

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 received a refund of over 1063 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.
5. The present office bearers of SMA, which were approved in the last AGM, will continue for another year to complete their 2-year tenure. The members are however free to indicate their non-confidence in any office bearer and seek a change at any time if they have genuine concerns.

JazakumAllah Khairan to all who have supported SMA by way of their financial contributions, time, skills and prayers.

I ask your forgiveness for my shortcomings.

Abdul Azeem

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Financial Statement for Year 1 Jan to 31 Dec 2012		
Presented at Annual General Meeting held 9 February 2013		
INCOME		
	Membership Subscriptions 2012	\$880.00
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	Donations	\$18,724.40
	Fitrana& Zakaat (Annual Ramadan Charity)	\$871.00
	GST Refund	\$1,063.52
	FIANZ Remote Area Special Grant	\$2,000.00
	FIANZ Grant for Ramadan	\$2,000.00
	Ramadan/ Hafiz Collection and Iftari	\$2,868.90
	Pots, bairns and stove hire	\$50.00
	FIANZ Fiji Flood First Appeal Collection	\$635.30
	FIANZ Fiji Flood Second Appeal Collection	\$1,217.10
	New Lynn Islamic Trust Appeal Collection	\$500.00
	Fijiu Muslim League Nausori Masjid Appeal Collection	\$1,045.90
	FIANZ Appeal Syria Collection	\$590.00
	Prayer Time Table Sales	\$35.00
	Janaza (funeral) Fund	\$609.50
	Total	\$34,190.62
EXPENSES		
	Bank Charges	\$0.35
	Electricity Charges	\$1,575.10
	Building Maintenance & Improvements	\$679.95
	Kitchen carpet and men and women toilets vinyl	\$2,000.70
	Invercargill City Council Fire Protection Amendment Fee	\$77.00
	Invercargill City Council Rates	\$670.91
	Fire Protection System Maintenance	\$760.74
	Building Insurance	\$552.79
	Environment Southland Rates	\$112.00
	Charities Commission Fee	\$51.11
	Hafiz Ramadan Air Fare	\$3,245.73
	Paper Towels	\$204.81
	FIANZ Fiji Floods 2 Appeals	\$2,417.10
	New Lynn Islamic Trust Donation	\$1,500.00
	Fiji Muslim League Nausori Masjid Donation	\$2,045.90
	FIANZ Appeal Syria	\$590.00
	Fitrana (Annual Ramadan Charity) Paid to ICCCT	\$871.00
	Eid Children Gifts	\$115.00
	Iftari on behalf of Dr Ian Stewart	\$250.00
	Total	\$17,720.19
NET SURPLUS		
	plus previous year's net surplus	\$36,652.22
	TOTAL FUNDS as at 31 December 2012	\$53,122.65
ASSETS		
	Cash in Account 03 1745 0104001 00 on 31 Dec 12	\$48,668.40
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	Property at 31 Fairview Avenue Invercargill valued at cost	\$121,570.06
	Property improvement value plus chattels	\$128,409.64
	Total Assets	\$303,102.35
LIABILITIES		
	Liabilities	\$0.00
Net ASSETS		\$303,102.35