

9:30 PM, May 23, 2021

Attendees:

Murat Al (President)
Jafar Yasar (VP)
Ramazan Aksit (Treasurer)
Bailey Hughes (Secretary)
C. Ferruh Yucel (Director)
Menduh Emibrilek (Board member)
Berktn Odabasi

9: 30: Meeting minutes were reviewed, modified and approved.

9:40 PM: Agenda items were discussed as the following:

- Ramadan iftar dinner, did not work, possibly have an interfaith dialogue dinner
 - Chaplains in Rochester General Hospital would be available June 6th for an in-person dinner
- Attorney payment?
- Summer camps and subsidizing summer camp fees as needed.
- Keeping track of activity volunteers (Activity records)
- Receiving updates from each committee
 - How to include each committee with the board
- Possibly modifying meeting dates
- Certificate program: how to manage in a Non-Profit Org.
- How to utilize the building more efficiently
- More women on the TCC Board
- How to work with Syracuse and Buffalo groups more

1: Dialogue Dinner on June 6th

- Discussion: date is not certain, intrafaith group is going to organize the event and discuss more.
- Board vote: all in favor

2: Attorney payment

-Most recent payment was a couple weeks ago, it was 2,000 monthly. The remaining balance was 13,000.

-Recent donation amounts were discussed at this time.

3: Summer camp and subsidizing summer camp fees as needed

- Ferruh Yucel discussed the importance of all students attending camp and to support those that may have financial need.
- Berktañ Odabasi spoke for the education committee about summer camp assistance
- 7500 was allocated to the education committee
 - o So far 1000 has been spend.
 - o Camps are being planned for this summer
 - o Estimated 5000 to spend on summer camps this summer
 - Sky Academy
 - o Four different groups going to summer camp
 - o The education committee would like to help up to 1/3 of the price for families that cannot to afford it. If more is needed, then it can be discussed with each family on a need basis.
 - o The board discussed how we would cover the summer camp cost.
 - Have the parents pay their portion of the cost and the TCC will cover the rest of the costs.
 - o 22 students from upstate NY are
- Jafer Yasar expressed concerns over official policies in place that ensure the summer camp costs will not go over budget and that we could adjust our bylaws accordingly.
- The Board agrees to cover 1/3 of the fees for students that need/ask for assistance.

4: Keeping track of activity volunteers (Activity records)

- Ramadan event
 - o Approx. cost 1000
 - o 120 people attended
 - o 10 volunteers
 - o 50 hour volunteer work
- Outside praying & picnic
 - o April 11 was the first picnic of the season
 - Approx. cost 1000
 - 100 -120 people attended
 - 10 volunteers
 - 50 hour volunteer work
- Ramadan food boxes
 - o 75-100 hours
 - o 25 days
 - o 40 boxes each day
 - o Approx. cost n/a (all donations-400 each day)
- Donations
 - o Hand sanitizer to other charities

- 10 additional charities received donations
- 2 -3 volunteers
- 2 hours each volunteer
- Spring Camp
 - Approx. cost 1000
 - 180 hours

5: Receiving updates from each committee and how to include committees in the board.

- Murat Al purposed that each committee will have a representative attend and address the board.
- Murat Al asked who will invite each representative
- The Board voted to have one representative of each committee attend.

6: Keeping the period between each board meeting the same.

- The Board voted to keep the meeting period the same.
- Jafer Yasar purposed that we can call additional meetings when necessary

10:40 PM: Menduh Emirbilek expressed his concern that the board decisions on events is being delayed and the board should take effective solutions and clear decision making.

Jafer Yasar stated that the board could not make some decisions for the TCC for various reason.

Ferruh Yucel explained that Menduh Emirbilek concerns were being examined and improvements needed to be made

Ramazan Aksit stated that some audits did not need to be done because the TCC has no employees.

Menduh Emirbilek stated that new board members should received a summary of board activities in both English in Turkish.

Jafer Yasar stated that typically there is a training for new members.

The discussion brought up the importance of understanding the interworkings of Non-Profits.

7: Certificate program: how to manage in a Non-Profit Org.

- How, in accordance to Hizmet, can we manage a NP
- Potentially updating by-laws
 - Would need a By-Laws Committee
 - Updating information on Website

8: How to utilize the building more efficiently

- Will be discussed in weekly meetings

9: More women on the TCC Board

- Asking women groups if they have women in mind

10: How to work with Syracuse and Buffalo groups more

- Discussed event shared through TCC Board Whatsapp Group.
- Possible event with upstate dialogue groups
 - o Potential speaker from upstate dialogue groups

11:27: Menduh Emirbilek suggested that there should also be Turkish texts on the TCC website

Murat Al reiterated Menduh Emirbilek that everyone should be active in the TCC Board Whatsapp Group.

Board meeting ended: 11:30 PM