

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
SHADHILIYYA SUFI CENTER  
(Herein "SSC")**

A Wyoming Nonprofit Religious Corporation

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The Directors of the above-named corporation, constituting the Board of Directors of said corporation, held a regular meeting at the time, and at the place set forth as follow:

TIME: 9:00 AM  
DATE: February 16, 2006  
PLACE: Office of the Corporation  
2950 Pope Canyon Road  
Pope Valley, CA 94567

There were present at the meeting the following Directors, constituting a quorum of the full Board:

Maxine Adelstein (via phone)  
James E. Cotten  
Robert Jaffe  
Susan Tierney  
John Davies (via phone)  
Debra Lindsey (via phone)  
Pat Aylward (via phone)

The following members were absent:

Walter Cowan  
Rob Bastress II  
Karen Watkins

The following persons acted as Chair and Secretary of the meeting:

Chairperson: Maxine Adelstein  
Secretary: Debra Lindsey

## **MEETING PURSUANT TO NOTICE**

The Chair announced that the meeting was being held pursuant to written notice sent to each board member via email on February 15, 2006.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The next matter considered was the approval of the draft minutes of the January 19, 2006 Board meeting that was previously circulated to Board members. It was suggested to change one sentence in the last paragraph in the section on 2005 Financial Review to change "Once 118 acres are sold, to read, If enough of the new land is sold. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote with this change.

### **2006 FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Mr. Cotten and Mr. Aylward presented a recap of the finances for the month of January. The sales from the gift shop while at the January school session were down \$3,000 from the November school session. In November there were more new students, but the January session allowed them more time to shop and they also brought friends and family. After the year end holidays many people have less to spend. A \$100,000 anonymous donation was received which has given us some breathing room financially. A portion of this donation will be used to develop new programs, upgrade the on-line gift shop, and to make audio/video modules available to support teachers in their walking. Recording these programs can be done on the land and copies sold. Another portion of the donation will be used to pay down credit cards and old payables of \$50,945.

Ten percent of each donation that comes in should go to paying down the mortgage. We owe Joe Fedele about \$500,000. His three notes are due April 1 and he is raising the interest rate on the note from 8% to 10%. He also wants 3 months of interest to be paid in advance. We would need \$15,000 to renew that note. We need to see if we can find beloveds who will provide that loan at less interest for 2-3 years so we can pay off Joe. The financial committee will follow up on this.

New businesses will be reviewed with the financial committee. The Center is planning to develop about 2 acres of land around the barn in agriculture, Sidi has asked us to grow organic cash crops to use and to sell. We are considering having Maryam Ortworth take care of that full time. If she does, Yunus Tierney may be asked to manage the facility.

Latif Sorenson, Salih Cotten, Abdullah Alyward, and Sa'id Chamberlain are looking at the finances in regard to the business plan. The financial analysis will be available by the March meeting. They need to investigate the springs as part

of the business plan.

### **FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE**

Fundraising has brought in \$15,000 cash for admin costs along with an additional \$21,000 in pledges. Another \$15,000 was received from the khalwa done at JI.

It was suggested that a free monthly audio download will demonstrate that SSC is giving to the communities. It was suggested that we do a monthly telephone session with Sidi that would be recorded for download for the beloveds. Ibrahim is follow up with Sidi to see if he would do Q&A sessions on the phone. A forum of Salima, Ibrahim, Salih, A'mani and others can do a follow up discussion of what Sidi said as appropriate.

### **COUNCIL OF SHADHULIYYA COMMUNITIES**

Neither CSC rep was present at the meeting.

### **LAND ISSUES**

The latest update on selling the land indicates that the 284 acre parcel could be subdivided into 4 parcels with each parcel having its own rights of buildings. If we sell some of the land they will have an opportunity build home for themselves but also big enough to accommodate visiting beloveds as well as build multi-family homes. Ibrahim said that Sidi would like us to build a 2-story barn with the bathrooms downstairs and a large teaching room upstairs.

It will be 12-18m months before we see any of the money from the sale of the land. Ibrahim would like us to look at a 24-acre parcel that has water rights to Lake Berryessa.

Our attorney who is consulting on SSRC's land use advised that there is a national law that supports churches rights in land utilization. We will be siting this law in our approach to the county. We will be going forward with the county the beginning of March. We will use the historical use for Walter Springs as a basis for continuing to use it as we are. Overnight stays on the property is an issue. We are working on an approach to this.

John Davies will set up a call with the Osbournes to keep them updated on progress of buying the land. We will talk to Sidi in June about the barn request when he comes here. We might need to umbrella all the properties under one non-profit.

The 74 acres need to be reviewed to see if it can be subdivided Maryam Watkins

will get appraisals once the parcels are divided. Sukaynah Oldham and the Tierneys have interest in the 284-acre parcel.

### **ONE HEART ONE HAND**

The call between the 4 councils (SSC Board, CSC, University, and the Admin) was very respectful. Action items included: tariqa wide phone call to voice questions/issues. The call will be based on Peck's book on community building, "A Different Drum". Another committee was established to look at how to handle difficult issues and situation that come up. It felt like good progress was made in this call.

### **NEW TOPICS**

We need to put a University rep on the SSC Board. Ms. Tierney will follow up on this with Wadude Laird. Have the University nominate 3 people and we will choose from the three.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:00 AM.

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Debra Lindsey, Secretary

Attest:

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Maxine Adelstein, Chairperson