

My dearest Abu

Assalaamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuh

This is a report whose purpose is to attempt to account for those monies which have been collected from the talibs and talibahs of the Nashville Jamaat. I would like to confess from the outset that it has been brought to our attention in shurah that adequate records were not being kept in regards to the monies that were collected for expenses - food utilities, rent, transportation, and necessities. We have only recently made an attempt to begin correcting this and so, therefore I am only able to give an overview of some of the money that was collected. This report does not include some monies which were collected nor does it give an itemized break down of how all the monies were spent. Sometimes money that was collected to pay one bill, was swithed to take care of something else at the last minute. This is a very common occurance and it is difficult sometimes, to keep an accurate record of these transactions.

In some cases, at best, very ~~scanty~~ little real records were kept. Such is the case with some welfare money that was accepted from one of the ladies. Receipts were given to her for the money turned in and a note was made of the transaction. Confusion began when situations dictated

that some of the monies be used to provide food or pay the rent or utility or maybe to relieve a difficulty of one of the brothers and/or his family. This money was always given as a loan to be repaid as soon as possible, preferably in one week. Some time monies would be used on the agreement that all of the brothers would divide the debt equally and this made up 90% of the use of the money. At this date this money has a zero balance and each brother owes \$123.00 a piece. Approximately 60.00 is owed out in personal loans and approximately 40.00 can not be accounted for therefore I accept the responsibility to pay this amount myself, insha Allah. Much better records were kept on the 10% money. I had intended to include these records in this report, however I rush out of town and forgot to pick up this information. If Allah permits, I will send this report to you if you wish.

A few different systems have been used in Nashville in an attempt to find the most equitable and fairest way to see to it that all of the rents, utilities, foods and necessities are paid and some respectable standard of living is maintained throughout the Jamaat. We have not yet found one that meets all of these requirements there for some inequities still exist. The system currently in place

approaches the jamaat as one single family and all expenses are divided by the number of working men. Example: Rent on three houses, utilities, on three ~~houses~~ houses, food for 32 people are divided into 5 equal parts. When the figure left is too large for some and not for others then the bills are juggled so that the figure is made smaller also those of us who have larger incomes attempt to put up a little more than the others to help make the ends meet. There is not enough balance in this system to suit me, therefore we are trying to arrive at a better system for meeting all of the needs of the jamaat and somehow save some money for the land, purchase weapons for those men who have none and secure for ourselves cars which provide maximum use.

Following is a brief overview of ~~the~~ some of what was collected over the past 3 months for expenses, etc:

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