

## **Proposal 3: Finance – Budget**

“Never shall you attain to righteousness unless you spend out of that which you love, and whatever you spend, Allah surely knows it well” [3:93]

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### **Committee Members:**

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### **Discussion Points:**

- Increase payments/participation in Lajna dues, Nasirat dues and obligatory dues
- Reporting issues
- Raising funds for construction of a Lajna Hall
- Handicraft jalsa fund raising low for year 2019. Members asked if there were any different plans for increasing handicraft fundraising at Jalsa Salana. It was explained that Jalsa Salana 2019 had a new initiative to promote “cottage industry” to promote new Lajna entrepreneurs to sell their products in-order to promote economic self-sufficiency among Lajna members. This will continue at the discretion of respected Sadr Sahiba.
- Inactive members and members who are never seen but are in Tajnid create difficulty in reaching 100% target.
- Budget for fiscal year 2019 to 2020

### **Recommendations:**

- Continue motivating members at the local level by;
  - frequent reminders to pay their obligatory dues
  - continue to hold workshops on financial sacrifice

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- create an easy payment system using electronic means, e.g venmo, pay pal, bill pay, Zell, etc. and online payments to National Secretary Maal (Lajna Imaillah exploring for implementation)
- Encourage sending timely reports, help with instructions and online reporting
- For raising Lajna Hall funds at \$100,000 per year, it was suggested;
  - visits and presentations to local majaalis by the national Lajna Hall committee
  - provide unified motivational material and posters on Lajna website for local majaalis to download
  - set up Lajna Hall raising tables at majalis meetings/events similar to Humanity First
- Continue Jalsa Handicraft fund raising

### **Budget 2019 to 2020**

- In-depth discussion and deliberation on the budget: Budget is attached.
- Delegate asked about the significant decrease in the amount spent for the Lajna mentoring conference for 2018 to 2019 fiscal year: It was explained that the decrease in expense was due to mentoring conference was only for local sadraats, regional sadraats and national amila members for orientation to new national amila, new national sadr and new national program. The next mentoring conference will return to mentor for the usual selected local and amila members with local sadraats, regional sadraats and national amila.
- Noted was a new budgeted line for Lajna House: It was explained that the purchase of the land with house for the future Lajna Hall has unexpected on-going expenses such as utilities, maintenance, lawn care and snow removal. We had to repair the chimney and air-conditioner; will need to replace ceiling tiles, dry wall repair and maybe some work in the kitchen.
- Budget was unanimously approved, Alhamdulillah.