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2020 SSC Financial Report

Annual Report

The core purpose of the SSC is to preserve and share the pure legacy of the teachings of Sidi Muhammad al-Jamal, to live his teachings and to give the message of Peace, Love, Mercy, Justice and Freedom for all people without separation, and to be an oasis; providing gathering places for worship, healing and education for all those called by Allah and Sidi's spirit to taste or to walk in the in the Shadhiliyya Sufi Way, the Way of the Real Islam. The SSC, as well as the other arms of ministry in our Tariqa, rely on donations to bring the teachings of Sidi to the world, and to support each-other as brothers and sisters in our holy Shadhiliyya family.

Some of the beloveds have asked if they still need to send in their monthly donations since the Mother Center was destroyed. The short answer is **yes please, if you can**. Although we are no longer paying for utilities on the land, our monthly expenses have actually increased from what they were before the fire. Donations increased briefly after the fire, but have dropped significantly in all categories since November, except those for Jerusalem. Below are some charts showing expenses and donation income in the different categories, followed by some explanations for clarification.

Mother Center expenses, discontinued	Monthly Cost	
Office photocopier	\$50.68	Fixed
Office Valley internet	\$144.00	Fixed
Utilities Electricity	\$925.00	18 mo. average
Utilities Garbage	\$95.00	18 mo. average
Utilities Propane	\$618.00	18 mo. average
Vehicle fuel	\$15.00	18 mo. Average



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Vehicle Insurance	\$32.75	Fixed
Vehicle repairs	\$159.38	18 mo. Average
Mother Center maint. & repairs	\$1,468.19	18 mo. Average
Expenses discontinued	\$3,508.00	

National SSC ongoing expenses	Monthly average or projected cost	Type
Office Ooma internet phone	\$71.02	Fixed
Bank & Acctg. service charges	\$30.00	Fixed
Bento Debit cards	\$29.00	Fixed
Merchant & Credit Card fees	\$697.23	18 mo. average
Quickbooks online	\$93.75	Fixed
Website Godddy	\$18.53	Fixed
Website Formstack	\$59.25	Fixed
Website Mailchimp	\$34.99	Fixed
Websire Site 5 web hosting	\$7.95	Fixed
Website JMA web connector	\$29.00	Fixed
Secretary of State fees	\$5.00	Fixed
Misc. Office expenses	\$60.36	18 mo. Average
Instant teleseminar	\$47.00	Fixed
PO Box rental	\$22.83	Fixed
Postage & shipping	\$43.66	18 mo. Average
Microsoft office	\$8.34	Fixed
Zoom	\$40.83	Fixed
Pope Valley property tax	\$546.93	Fixed
Legal fees \$14,772. in 2020	\$1,000.00	Variable
Directors insurance	\$90.83	Fixed



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Liability insurance on the land	\$300.00	Unknown
Bookkeeper & Accountant	\$2,000.00	Unknown
Donor Management Software	\$200.00	Unknown
Administrative Assistant	\$2,500.00	Unknown
Projected monthly expenses	\$7,936.50	

Notes about the figures:

- These do not include special expenses from the fire that were paid for from the fire insurance money. We don't yet know the total cost of the debris-removal. The soil tests showed toxicity on one area, so there is more work to be done. The land will be appraised this month, and then the final fees owing to the Mortgage Circle will be paid.
- We have hired a bookkeeper and an accountant. The existing bookkeeping system was terribly inefficient and required an inordinate amount of hands-on record keeping, in addition to the accounting program. The current board members don't have the time or the skills to keep the books up to date. We incurred an initial outlay of \$6,000 to catch-up on the backlog of posting, reconcile the year-end, and clean-up the balance sheet. Going forward we anticipate between 4-10 hrs./week of bookkeeping and 2-3 hrs./month of accounting. During Ramadan, halwas and programming events, when there is an increase in donation activity, the bookkeeping hours will be closer to 10 hrs./week. We are now be able to provide quarterly financial reports in the community newsletters, or by request.
- We will be getting donor management software (a CRM - customer management system) that will increase the efficiency and accuracy of our donation record keeping. A CRM will reduce the number of hours for a bookkeeper, lowering that expense. Again, an initial outlay of money



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will be necessary to set it up, input data, and learn the use of the system. These costs are not yet determined.

- We have hired a part-time administrative assistant. Since the staff were laid off at the Mother Center the board has met every 2 weeks, taking breaks only during Ramadan. The board committees meet weekly. The current board members are working at their fullest capacity and need administrative support.
- The board has earmarked \$30,000 for a new website and construction is currently underway, with an anticipated launch date in early April, *insha'llah*. This will serve as the multi-faceted, up-to-date communications hub for the wider Tariqah, for both beloveds and spiritual seekers.
- The board has also earmarked \$10,000 for board development. We have contracted with two beloved consultants in the community over the next 4 months to coach us as we review the SSC board structure and culture, mission, goals, bylaws, and as we practice team and leadership competencies, decision-making and conflict resolution skills.
- By the time the next newsletter goes out at the end of March, we will have a better idea of what our monthly costs are. We should also know the total amount of the expenditures that were associated with the fire and the amount of insurance money that remains to be held in trust.

Donation activity:

Most of our programming events are offered by donation, so that anyone can attend. The programming donations that are received are divided as follows; 1/3 goes to Jerusalem, 1/3 goes to SSC operating expenses, and 1/3 goes to paying the teachers a stipend. The donations to the Beloveds in Need Fund increased



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after the fire, and then dropped significantly, while the level of need has remained constant.

SSC Income and Expenditures	2020	2020	2020	2020	2021
	Jan-Sept. Monthly Average	October	November	December	January
Operating Income					
General donations for operating expenses	\$7,760.00	8,142.00	\$4,227.00	\$4,347.00	\$4,073.00
Actual monthly expenses		5,897.00	\$7,615.00	\$2,895.00	\$5,937.00
Profit or Loss - shown in red		2,245.00	(\$3,388.00)	\$1,452.00	(\$1,864.00)
Of necessity, these budget shortfalls were paid out of the insurance money.					

In 2020 SSC received and disbursed the following donations:

- \$317,815.00 went to Sidi's projects in Jerusalem.
- \$76,958.00 went to Beloveds in Need.
- \$43,755.00 went to beloveds affected by the fires in Northern California.
- \$ 90,779.00 went to SSC operating expenses.

I recall Sidi's words...to give what you can, but don't give what you don't have. If you have the means, I hope that this information can help you to choose what purposes you may want to donate towards.

Feel free to contact Jannah with any question you may have about this report at jannahgodlas@sscboard.org.