

MINUTES of the Business Meetings (impromptu) of Saturday, March 21,
and Sunday, March 22, 1964.

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SATURDAY:

Present: Reverend Susuki, Reverend Katagiri

Trustees: Philip Wilson, Betty Warren, Graham Petchey, Richard
Baker, Jean Ross, Bill Kwong, Mike Dixon

Members: Della Goertz

1) This meeting was called by Reverend Susuki in order to announce that Reverend Katagiri would definitely be joining Sokoji Temple as an assistant priest. Zen Center wanted to contribute to the support of such a ~~fortunate and~~ welcome addition, and it was felt that \$150.00 a month would suffice. A discussion followed about how to meet this.

2) Pledges and the basis for membership in Zen Center were reconsidered. Three main decisions were made: 1) to change the classification of membership from "associate and active members" to "members and voting members". 2) to make the basis of the latter a contribution of at least \$10.00 a year to Zen Center; 3) to send out a letter to all members informing them of this, and requesting a renewal and hopefully an increase of their pledges.

3) There was some discussion as to whether there should be a charge for the Wind Bell. No formal decision was made, but it was felt that though perhaps no charge should be made, that at least a statement could be included in the Wind Bell that any contributions to help meet publication and postage costs would be greatly appreciated.

4) It was decided that the trustees should meet the following day after zazen for further discussion and to draft a letter.

SUNDAY:

Present: Trustees: Philip Wilson, Betty Warren, Trudy Dixon, Richard
Baker, Jean Ross, Mike Dixon.
Members: Claud Dalenberg, Ruth

1) There was further discussion of what should constitute membership and voting membership. It was agreed as was decided the day before, that to be a member of Zen Center it is necessary to contribute at least \$10.00 a year, but that to be a voting member further qualifications should be necessary. It was felt that voting members should be in some way active participants in the business affairs of the Center. It was therefore suggested that to be a voting member, a Zen Center member must participate actively in the administrative functions of the Center for at least two months. This means in effect that he attend at

monthly

least two regular business meetings after filling out his pledge. A qualification considered was that his voting privilege be in some way dependent upon the approval of Reverend Susuki. Dick Baker pointed out that it would be quite possible for some group to take over Zen Center simply by having a half a dozen ~~members~~ or so attend several meetings. One way to avoid such a contingency would be to have voting membership require the endorsement of Reverend Susuki. Another, and perhaps preferable, way would be to give the Board of Trustees the power to veto any vote made at a general meeting, and have the approval of Rev. Susuki necessary for the nomination of trustees. This latter suggestion would do away with the need to have all voting members so approved (which might incur unnecessary embarrassment or triviality.) It was felt that instances wherein the voting power would be abused would be very rare, but that it would be wise to take care of such an eventuality in advance.

2) Drafts of possible letters to send out to members had been prepared since the previous day by Philip Wilson and Betty Warren. These were turned over to the secretary who promised that she would attempt to compile from them a final draft to be presented for ~~the~~ consideration and vote at the next business meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Trudy Dixon, secretary of Zen Center