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MINUTES OF ZEN CENTER
Meeting of December 18, 1965

Meeting called to order at 10:15 by Vice-President Bill Kwong.

Present: Reverend Suzuki, Reverend Katagiri

Trustees and Members: Bill Kwong, Mike Dixon, Bob Gove,
Ernie Davin, Claud Dahlenberg, Judith Hyde, Ralph Wire,
Gordon Geist, Jeannie Campbell, Dick Baker, Norman
Stiegelmeier, Pat Herreshoff

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Old Business

Treasurer's Report: In October, loss of \$110 leaving assets of \$2369 ~~with~~ unusual expense of \$107 for cushions and some advertizing. In November, loss of \$180 leaving \$2189 ~~with~~ unusual expense of \$300 accumulated for the Katagiri family fund. In general, keeping even. Sesshin collection good; an estimated \$25.

Vice President reported that at small meeting of trustees it was decided that there were insufficient funds for an adequate increase in priests' salaries; decision to wait for 6 months. General discussion about this subject; decided to contribute \$10. apiece more per month with re-consideration in 3 months' time. So moved; motion carried.

In regard to purchase of a drum, Reverend Suzuki advised that he was consulting with a friend in Japan to assure good quality. Purchase should take place in January.

In regard to revision of Sokoji Temple for increased meditation space, Reverend Suzuki advised small revisions rather than drastic one: possibly opening 2nd balcony and revising 1st balcony by lowering it. Said Japanese congregation plans 3 story building, the first floor a store, 2nd floor for meditation, 3rd floor would be living quarters for the priests. In revising Sokoji, which can probably be occupied for 5 years, student help should be used. Subject to be re-considered at next meeting

New Business

Considering Christmas Day, it was decided to have meditation only, without further activities. Decision to have next meeting on January 8th, Sesshin on January 15th.

Reverend Katagiri brought up the inadvisability of the so-called Zen diet which has nothing to do with Zen. Members of meeting agreed, but did not come to a decision on how to handle the matter.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55.