

MINUTES OF BUSINESS MEETING - APRIL 10th, 1965

The meeting was called to order by the president, Jean Ross, at 9:45 a. m. The secretary read the minutes of the March meeting. There were no corrections or additions. The treasurer read the financial report. He noted that an account has been opened at the Bank of Tokyo specifically for the Building Fund. Fifty dollars (\$50.00) has been deposited in this account to date.

Reverend Suzuki informed us that the Cambridge Buddhist Association of Cambridge, Massachusetts, sent Zen Center a gift of \$100.00.

A sample copy of a booklet of additional sutras to be used at Zen Center was shown by Graham Petchey. Fifty of these booklets will be compiled. The president thanked Pat Herreshoff and Irene Horowitz for typing the stencils for the booklet. Reverend Katagiri also received thanks for proof-reading both the original text and the stencils. The secretary said she would write a letter officially thanking Reverend Iru Price for the loan of his duplicating machine for running off the stencils.

Silas Hoadley was thanked for his contribution of several mops to Zen Center.

It was decided that the week-long sesshin would begin on July 26th, 1965.

The April sesshin was scheduled for April 24th.

There was a brief discussion about Jean Ross' interview on the radio program Viewpoint on KCBS, April 9th. Jean was commended for the effective way she handled the interview.

Reverend Suzuki showed a letter from Reverend Eugene Wagner regarding a special celebration of Buddha's birthday to be held in Golden Gate Park Oriental Gardens on May 9th. Several Buddhist groups will participate in the ceremonies. Irene Horowitz volunteered to convey the information that either Reverend Suzuki or Reverend Katagiri would take part in this celebration.

Participation in the Wesak service to be held on Sunday, May 16th, at 8:00 p. m. at the Unitarian Church was discussed. As has been the practice in previous years, we will try to attend this function.

The matter of protecting library books from the curious hands of children on the occasion of benefit movies, when the balcony is used, was brought up. Several suggestions were made, such as turning the bookcase towards the wall at these times or providing a temporary, removable wooden front for the bookcase. No final conclusion was reached as to which method would be the most feasible.

Graham Petchey discussed the problem of failing to get notices of coming events into the Wind Bell on time. People receiving the Wind Bell have on occasion complained that they receive the publication after the activities have already taken place. A debate ensued as to whether there should be a supplement to the Wind Bell, which would list newsworthy events only and make announcement of lectures and sesshins. Under such a system the Wind Bell would come out only four times a year rather than eight times, as it does now. A quarterly Wind Bell would

be limited to pictures and articles on Buddhism. Supplementary, monthly information in the form of a folded newsletter or mimeographed post card were considered. It was finally decided that, at least at this time, such an endeavor would be too costly and time consuming. The possibility of scheduling certain events, such as Saturday sesshins, two months in advance was proposed. Many persons felt that it was impossible, in light of all the activities going on at Sokoji, and the demands on Reverend Suzuki's time, to make commitments so far in advance. Mike Dixon made the motion that we make greater efforts to see that notices of coming events get into the Wind Bell in time. The motion carried.

A suggestion was made and accepted that the Wind Bell carry specific information about zazen sessions in Palo Alto, since they are now being conducted there weekly on a regular basis by Reverend Suzuki.

We received fifty copies of The Way of Zazen, as ordered, from the Cambridge Buddhist Association. These will continue to be on sale at \$1 each.

Pat Herreshoff said that she thought the powers of the Library Committee should be expanded to include taking some action to preserve Reverend Suzuki's lectures, and the lectures of other speakers. The matter of a tape recorder was discussed and it was disclosed that there is already a tape recorder on the premises. While everyone seemed to agree that tape recording of the lectures was a good idea, no definite decision to do it was arrived at.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a. m.

PRESENT AT THE MEETING:

Reverend Suzuki

Trustees: Jean Ross, Graham Petchey, Bill Kwong, Betty Warren,
Mike Dixon, Pat Herreshoff, Irene Horowitz

Members: Gardner Rust, Sol Warcov, Madeline Ruie, Melvin Weitsman,
Ruth Reid

Visitors: Nora Ross,