

June 18, 1966

Minutes for Zen Center Business Meeting

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Present: Rev. Suzuki, Rev. Katagiri  
Kathy Cook, Betty Warren, Mike Dixon, Evelyn Wenz, Claud  
Dalenburg, William Stocke r, Norm Steiglemyeyr, Tim and  
Lina Burkett, Toni and Tony Johansen, Lynn Good, Tom  
Betty Warren, Ron Browning

The meeting was called to order by the vice president, Mike Dixon, in the absence of the president.

The minutes were read by the secretary---a somewhat summarized version.

Mike said that Silas (the treasurer) will be back this month. Mike gave the treasurer's report. In May there was a gain of \$1158, ~~the~~ due to an anonymous gift of \$1000. A note enclosed with the gift stated that the donor hoped that it would be used towards the purchase of the land in the Los Padres National Forest.

Old Business:

The ad in the yellow pages was arranged by Mike to be one and one half inches, giving both the names Zen Center and Sokoji in capital letters, stating that we had daily meditation and weekly lectures, listing Rev. Suzuki's name and the address and phone number. Zen Center will be listed as well, in the white pages in large black type.

Claud will donate his tape recorder to Zen Center, but he feels will still need a smaller lighter one for the work of transcribing, because his is so heavy to pass back and forth between those who are working on the transcriptions. Betty offers her Soni for \$50, and we will make some decision after Claud looks at it and makes some judgement.

Linda asked if we would be using the downstairs area for the week ~~sesshin~~ sesshin, but it will not be so because the Japanese congregation are quite opposed to the idea.

We decided against making reservations for people for sesshin---one individual sent a check for that purpose. Instead, we will clear out the other side of the balcony. We can sit in two levels, as well, on the side of the balcony which we already use. Mike suggested we begin clearing out the other side during Saturday morning zazen. Claud asked if there was a possibility of using another temple or church, but Mike felt there would be quite an advantage to holding it here. Betty said this temple is saturated with sesshins of the past.

It is possible to have everyone in the zendo for the service if Reverend Suzuki recites the sutra on the platform. As to the problem of serving meals, Tpony-y suggested that we needn't eat so elaborately. Rev. Suzuki said perhaps just one bowl of food, and tea, and Betty added that we could pass fruit or cookies. We will need to buy more bowls and cups, but we can afford that much better than trays. Bill and Betty will discuss the new arrangements.

Rev. Suzuki wants to invite Bishop Sumi for a few days of the sesshin. There is a Soto Zen meeting in Los Angeles on the 20th and 21st which ~~Rev. Suzuki and Rev. Katagiri will be attending, so we must cut one day off the sesshin.~~ Rev. Suzuki and Rev. Katagiri will be attending, so we must cut one day off the sesshin. There will be an announcement in the Wind Bell.

Claud asked about a couple of lines in the KPFA Bulletin. Betty will take care of it.

Since it will be a shorter week, we may sit later. Rev. Suzuki suggested one zazen and lecture after an evening meal. Some people may come just for lecture, so it may be best to have it at eight.

Evelyn announced that the house she shares across the street will be open for students to sleep there during sesshin. We will put up a list on the bulletin board of people who are willing to put up a person or two.

We have enough kapok to stuff fifteen or twenty zafu, but we haven't many covers. We should buy forty or fifty. Mike asked if okusan could send for some by airmail. Betty will buy cotton batting for the large square cushions if some people want to help make zabutan. \$3 was the suggested price, and ~~profits will go to making more zabuta~~ profits will go to making more zabuta for Zen Center in general. Evelyn will put up a notice asking who wishes to have a zabutan.

Betty brought up the matter of the antiquity of the fire extinguisher on the balcony. It was decided Tony would check it out (whether it can be re-charged or if we need a new one) at the firehouse.

We have some copies of The Way of Zazen, but we need to order more Zen for Daily Living. WE will send a check for \$60 and hope that \$10 will cover the postage.

Katagiri-sensei asked about the possibility of installing speakers on the balcony for sesshin lectures. An amplifier for the tape recorder and wire would suffice for the amplifying. So we must have two recorders one to record and one to amplify. William Stocker will work on this problem of amplification.

Mike will look into having Yamada, Roshi's instructions on zazen reprinted from the Wind Bell to have available to send to people who write to us for instruction. Betty will give Toni the returned Wind Bells to use for the time being.

The ~~benefit~~ benefit movie for Sokoji is not so bad after all, says Rev. Suzuki. There was some discussion of the possibility of Zen Center some day having a benefit movie, but it was decided this was not the day to discuss much about it.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni Johansen, secretary