

Meeting of the Board of Directors- Chief Priest of Zen Center,  
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November 1 and 2 1969 at Zen Mountain Center

present: Suzuki Roshi, Yoshimura Sensei, Silas Hoadley, Bill  
Kwong, Tim Buckley, Peter Schneider, Marian Derby, Dan Welch  
Dick Baker, Claude Dalenberg, Jean Ross, Yvonne Kand,  
Silas Hoadley- chairman pro-tem.

Resolutions:

- 1) investigate group hospital insurance plans
- 2) Dick Baker's special expenses as listed in his letter are to be paid. see attached copy of letter.  
for the next year Dick is to be on an expense account.  
~~XX~~Dick will look for a Buddha and bells for Zen Center while he is in Japan. He will also try to find someone who will help us get altar equipment.  
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- 3) Beginner's Mind Weatherhill will publish it.
- 4) Peggy Cramer and Beverley Horowitz are accepted tentatively for ~~XXXXXX~~ Tassajara. Dan and Peter will make the final decision.
- 5) we will ask speakers for tues. night lectures- Peggy Kennet, Gary Snyder, Lou Lancaster, Paul Wienphal, Tarthang Tulku, Sterling Bunnell.  
Jack Weller will organize the lecturers.
- 6) Robes for sitting in S.E. and Berk.- no policy, we want to keep it open.
- 7) Board wants to communicate to Katagiri Sensei that we really want him to stay with us as a teacher. Silas will represent the board's feeling to him. It is important to have each of us express our feeling to him also.
- 8) Board members may make themselves inactive. This should be written up as a by-law and is passed unanimously.
- 9) Roshi: Machida asked what is our priest situation here. There is a priest whom two families want to adopt. And he is, in his difficulty by staying in Japan, interested in coming here. I said yes- if he comes by his own expense we will support him in some way. If we send him a ticket then we must discuss it.  
Dick: I wish you would let me know when we're going to get a new priest. I can go and visit and get a sense of them and give them some idea of what to expect here. To willy-nilly invite Japanese priests- I am opposed to that.  
It is better if they come for one year and then see how it works out. On a short term basis I think that we can get more Japanese priests. Also bring at least one young Rinzai priest. We put too much of a burden on Chino Sensei to be a teacher when he didn't feel he could do that. We shouldn't make that mistake again.  
Roshi: Dick can see this priest in Japan. If he speaks good English and is a good man then we can pay his way to the U.S. The original priest who was going to come decided to stay and study more.

10) South coast ~~XXXXXX~~ samurai movie people want to film part of the movie at Tassajara. Tom Clarke wrote the script and will produce. We decided we do not want to do it.

11) We discussed using Soto Oryoki bowls.

12) Stipend for Tim Buckley of \$150. per month for 2½ months while he is working on the WindBell.

13) stipends for students at Tassajara will be paid on a monthly basis by check and be paid from Tassajara.

14) applications for Winter Practice Period will be due on November 20th.

15) Road signs on the road into Zen Mountain Center are needed. an initial sign with driving instructions and one or two rest places indicated for resting brakes. a few simple and emphatci signs is sufficient.

16) Page street staff.- suspend their pledges.

17) No cats or shoes at the 300 Page Street building

18) co-ed visiting. we will try to have an atmosphere which discourages it. We might have one section where people who really want to follow a monastic practice can stay. We will follow the current Zen Center housing situation, but be a little bit stricter.

19) Niels Holm will do the carpentry in the building, specifically the Zendo. The Zendo will have tatami on slats for air space under them.

~~20)~~ We give authority to Silas and Claude to make necessary decisions in order to move into the building.

20) Dick: it is possible to raise money to build a ~~library~~ library. I can try to get Ruth Fuller Sasaki's library.

21) We should investigate getting a corporate shell in Japan. It may be convenient at some time. Dick knows a lawyer in Tokyo, and he will look into it. a good way, perhaps, to invite some one to America without doing it through headquarters.

22) We have \$72,000. left to pay for Zen Mountain Center, through 1972.

next meeting will be December 15th and Bill Kwong will be chariman pro-tem.