

ZEN CENTER

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Minutes of the Business Meeting of October 5, 1963

Trustees Present: Betty Warren, Phillip Wilson, Jean Ross,
Al Levinson, Richard Baker

Members Present: Bill Kwong, Margaret Ikeda, Norman Stiegemeyer,
Trudy and Mike Dixon.

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a m
- 2) The minutes of the past meeting of Sept 7th were read.
- 3) Reverend Suzuki told us that Archbishop Takashina is coming on Thursday, October 17th at 12 o'clock noon. He will hold a service for World Peace and a special ceremony for the ancestors buried here at 7:30 p m that evening at the Sokoji Temple. He left Japan on Sept. 14 with a party of twelve, the "Messengers of Peace". They have visited the Soviet Union and other countries through Europe and stopped at York to visit the Archbishop of Canterbury. In America they will stop at New York, Chicago, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and perhaps other places. Archbishop Takashina is trying to organize one hundred religious peace workers scattered throughout the world in different countries and different religious groups, who would meet annually.

The Archbishop and his party will be in S. F. on Oct. 17th and 18th and will leave on the 19th at 11 am for Los Angeles.

Betty Warren offered to spread the news of his visit to the Quakers and other groups interested in peace.

Reverend Suzuki agreed to try and provide an English translator for the Archbishop's speech, or to translate himself.

Reverend MacDonald wants the Archbishop to visit his property at Middlebar. But first, Reverend Suzuki felt, it should be made clear 1) the title to the land, 2) the suggested organization of the monastery which Rev. MacDonald proposes to build and 3) the name of the organization. It is particularly

important that the title to the land be sure and clear before the Archbishop's visit. After some discussion of the complex problems involved, Richard Baker agreed to call Rev. MacDonald today, in an attempt to clarify the situation.

Reverend Suzuki said we should help Rev. MacDonald all we can.

A letter from our president Grahame Petchey from Eihei-ji was read, as well as a letter from Dr. Kato in L. A., and an invitation from Margaret Ikeda to her wedding reception on October 19th.

Richard Baker reported that there is \$351.71 in our commercial account and \$760.43 in our savings account.

He said that in the Wind Bell, which will be out today, there is an announcement that the next sesshin will be paid for out of the Zen Center funds. This means that there will be no specific charge, although contributions are always welcome.

He also suggested that from now on the 25 cents charge for Saturday morning breakfast be waived. Instead, regular members should slightly increase their monthly pledge amounts and Betty, who buys all the food for us, should be re-imbursed from the Zen Center funds. One reason for the change is that very few who come on Saturday morning actually do pay. A motion was made and seconded that this change be made, and it passed.

Richard Baker also suggested the following expenditures:

- 1) \$10.00 to cover the installation charge of the new telephone in the kitchen;
- 2) \$10.00 or \$15.00 to purchase a new and SILENT clock for the meditation hall;
- 3) \$20.00 towards the purchase of a new stock of incense for Soko-ji Temple. He felt that since the Zen Center uses most of the incense that it was only fair that we should contribute towards buying it.

Jean Ross said that Reverend Katagiri, who was so helpful to her in Japan, is coming to the U.S. to help Bishop Yamada in L.A. He will arrive in S.F. on Tues. evening, Oct. 8th on the President Wilson and as many as possible of us should go to meet him.

Richard Baker reported that about 600 Wind Bells are sent out every two months: 400 to those on the mailing list, and 200 picked up from the temple. It was decided that this time a "Return requested" note should be stamped on those Wind Bells mailed in order to weed out addresses discontinued. As the mailing list grows perhaps we should sometime include a slip (or card) to be returned if people no longer wish the Wind - Bell sent.

The congregation is giving a party for Archbishop Takashina on Friday, Oct. 18th at the Yamato Restaurant, to which we are invited. It was felt we would not give him a gift, as it would be one more thing to carry.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a m .

Respectfully submitted,

Trudy Dixon,
Acting - Secretary for Z.C.