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Minutes of the Business Meeting, August 3, 1963:

Note: the secretary, Jan Hailey, being absent, the following minutes were recorded by Trudy Dixon.

Trustees Present: Grahame Petchey, Richard Baker, Phillip Wilson, Betty Warren, Della Gertz, Al Levinson, Reverend Susuki

Members Present: Bill Kwong, Morna *BOWMAN*, Trudy Dixon, Mike Dixon

The meeting was called to order at 9:48 a m by the president, Grahame Petchey. The minutes of the business meeting of July 6, 1963 were read by Trudy Dixon.

Reverend Susuki spoke about the meeting planned by Bishop Yamada in Los Angeles on Friday and Saturday, August 16 and 17th. This meeting is for members of Soto Zen Buddhism in the United States and will be concerned with the future development of the Soto Zen Way. The meeting will stress the importance of sitting in Zazen for all Soto members, Japanese and American.

Reverend Susuki said that a good translator would be present to translate all speeches into English or Japanese.

Thereupon ensued a discussion of the ways and means to go. Those undecided should notify Grahame Petchey as soon as they know whether or not they will be able to go.

Richard Baker gave a report on the financial year 1962. He said that the Zen Center had an income of over a hundred dollars over its expenditures.

Betty Warren raised discussion on the issue of whether the Zen Center should send a letter to the U.S. Government in support of the Vietnam Buddhists now undergoing persecution. The Vietnamese student who spoke to us on Sunday, July 29th, may send us such a letter to sign. It was agreed that the wording of such a letter should be carefully examined, in the light of our ignorance about the actual situation in Vietnam, and that any letter would have to read and approved by the trustees and members of the Zen Center before being signed.

Reverend Susuki told us a little about Middlebar, and the plans of Mr. MacDonald to build a monastery there. Soto Zen Headquarters in Japan will be giving their permission as soon as the title to the land is cleared. Meanwhile we should help them in every possible way.

Al Levinson asked when the next Windbell would be coming out. Grahame Petchey felt that it would probably be in about ten days.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 a m.

Respectfully submitted, *Trudy Dixon*