

Minutes of the Business Meeting of June 13, 1964

Present: Reverend Suzuki, Reverend Katagiri

Trustees: Philip Wilson, Dick Baker, Bill Kwong, Jean Ross, Mike  
Dixon, Betty Warren

Members: Claud Dalenburg, Pat Herreshoff, Elissa Slinger, Dave  
Hazelwood, Seiyo Tsuji, Saul Warkov, Chick Reeder  
Frank Jonas, Ann Combs

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Reverend Suzuki said that because of the 30th anniversary for Sokoji Temple, we would have to change the date of the week sesshin. It was decided that August 10th through August 16th would be <sup>the</sup> best date. Dick Baker said he would make it definite in the next Wind Bell.
- 2) Dick Baker reported that we had sold some Wind Bells at City Lights. He also said that it worked out quite well for Ginny to type the thank you notes for receipts of money. Also, we have now a 3rd class mailing permit which facilitates the mailing of the Wind Bells, and, according to Graham Fetchey, our savings are now in Twin Pines, raising more interest than before.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) It was hoped that next year's week-sesshin could be at Asilomar, but it was discovered to be too expensive - \$50.00 a person. Mrs. Combs suggested a place in the country called Hidden Village, south past Palo Alto. She will get information on it for August, 1965.
- 2) The next day's sesshin was scheduled for Saturday, July 18th.
- 3) Dick Baker suggested some long needed work on getting the library fixed up, making cards etc. Elissa Slinger and Frank Jonas said that

they would help. Ann Combs suggested putting a note in the papers requesting books on Zen, saying that we might be surprised what shows up.

4) Reverend Suzuki next brought up the subject of a letter from Reverend MacDonough, who is to ~~buy~~<sup>get</sup> the estate of Middlebar, and is building a monastery there. He needs \$1,035.00 and wants to have several Sokoji members on the Board of Trustees. Elissa felt that it is a good idea to have a place to go as a retreat, as in England. Philip Wilson was dubious because of the distance from here, but encouraged by his move toward Sokoji. Philip felt that we should certainly encourage him, and give some money, but perhaps not get involved legally. Claude suggested turning the business over to the Y.B.A. Reverend Suzuki said that he will consult with Bishop Yamada; it is less a matter of the money, than of the responsibility, because Reverend MacDonough is a Soto Priest. Dave Hazelwood felt that it would be best to give something to show good will, but perhaps not become involved in the organization. Philip felt that it was necessary to consider the Monterey group too, and that perhaps the retreat should be South so that they could participate. It was decided to send a letter to Rev. MacDonough, giving our support of a retreat there, and sending a donation of \$40.00 from Zen Center. <sup>Perhaps</sup> Later <sup>we will</sup> suggest the Y.B.A., but not in this letter.

5) The meeting was adjourned at 12 noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Dixon, for Trudy Dixon,  
secretary.