

MINUTES OF ZEN CENTER
Meeting of October 2, 1965

Meeting called to order at 10:10.

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Present: Reverend Suzuki

Trustees: Jean Ross, Mike Dixon, Bill Kwong, Dick Baker,
Pat Herreshoff

Members: Paul Alexander, Douglas Duke, Claud Danlenberg,
Norman Stiegelmeier, Judy Hyde, Tony Johannsen,

Verbal summary of last meeting's minutes given.

Treasurer's report: \$2,348.42 on hand at end of August.

Old Business:

Treasurer reported letter received confirming tax-exemption for Zen Center.

New Business:

Reverend Suzuki gave a summary of his recent trip to Massachusetts: Main purpose was to see property at Belmont where Schalks propose to build Buddhist temple. Property located 3½ hours by bus from Brattlebury. It would take many years to build building. Group of people, a mixture of Buddhists and those interested in Zen Buddhism, need help in terms of working with them in studying. The area has possibilities many people like Soto way for its "humanistic" flavor. Reverend Suzuki felt that Soto School should have center there, though nothing to be done immediately.

The President suggested that we invite Easterners to our week-long session this summer.

Reverend Suzuki reported that, in returning, he felt the atmosphere in our Zendo to be pretty good, but that there was need for more effective drum and bell. After discussion, meeting approved of taking action on this idea and President appointed Bill Kwong to work with Rev. Suzuki in a study of kinds and prices.

There was discussion about adapting main hall of Sokoji Temple for meditation. Rev. Suzuki felt that those in charge of movies would not mind our revisions. Brief discussion of Zen Center future building: either building shared with Japanese congregation or monastery discussed: all agreed necessary to keep San Francisco as center.

Claud Dahlenberg appointed to help Dick Baker look for real estate possibilities. This committee to be combined with Bill Kwong's and delegated also to look further into main hall possibilities.

President reported on beautiful account in "Middle Way" of funeral service for Hazel Paget, including a gatha by Rev. Suzuki. Decision to subscribe to "Middle Way", also to "Young East".

Dick Baker reported that since he no longer has as much time to work on "Wind Bell", he had asked Bob Gove to help; meeting approved of this arrangement.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20.