

Minutes of Zen Center Business Meeting

April 2, 1966

Present: Reverend Suzuki, Reverend Katagiri  
Trustees, members and visitors: Ron Clark, Shirley Wong, Jeannie Campbell, Ralph Wire, Mel Weitsman, Lynn Good, Jordan Good, Cheryl Loskutoff, Douglas Loskutoff, Mike Dixon, Pat Herreshoff, Claud Dahlenburg, Peter Deisler, Tim Burkett, Linda Burkett, Betty Warren, Dick Baker, Toni Johansen, Silas Hoadley.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Dick Baker.

The minutes of the previous two meetings were read and approved.

The treasurer, Silas Hoadley, gave a report, part of which follows:

	Income	Expenses	Gain
Jan.	1551.13	335.00	1216.13
Feb.	725.07	992.60	332.47
March	498.28	335.00	143.28

Dick asked if perhaps we should move some of the money into a savings account.

In January there were several generous donations, and generally the collection has been increasing.

Old Business:

Dick explained that the trustees had been set up for legal purposes, such as income tax.

The big drum has been ordered. The construction seems to be different for this climate, so it may be some time before we receive the drum. It will be placed in the hall, for it makes BIG noise!

We may fix mats downstairs for sitting together. Last summer for sesshin there were fifty participants, and perhaps seventy will sit this summer. Each morning now twenty-five to thirty people practice zazen, and it is increasing.

Last week a contractor looked at the job, and will make an estimate this week. Two sections of seats would be removed, one on each side, with a platform for mats built, and a new rug installed under the center seats.

New Business:

When to have next summer's week sesshin? Rev. Suzuki will have to leave for Japan the end of August. The date was set for August fifteenth to be the beginning date of our sesshin.

Mrs. Shalk and Mrs. Mitchell want to have Reverend Suzuki to visit

for two weeks, maybe from the twelfth of this month to the twentieth. Their two groups each plan to have sesshins at this time, lasting around three days each. With this in mind, we set our monthly one-day sesshin for April 30th.

The Quaker meeting house can be utilized by our group there if we should ever grow so large as to need it.

Wind Bell used to cost \$65 an issue to have it published. The attempt by the printer to increase the price has been brought down by Dick considerably, but still stands at \$100. Dick will still check with another printer.

Ralph Wire had hoped to type it, as this would keep the cost down greatly, but he will be leaving for Japan. Linda Burkett volunteered to work on it on a weekend, and Kathy Cook offered her typing services, and her schedule is flexible.

What happened to the taping of the Sunday lectures? For the first Sunday, the recorder didn't work; the second Sunday, the tape turned out fair; the third Sunday, a loud hum was overpowering. Silas suggested we consider buying a new tape recorder. Dick will check on wholesale prices, and will lend his own for the next Sunday lecture.

Is there a need for a newsletter since the Wind Bell is bi-monthly now? The mailing list is so large now, Betty Warren pointed out, that the additional mailing would be difficult. We mail close to one thousand Wind Bell's, five hundred of them locally.

Dick will attempt to do the Wind Bell this weekend, and will not need the up-dated mailing list until the following weekend.

We have been considering for some time purchasing land. Dick knows an individual who owns what used to be Tasahara Hot Springs in the National Forest (Los Padres?) near Carmel, and this party is interested in selling a part of it. It is fairly inaccessible, nearly surrounded by federal property. One slight disadvantage is that the government reserves the right to march troops over the land.

However, they've only done so twice in the past twenty years. It seems a good idea to buy fifty acres or so. Reverend Suzuki, Rev. Katagiri and Dick Baker will drive down to look at the land Thursday. Dick suggested that each of us consider writing to friends of ours(?) who have the funds to donate towards the purchase of such land.

Dick asked Silas if he might keep the Wind Bell income listed separately, so that we can see just how much comes in from the publications, from members, from friends, etc. Silas said that is difficult to know whether those in the Peninsula branch are members or contributors. They contribute very substantially, but have not gone through the formality of filling out pledge cards. Dick explained that for legal purposes, we need pledge cards, but officially we can recognize others as members.

The editor of the Wind Bell feels it would be beneficial for Zen Center to subscribe to all the important Buddhist publications, one copy to be circulated in the library and a second copy for use by

the people who work on the Wind Bell. Two he suggested were Young East, and Middle Way. Ralph Wire mentioned a Buddhist Poetry edition, to which he has submitted some poetry.

Mel Weitsman moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni Johansen, Secretary

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