

Minutes of the Business Meeting of January 11, 1964.

Trustees Present: Graham Petchey, Betty Warren, Richard Baker,
Jean Ross.

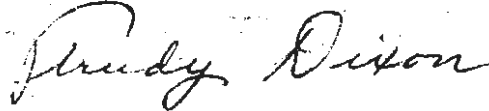
Members Present: Dave Haselwood, Pat Herreshoff, Della Goertz,
Norm Stiegelmeier, Elissa Slinger, Trudy Dixon.

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a m by the president, Graham Petchey. The minutes of the business meeting of December seventh were read; there were no additions or corrections.
- 2) The financial report was given by Richard Baker, treasurer.
- 3) Mr. Baker brought up the problem of unfulfilled pledges. Some people pledge a regular monthly contribution, thereby becoming active members of Zen Center, and then either do not pay for several months at a time, or stop altogether. Should such people remain active members or not? According to the wording of the pledge forms, a pledge is ~~legally~~ binding for a period of one year. Therefore those members who have not been living up to their pledges should certainly be dropped from the active membership roll and put on the associate membership roll after the twelve month period, (unless of course, they indicate that they would like to renew their pledges.) The question then remains whether in order to facillitate the job of bookkeeping such delinquent members should not be dropped from the active roll even before the expiration of the twelve month period. Mr. Baker suggested that after four or six months have elapsed without word or payment, the member's name should be dropped from the active list, possibly to be informed of this action by a personal letter from the treasurer. Although no formal decision of the assembly was made, it was generally agreed that for the time being, such problems would be left up to the discretion of the treasurer in each individual case, (as was done in the past.) As for those who contribute regularly, it was felt that there was no need for them to go through the formality of renewing their pledges at the end of the twelve-month period. If their contributions continue, their renewal is to be assumed.
- 4) The next item of business was the scheduling of the February sesshin. A two and a half day sesshin from friday, February twenty-first through the morning of Sunday, February twenty-third, was decided upon. Although Friday, the twenty-first is not a legal holiday, it was felt that the sesshin should be held then for those who could come. (At least six indicated that they could.) Trudy

Dixon said that she would write a letter of invitation to the Los Angeles group to attend.

- 5) There is a new schedule for Sunday: zazen is now held from eight to nine a m and lecture by Reverend Susuki from nine to ten a m. It was suggested that this be posted in the WindBell. Betty Warren also suggested that therein be posted that the ordinary weekday rule of no zazen on calendar days containing either a four or a nine does not hold on Sundays. That is, there is always zazen on Sundays, whether it is a four or a nine day or not.
- 6) There was a short discussion of the party given by George Hagiwara to celebrate the return of our president, Graham Petchey, from Japan.
- 7) Richard Baker reminded us of the difficulty which arose last year at the February meeting for the election of new officers. At that time quite a number pleaded the excuse of being too busy to accept an office. Graham Petchey pointed out that most of us are in the same boat as far as busyness and the pressure of outside duties goes; this therefore should not be an excuse.
- 8) The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a m.

Respectfully submitted,



Trudy Dixon, Secretary for Zen Center.