

Cedar Rapids Zen Center – Jikyouji

MINUTES – Sangha Meeting – December 18, 2016 – Convened at 10:40 AM

Called to order by President Eric Higgins-Freese

Present: President Eric Higgins-Freese, Vice President Douglas Gustafson, Treasurer Gina Kendall, Secretary Kelly Kruse, Resident Teacher Zuiko Redding, Travis Hunt, Tina Lenton, Christopher Lui, Julie Shaw

COUNCIL was held.

MINUTES of 27 November - Motion to approve by Eric – Second by Zuiko – Carries

PRACTICE REPORT – Zuiko Redding See Appendix A

TREASURER’S REPORT – Gina Kendall

Accounts as of 11-27-16

Checking (Hills)	\$3,134.06		
Savings (Hills)	\$7,214.27		
Other Savings (UICCU,LACCU)	\$7.13		\$10,355.46
N. T. F. Savings (LACCU)	\$3,316.75		\$3,316.75
CD	\$21,584.36	04/01/17	\$21,584.36
CD	\$10,292.40	07/16/18	\$10,292.40
CD	\$22,472.30	04/12/19	\$22,472.30
CD	\$28,931.22	05/25/19	\$28,931.22
Mutual Funds (ING)	\$32,708.05		\$32,708.05
Grand Total			\$129,660.54

BUILDING AND GROUNDS REPORT – Zuiko Redding

If you see something that needs attention, let us know. If you'd like to do something about it, let us know that, too. Then do it. We need everyone's eyes out there.

Work Day – Zuiko forgot to publicize it. Not a problem – there's little to do.

Next Work Day: January 28 (later changed to 21st) Possible work: cleaning the basement

Pending projects

- Basement sealing – Zuiko will call possible contractors.
- Flaking paint on stairway ceiling – does anyone know a good handyman?

Projects needing attention

- Computer – take out password on laptop. Nadine and Zuiko have to change it each month and can't remember it.
- Porch light is failing – Zuiko will look into getting a new one and having it installed.

Finished projects

- Filter keys removed on netbook.
- The arborist came and cut the buckthorn tree back from the side of the house and repaired the soffit vent.

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- New composter with red worms in the basement. Tea bags and food scraps go in the crock to the right of the sink.

New Projects

- New Year's preparation begins December 27

Pending long-term projects – things that need to get done sometime

- Painting: woodwork & walls in library, hall, office, Zuiko's room, and stairwell / water-damaged areas in kitchen and stairwell – waiting for okay on these areas from Fitz / a few other places downstairs where paint is cracking / touch up garage.
- Roof: Long-term plan is to put on a new roof in 2019 or 2020.
- Refinish floors – would be nice to begin with the zendo and the entry.
- Possible finishing of basement corner into discussion/class space.

Did we miss anything?

If someone would like to take over as work leader, let us know.

ANNOUNCEMENTS for CRZC

Monday Night Dharma – January 9, 23, 30

Introduction to Zazen - December 21, January 18

New Year's Eve Celebration – Saturday, December 31

7:30 – 10:40 PM zazen, 10:40 – 11:10 Ryaku Fusatsu, 11:10 – 12:00 noodles and social time

Next Sangha Meeting – Sunday, January 22

ANNOUNCEMENTS of other events in the Cedar Rapids area

Intersections – The Decline of White Christian America – January 6 11:45 AM, First Presbyterian Church, \$10/person

Interreligious Council of Linn County University of Religion – “The Life and Example of Prophet Muhammad” taught by Imam Hassan Selim, January 14 and 21, February 4 and 11, 2-4 PM, Kesler Lecture Hall, Hickok Hall, Coe College, \$30/person

NEXT MEETING: January 22

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM

Motion to adjourn by Gina – Second by Gus – Carries

Respectfully submitted by Kelly Kruse

Appendix A:

Practice Report – November 27, 2016

General Impressions

We are really developing into a steady, constant place. I can see it in our Sunday attendance, our Monday night dharma group, and in the way people pitch in to do things. We've been here on Bever Ave. for fifteen years now and people are beginning to find us, too. We have more walk-ins and a constant stream of people at our Wednesday introduction.

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Let's continue working together to develop the practice. Our world needs it in the coming year.

Don't forget to sign up to help with New Year's preparations.

Center Activities

- Sunday and daily sitting – Usually five people or so. It's good to see how everyone gets out tea things, shovels the walk, takes care of doan and jisha, and does other things that need to be taken care of before zazen.
- Baika practice – Two or three people these days. Next meeting is December 22.
- Study class – Meets on Monday evenings at 6:30. We do thirty minutes of zazen, then an hour of discussion. We have begun *The Six Perfections* by Dale Wright. We're reading and discussing just a few pages at a time. At the moment we have five people who come regularly.
- Rohatsu sesshin – Was changed to an all-day sitting with the ceremony honoring the Buddha's awakening before dharma talk. We had three people total.
- World Peace Ceremony – Start doing this again the second Sunday in January.

Special Events

- All-day sitting on December 8 with the men at Anamosa.

Sangha Members' Activities

- Tim Macejak and Tim Yukl visit the Anamosa group.
- Kelly is still doing the introductory evening.
- Gina is serving as our representative to the Inter-Religious Council.
- Eric is managing our webpage.
- Gus writes thank-you notes to donors.

Zuiko's Activities

- December 8 – sitting at Anamosa.
- December 22 – sitting at Ft. Madison.
- Editing translations for the Sotoshu website and writing for Facebook page and monthly newsletter.

Announcements

- New Year's Eve sitting and New Year's Day open house – Regular Sunday activities cancelled.
- August 5-6 – Hoko Karnegis will come to do baika workshop and dharma talk.
- March – Ashok Chawla will begin a six-week series on Hinduism and Buddhism at the dharma group.
- December 22 – Baika .
- Mondays (5, 12, 19, 26) – Discussion.

No communications report for November