

Cedar Rapids Zen Center – Jikyouji

MINUTES – Sangha Meeting – July 23, 2017 – Convened at 10:42 AM

Called to order by President Douglas Gustafson

Present: President Douglas Gustafson, Vice President Eric Higgins-Freese, Treasurer Myoho Kendall, Secretary Kelly Kruse, Resident Teacher Zuiko Redding, Amy Eble, Chris Lui, Lauren Manninen, John Rathbun, Julie Shaw

COUNCIL was held.

MINUTES of 28 April - Motion to approve by Zuiko – Second by Eric – Carries

PRACTICE REPORT – Zuiko Redding - See Appendix A

TREASURER’S REPORT – Myoho Kendall

Accounts as of 7-22-17

Checking (Hills)	\$2,429.69			
Savings (Hills)	\$7,226.75			\$9,656.44
N. T. F. Savings (LACCU)	\$6,115.68			\$6,115.68
CD	\$10,465.02	07/16/18		\$10,465.02
CD	\$22,849.20	04/12/19		\$22,849.20
CD	\$29,362.49	05/25/19		\$29,362.49
CD	\$21,920.26	06/03/19		\$21,920.26
Mutual Funds (ING)	\$34,564.09			\$34,564.09
Grand Total				\$134,933.18

- 2nd Quarter report will be ready for next meeting
- Wrote out her duties to make it easier to analyze what to give up and who can do
- When Tonen was here, discussed similar situation in Milwaukee sangha
- Treasurer wouldn't have to be on board, but then would need another board member. Could share job with someone.

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 – None in July. However, we did much cleaning and straightening up to get ready for Myoho's ordination.

Next work day: August 19 (later changed to August 12).

Pending projects

- Garden work – need people to help
- Garbage disposal – need to look into replacement. Zuiko will contact Ken.
- Need to get work done on the backup sump pump. The control panel seems to be broken.

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Projects needing attention

- Motion to get radon test kit for basement by Gus – Second by Amy – Carries. About \$30; Myoho will do.
- Zuiko wants to put in a new outlet over the cutting board so we can move the hot water pot to that side of the kitchen. It shouldn't be difficult since there's a light switch on the other side of the wall.
- Alliant is offering rebates on thermostats. Shall we investigate this? Eric recommends Zuiko search online. Amy recently replaced hers; Zuiko will email her.

Finished projects – Zuiko fixed computer file problem.

New projects

- None this month

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

- Painting – Woodwork and walls in library, hall, office, Zuiko's room, and stairwell / touch up garage / touch up porch.
- 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.

Non-rolling chair for zendo – the one next to the large curtain will work for now.

We are still in need of people to help with this area or to take it over. Amy may be able to help.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Strategic Plan – read, start addressing next meeting
- Last time there was a consultant; this time will be simpler.

ANNOUNCEMENTS for CRZC

Monday Night Dharma – August 7, 14, 21, 28 6:30 PM

Baika Practice – August 10, 24

Introduction to Zazen - August 16 7:30 PM

Sangha Meeting – Sunday, August 27 following dharma talk

ANNOUNCEMENTS of other events in the Cedar Rapids Area

Inter-Religious Dialogue: Defining Religion and its Purpose – August 27 2-4 PM, Mt Mercy University, Basile Hall, Flaherty Community Room

Inter-Religious Dialogue: Religion and Ethnic Pluralism in America – October 29 2-4 PM, Mt Mercy University, Basile Hall, Flaherty Community Room

NEXT MEETING: August 27

Meeting adjourned at 11:47 AM

Motion to adjourn by Kelly – Second by Julie – Carries

Respectfully submitted by Kelly Kruse

Appendix A:

Practice Report – July 23, 2017 (no June report)

General Impressions

We've reached a new stage with Myoho's ordination. We did it as a sangha and now we'll all train together with Myoho. Myoho will be taking a more active role in helping with sewing, liturgy, and taking care of the place.

Center Activities

- Introductory evening – Two people came.
- Sunday and daily sitting – Has been steady at five to eight people. Lots of folks are volunteering as doan and jisha.
- Baika practice – Three people these days. Next meeting is July 27.
- Study class – We've returned to the Six Paramitas.

Special Events

- July 8 – Myoho's ordination – Gina Kendall received novice ordination and the dharma name Shogetsu Myoho. This is the beginning of her training to become a fully ordained Zen teacher. Dai-En Bennage, Tonen O'Connor, Shoryu Bradley, Daishin McCabe, and Jisho Siebert participated in the ceremony along with a number of sangha members. It was both a solemn and joyful occasion.

Sangha Members' Activities

- Tim Macejak and Tim Yukl visit the Anamosa group.
- Kelly does the introductory evening.
- Lauren is managing our Facebook page and the newsletters.
- Myoho is our representative to the Inter-Religious Council.
- Eric is managing our website.
- Gus writes thank-you notes to donors and supplies sayings for the website.
- Tim Macejak did a presentation at Unity Church on July 8.

Zuiko's Activities

- June 14, July 23 – Sitting at Anamosa
- June 22, July 27 – Sitting at Ft. Madison
- July 29 – Newton
- June 22, July 15 – memorial services
- Editing translations for Sotoshu and writing for Facebook page, monthly newsletter, and *Ancient Way*

Announcements

- July 23 – Rakusu and okesa sewing 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. – potluck lunch beforehand – will usually be on the fourth Sunday of each month for several months
- August 5 – Baika workshop – Hoko Karnegis (had to be cancelled)
- August 27 – Reirin Gumble from Milwaukee Zen Center – dharma talk (& potluck!)
- August – next newsletter will be published – anybody have suggestions for news items?
- Possible date for Precepts Receiving Ceremony – July 2018