

## Cedar Rapids Zen Center – Jikyouji

MINUTES – Sangha Meeting – September 24, 2017 – Convened at 10:32 AM

Called to order by Vice President Eric Higgins-Freese

**Present:** Vice President Eric Higgins-Freese, Treasurer Myoho Kendall, Resident Teacher Zuiko Redding, Ken Burnside, Suisan Goldberg, Reuben Higgins-Freese, Tina Lenton, Chris Lui, Lauren Manninen, Brian Merrick, John Rathbun, Julie Shaw

**COUNCIL was held.**

**MINUTES of 27 August** – Voted to approve those at the 22 Oct meeting

**PRACTICE REPORT – Zuiko Redding** - See Appendix A

**TREASURER’S REPORT – Myoho Kendall**

### Accounts as of 9-26-17

Checking (Hills)	\$4,046.83			
Savings (Hills)	\$7,226.75			
				\$11,273.58
N. T. F. Savings (LACCU)	\$6,922.29			\$6,922.29
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)	\$34,680.11			\$34,680.11
			<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$137,472.95</b>

### 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 – September 9. Worked on back yard – mulched, weeded, and watered. Thanks to Jennifer Day, Myoho Kendall, Kelly Kruse, and Chris Lui for their careful work.

Next work days: November 4, December 16. In November, we’ll finish cleaning out the gardens. In December, we’ll be cleaning for New Year’s.

#### Pending projects

- Need to get work done on the backup sump pump. The control panel seems to be broken. Zuiko will call Grainger about this in October.
- Garbage disposal – need to look into replacement. Gus will call Ken to consult, then possibly work on it.
- Alliant is offering rebates on thermostats. Jenn offered a thermostat she has, but it doesn’t have instructions or installation accessories, so it wouldn’t be appropriate for us. Zuiko will contact Lauren to see what her research on thermostats has turned up.

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### Projects needing attention

- Washing machine needs leveling again. Would like it pulled out from the wall and evened up, too. Ken did this after the meeting.

### Finished projects

- Dan Kibbler installed a new outlet for the water pot. It's now on the cutting table and is lots more accessible.
- The places in the stairwell and kitchen where paint was flaking seem to be fine since new paint was applied in July.

### 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.
- Sealing of basement against moisture

Did we miss anything?

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

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Strategic Plan
  - Postpone until next meeting
  - Need lead person to pull out important items and organize discussion
- IRCLC Thanksgiving Service
  - Monday 20 Nov, 7 PM at Mt Zion Missionary Baptist Church (6621 C Ave NE)
  - If you can do a reading, let Myoho know
- Children's Activity
  - Brian Brandsmeier interested in re-starting; Zuiko will be meeting with him
  - Anyone is welcome to help, whether parents or not

### **NEXT MEETING: October 22**

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM

Motion to adjourn by Reuben – Second by Chris – Carries

Respectfully submitted by Kelly Kruse

## Appendix A:

# Practice Report – September 24, 2017

## General Impressions

Life has been much slower in September and there's been time to relax and tend to the layer of items that usually get overlooked. October looks to be quiet, too, and I am looking forward to that.

## Center Activities

- Introductory evening – three people came. Myoho attended as an observer.
- Sunday and daily sitting – People are beginning to return to both Sunday and noon zazen.
- All-day sitting – We had three people including Zuiko. We did oryoki at noon. We can evaluate whether we want to make that a tradition.
- Baika practice – Three people these days. Next meeting is September 28.
- Monday night dharma – We have three to four people at the moment.
- Rakusu sewing – We have three people sewing at the moment. Everyone is invited to help.
- Zen Practice and Tradition – We have three participants. Myoho is sitting in and will possibly teach it in the future.

## Special Events

- None this month

## Sangha Members' Activities

- Myoho Kendall, 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, supplies sayings for the website, and mows the lawn.

## Zuiko's Activities

- September 23 – Sitting at Newton
- September 28 – Sitting at Ft Madison
- Editing translations for Sotoshu and writing for Facebook page, monthly newsletter, and *Ancient Way*

## Announcements

- September 24 – Rakusu sewing 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. – potluck lunch beforehand – will usually be on the fourth Sunday of each month for several months
- September 30, October 1 – Zuiko and Myoho will be in Bloomington-Normal. Gus Gustafson will do the dharma talk and Julie Shaw will be doan in their absence.
- October 13-15 – Sesshin with Shoryu. Don't be scared to sign up for a bit of it. Sunday morning will be open to everyone.
- October – Next print newsletter will be published – We need people to write for the newsletter.
- Possible date for Precepts Receiving Ceremony – July 7, 2018

Communications report – Lauren Manninen

- People were encouraged to interact with our Facebook page and share posts with others – people become familiar with Zen and our center when we do this. It’s not necessarily about getting new members but about letting people know about the option
- Suisan put our flyers out at Tri-Yoga so people could find us
- Tina and others expressed the sense that natural sharing – word-of-mouth, the web site and Face book page and such – are good ways of building a strong, cohesive sangha
- Reuben liked the posting of quotes
- Myoho reported on research about New Bo – outside activities will end soon, but there will be something called “Happier Hour” geared toward health and well-being. People agreed that she should research “Happier Hour” further.