

Zen Studies Society Board of Trustees Meeting - Tuesday, Oct. 11, 1983
Held at 356 E. 69 Street, New York City

Present: Eido Tai Shimano, Korin Sylvan Busch, Aiho Yasuko Shimano, Bugyo David Schneyer, Genro Lee Milton, Jikei Jean Bankier, Kogen Mike Raftery, Zenshin Richard Rudin, Muin Bernard Spitz

Also present: Muso David Leddick, Karen Barnes

Prior to Mr. Leddick's and Miss Barnes' joining the meeting, Korin proposed the two as new members of the board of trustees, and they were unanimously accepted. Miss Barnes and Mr. Leddick then joined the meetin

Eido Roshi then asked approval by the board to sell the house at 356 East 69 St. where he and Aiho have lived for 12 years. It was the gift to the Zen Studies Society of the Carlsons, and the proposed sale has been discussed with Doris Carlson. The proceeds would largely be used to buy an apartment as a smaller, more easily maintained residence for the Shimanos. After some discussion, it was unanimously RESOLVED that the house at 356 East 69 St. may and will be put up for sale with- in the immediate future.

The next subject to come before the board was the ZSS' house and plot leased to the late Bowman Owens, which his widow now wishes to vacate. Offers are "in the air" to buy the house in order to improve the appearance of the area and/or to buy both house and land. After some discussion, a move was made by Zenshin that Eido Roshi and Bugyo be authorized to evaluate such offers as are made, and to negotiate whatever deal they feel would be advantageous. This course of action received a unanimous vote of approval.

Next on the agenda was a proposal to legally change the By-Laws of the Zen Studies Society so as to enable each of the three organiza- tions (ZSS, NYZ and DBZ) to operate independently, financially and otherwise. Most likely, this would call for three autonomous committees, each with its own chairman, treasurer and committee members. The Zen Studies Society would become the ZSS Educational Fund. Eido Roshi would be chairman of the board to all three institutions. A draft of the proposal was passed among the board members and also read aloud by Bugyo. Roshi and Korin were to meet with the ZSS's lawyer the follow- ing day to determine the legal feasibility of the plan.

Aiho said that the computer fund had received contributions more than sufficient for DBZ's purchase of a computer. NYZ is not at present planning to buy one. Thus they will transfer back to DBZ the sum of \$1500 which DBZ had advanced towards the purchase of one.

There being no further business before the board, the meeting was then adjourned.

*Jikei Jean Bankier,
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