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THE ZEN STUDIES SOCIETY, INC.
Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees
July 4, 1985

A special meeting of the board of trustees of The Zen Studies Society was held July 4, 1985, at Dai Bosatsu Zendo. Present were Eido Tai Shimano, Abbot; Aiho Yasuko Shimano, Korin Sylvan Busch, Bugyo David Schnyer, Genro Lee Milton, Jikei Jean Barkier, Zenshin Richard Rudin, Muin Bernard Spitz, Muso David Leddick, and Reiko Karen Barnes.

The chief purpose of the meeting was to discuss the 10th Anniversary celebration of DBZ on this day a year hence: July 4, 1986. Eido Roshi stated that plans at present call for a weeklong sesshin (perhaps July 1-7) to which representatives from other sanghas would be invited. Eido Roshi said that on a day within the sesshin week, the Reverend Takada, abbot of Yakushiji, Nara, Japan, will visit DBZ with a group of some 50-70 Japanese.

Sylvan Busch displayed a sketch for a proposed 10th Anniversary poster, which could be made available for sale. He will obtain cost estimates for its production.

Next on the agenda was a discussion of DBZ's financial position in the next ten years with specific reference to fund-raising. Mr. Schnyer stated that although DBZ earns enough from sesshins and other projects to cover expenses, it has no reserve for emergencies, major improvements and so on. Eido Roshi stated that Yoshio Terasawa, chairman of the U.S. branch of Nomura Securities, had offered to become chairman of a corporate fund-raising committee for DBZ. The board members unanimously gave Eido Roshi authority to proceed with this plan, including the production of a fund-raising brochure.

Mr. Schnyer stated that Lawrence Rockefeller has bought a considerable amount of property in the area, and has opened an inn a few miles from DBZ which will feature cross-country skiing in the winter months. Mr. Schnyer threw out for discussion a proposal that the DBZ guest house be winterized, renovated, and expanded in such a manner as to function year-round and accommodate guests during the skiing season as well as in the summer months. He then displayed architectural drawings by DBZ's architect, Davis Hamerstrom, utilizing the main section of the existing house but with a modern extension housing kitchen and dining facilities, guest bedrooms and baths. He gave an unofficial cost estimate of \$600,000.

After considerable discussion of the proposal pro and con, Eido Roshi and Mr. Schnyer were given authority to explore the concept in discussions with Mr. Terasawa, who was scheduled to visit DBZ the following day.

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