

NYZ Committee Meeting - August 27, 1980

Present: Eido Roshi, Aiho, JoChi, Korin, Mushin, Geisen,  
Jose, Jikei, Misho

Eido Roshi read the minutes of the meeting of August 11. The relative merits of the telephone answering service and the answering machine were then discussed. Roshi suggested Geisen try to stay in on Thursdays and, when he must briefly be out, leave word to "call again". For security reasons, on weekends, the message might be worded, "We are unable to come to the phone right now, but please leave your name and number". The service will be given a one-month trial.

JoChi read aloud a letter from Saman on Zendo security, in which she noted instances when the front door(s) had been left unlocked and once when the sliding garden doors were left open overnight. A list of locking instructions will be posted at the door by Geisen.

Jochi asked Jikei to compose a letter to Kanro thanking her for serving on the committee last training period.

The selection of officers for the September Shoboji sesshin was postponed, as was discussion of chairpersons for the arts sale and Mushin's query as to what price to charge for a zazen workshop in October. Roshi said that starting in September he expects to be in New York at the times given in the 1980 schedule.

Roshi told the committee that it had been necessary to build a bridge near the DBZ gate house to avoid periodic sluice pipe floodings. The cost was \$16,000 for the bridge and \$1600 for a "deck"--and since then, estimates for patching the road have been received in the amount of \$3,600. Income from summer groups and activities (about \$6,000) has been funnelled into the project and additional funds from Zen Studies Society. Roshi will advise on ways NYZ can help.

Roshi announced that a second resident is in the offing: Genro Lee Milton, who will be attending his third kessei at DBZ this fall, is planning to live here as co-resident with Geisen for one year starting January, 1981.

Incense being in low supply, Aiho said she would send a sample to our source in Japan requesting a quote in price.

The next meeting was called for Wednesday, September 3. Meetings thereafter will take place on the first and third Wednesdays of each month.