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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
THE ZEN STUDIES SOCIETY, INC.
TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 1984

A meeting of the board of trustees of The Zen Studies Society was held at New York Zendo Shobo-ji on Tuesday, March 13, 1984. Present were Eido Tai Shimano, Abbot, Aiho Yasuko Shimano, Korin Sylvan Busch, Bugyo David Schneyer, Genro Lee Milton, Kogen Mike Raftery, Jikei Jean Bankier, Zenshin Richard Rudin, Muin Bernard Spitz, Muso David Leddick, and Reiko Karen Barnes.

Eido Roshi opened the meeting, saying that Nakagawa Soen Roshi had passed away Sunday, March 11. An all-day sitting at N.Y. Zendo on Sunday, March 18 would be dedicated to his memory as would the April (Holy Days) sesshin at Dai Bosatsu Zendo. The official funeral service will be held in Japan on April 11, and Eido Roshi will attend.

In re the difficulties between himself and Dorris Carlson, Eido Roshi said that however the board decided to handle the matter would be agreeable to him. He then turned the meeting over to Korin Sylvan Busch.

Korin reviewed the correspondence with Dorris Carlson. He said her chief misapprehension seemed to be 1.) that Eido Roshi would be paid for the apartment at 333 East 69 St. and it would become his; 2.) that there would be a survivors' pension; and 3.) that a gift would be made to Aiho--whereas it is the board's intention 1.) that the apartment be the official "parsonage" and property of The Zen Studies Society; 2.) that there would be no material benefit to the Shimanos from the funds realized, and subsequently invested, from the sale; and 3.) that Aiho be given not a gift (as was suggested at the meeting of December 21 and which our counsel has since advised would be illegal) but a modest salary for her ongoing work as treasurer for The Zen Studies Society and N.Y. Zendo.

Korin then read aloud a draft of a letter he was writing to Dorris Carlson and asked for comments from the board. The secretary was instructed to attach a copy of the final letter to the minutes. He also read aloud a proposed agreement between the board and the Shimanos, stating the board's intentions with regard to the apartment. At this juncture, he informed the board that a firm offer had been made to buy the house at 356 East 69 St. for the sum of \$785,000. He asked the board's approval to sell the house for that figure, and the board did unanimously approve the sale.

After some further discussion, the board concluded that while it fully approves the above points in general, and the house sale in particular, it would continue the dialogue at the next board meeting following further legal counsel. It was unanimously agreed that all actions and transactions must be entirely and indisputably legal.

Next on the agenda, Bugyo reported on the proposed sale for \$48,500 of the two acres and house formerly owned by Bowman Owens to the Beaverkill Mountain Corporation. Both parties wishing to preserve privacy, quiet and protection, agreements will be reached that the house be occupied only by a caretaker or control person, and never be used as a clubhouse or rental; that Dai Bosatsu Zendo will never build any kind of structure along a 75' stretch on the main road; and that any future changes contemplated in the area under discussion will be mutually agreed-upon by Dai Bosatsu and Beaverkill Mountain Corporation.

There being no futher business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned.

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