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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
THE ZEN STUDIES SOCIETY

Tuesday, February 11, 1986 - New York Zendo

A special meeting of the board of trustees of The Zen Studies Society was held Tuesday, February 11, 1986, at the New York Zendo. Present were: Reverend Eido Tai Shimano, Abbot; Yasuko Shimano, Sylvan Busch, David Schnyer, Lee Milton, Jean Bankier, Richard Rudin, Bernard Spitz, David Leddick, and Karen Barnes. Also present was Christine McKenna.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss points presented in a letter dated January 27, 1986, from David Schnyer to Eido Roshi with copies to the board.

Mr. Schnyer spoke of his love for Dai Bosatsu Zendo, described the work done there, the expenses foreseen and unforeseen, and the frustrations attendant to "scraping along" on a low and unpredictable income. In view of DBZ's long-range needs, he argued that \$30,000 should not be expended on the 10th Anniversary but rather \$10,000. In addition, he stated that the fund-raising drive Eido Roshi and he had launched in the fall (an example of which is the brochure published largely for corporate targets) had been dropped in favor of fund-raising specifically for the 10th Anniversary, and that this would weaken the longrange effort.

After lengthy general discussion and a private discussion between Mr. Schnyer and Eido Roshi, during which the board withdrew, it was concluded that 1.) funds for the 10th Anniversary will be targeted at \$10,000; and 2.) the original Roshi/Schnyer fund-raising drive will be strongly continued and will incorporate the 10th Anniversary effort in which Bernard Spitz and Richard Rudin are specifically involved.

A third request by Mr. Schnyer for sesshin fees to be reduced to their former level was denied insomuch as the new fees have been published.

There being no further business to be discussed at this time, the meeting was then adjourned.

*Jean Bankier*