

Cedar Rapids Zen Center – Jikyouji

MINUTES – Sangha Meeting – July 22, 2018 – Convened at 10:43 AM

Called to order by President Douglas Gustafson

Present: President Douglas Gustafson, Treasurer Myoho Kendall, Secretary Kelly Kruse, Resident Teacher Zuiko Redding, Jenn Day, Chris Lui, Lauren Manninen, John Rathbun, Julie Shaw

COUNCIL was held.

MINUTES of June 24 Sangha Meeting – Motion to approve by Julie – Second by Chris – Carries

PRACTICE REPORT – Zuiko Redding - See Appendix A

TREASURER’S REPORT – Myoho Kendall

- Purchased 56-month CD (UICCU) at 3.2%
- Let's get same deal for NTF

Accounts as of 7-22-18

Checking (Hills)	\$2,150.72			
Savings (Hills)	\$10,736.91			
				\$12,971.18
N. T. F. Savings (LACCU)	\$10,531.85			\$10,531.85
CD	\$23,363.01	04/12/19		\$23,363.01
CD	\$29,949.69	05/25/19		\$29,949.69
CD	\$22,359.74	06/03/19		\$22,359.74
CD	\$10,710.15	06/01/23		\$10,710.15
Mutual Funds (ING)	\$36,943.94			\$36,943.94
			Grand Total	\$146,746.01

BUILDING AND GROUNDS REPORT – Zuiko Redding

Myoho's work list is at the back of the shelves in the entry for people to refer to. If you find things that need to be done, either let Myoho or Zuiko know or write it on a sticky note and attach it to the list.

Work Day – None this month. We did garden work and sewed setsu tips at sesshin.

Next Work Day: August 4

- Arrange items in basement to accommodate waterproofing workers on September 10
- Weed, prune, and plant grass seed in yard.

Active projects – things actively being worked on

- The boards for the outside stair rail are in the garage.
- Nadine got an estimate of \$4,800 for sealing the basement from Tomlinson Cannon. She has called them and they will be here on Monday, September 10 to begin work. Work should last four days.

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- Sump pump, Grainger doesn't repair equipment but they do supply parts. We will explore further.
- Fix ceiling in bathroom and probably Zuiko's sitting room. The plaster is falling down. Zuiko will contact Roger Brecht, who did the kitchen for us, for an estimate and possible work.
- Wash front of house.

Projects needing attention – possible work day items

- Peeling paint on the wall of the downstairs bathroom cabinet.
- Caulk discussion room ceiling.

Finished projects

- Myoho replaced weatherstripping on front storm door.
- We have a new small vacuum. Zuiko demonstrated how to use it.

New Projects – Research smoke detectors (let's find someone to take this on).

Pending long-term projects – Things that need to get done sometime

- Painting: woodwork and walls in library, hall, office, Zuiko's room, and stairwell / touch up garage / touch up porch, paint porch deck.
- Roof – Long-term plan is to put on a new roof in 2019 or 2020.
- Refinish floors – Would be nice to begin with the zendo and the entry.
- Possible finishing of basement corner into discussion/class space.
- Sealing of basement against moisture
- Garage door may need replacement in the next few years

Did we miss anything?

We are still in need of people to help with this area or to take it over.

Communications report – Lauren Manninen

Mailchimp

July 2018

397 Recipients (+11 from previous month)

20.1% Opened the email (+1.1% from previous month)

79 opened from email

6 read newsletter from Facebook posting

Facebook Activity July

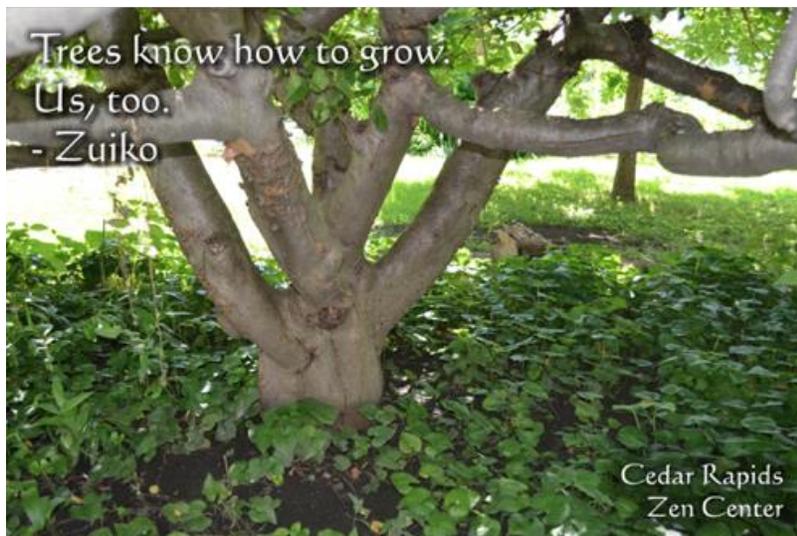
Page views: 54

Page likes: 663 +1 from last month

Page Reach: 1,009 trending down

Engagements with our posts: 118 trending down

Most popular post this month – Reached 204 people, 14 reactions, comments, & shares



OTHER BUSINESS

- Strategic plan – where teacher would live and financial plan – table until next meeting
- Need someone to replace Myoho on IRCLC, would involve meeting 1 Thursday a month at 7PM and any subcommittee meetings
- Zuiko needs to mail in radon test kit
- Gus was working on house next door with city council. Landlord evicted the neighbors and didn't fix the house. May need legal action. Landlord ignores us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS for CRZC

Monday Night Dharma – August 6, 13, 20, 27 6:30 PM

Baika Practice – August 9, 23

Introduction to Zazen - August 15 7:30 PM

Sangha Meeting – Sunday, August 26 following dharma talk

ANNOUNCEMENTS of other events in the Cedar Rapids area

Among the Traditions – IRCLC series “Who Do You Say That I Am” on views of Jesus, 26 Aug and 2 Sep; “Idols, Icons, Statues & Symbols” 28 Oct and 4 Nov on Coe College campus

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service – 19 November, location TBD

NEXT MEETING: August 26

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 AM

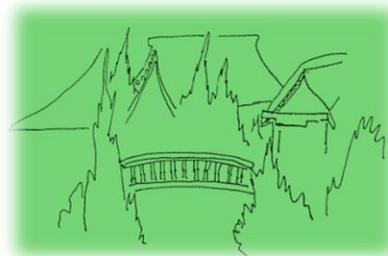
Motion to adjourn by Chris – Second by John – Carries
Respectfully submitted by Kelly Kruse

Appendix A:

Practice Report – July 22, 2018

General Impressions

We need to begin planning for Myoho's hossenshiki. It will likely be next June and we should begin thinking about finances and arrangements. We will be having a number of



priests staying over and will need hotel rooms for a couple of them. Our date will probably need to be close to Sanshinji's. Zuiko will contact Sotoshu and bring more details to the August meeting.

Center Activities

- Introductory evening – One person came. Kelly did the evening.
- Sunday and daily sitting – Attendance on Sundays is steady. Evening and noon zazen are good.
- Baika practice – Four people these days. Julie and Jenn have joined, Annora is back.
- Monday night dharma – We have six to seven people. We've begun *Don't Be A Jerk*.
- Rakusu sewing – We are beginning to sew rakusus for incarcerated people who have received the precepts. The next date will be September 23.

Special Events

- Sesshin – Was led by Daishin McCabe. We had a total of four people and a quiet time.
- Precepts receiving ceremonies – We had three this month. First, Brian Brandsmeier, Lauren Manninen, John Rathbun, and Julie Shaw received the precepts on July 7. The zendo was filled with family and well-wishers and it was a joyous occasion. On July 28, one man at Newton State Penitentiary received the precepts, supported by five members of the Buddhist group there. Finally, on July 29, Reuben Higgins-Freese received the precepts at the center. It was both a solemn and a shining, joyous occasion. We congratulate them all. May you cheerfully explore the Buddha's path for the rest of your lives.

Sangha Members' Activities

- Myoho Kendall, Tim Macejak, and Tim Yuki visit the Anamosa group. Daishin McCabe visits Ft. Dodge and Barton Reese visits Newton
- Kelly teaches the introductory evening
- Lauren manages our Facebook page and the two newsletters
- Myoho represents us on the Inter-Religious Council and is taking over some of the buildings and grounds duties
- Eric manages our webpage and does technical support for our system
- Gus writes thank-you notes to donors, supplies website sayings, and mows the lawn

Zuiko's Activities

- July 5 – All-day sitting with the Anamosa men
- Prisons – July 8, Anamosa; July 26, Ft Madison; June 28, Newton
- Editing translations for Sotoshu and writing for Facebook page, monthly newsletter, and *Ancient Way*
- Working on book on "Eight Awarenesses of Great People" to be published by Sanshinji

Other Items

- August 5 – Dharma talk by Hoko Karnegis
- Shoryu Bradley will lead the sesshin on October 14-16
- Jisho Siebert will lead all-day sitting on November 18