

Cedar Rapids Zen Center – Jikyouji

MINUTES – Sangha Meeting – June 24, 2018 – Convened at 10:52 AM

Called to order by President Douglas Gustafson

Present: President Douglas Gustafson, Vice President Eric Higgins-Freese, Treasurer Myoho Kendall, Secretary Kelly Kruse, Resident Teacher Zuiko Redding, Brian Brandsmeier, Jenn Day, Henry Higgins-Freese, Reuben Higgins-Freese, Chris Lui, John Rathbun, Julie Shaw

COUNCIL was held.

MINUTES of Annual Meeting/27 May Meeting – Motion to approve by Reuben – Second by Henry - Carries

PRACTICE REPORT – Zuiko Redding - See Appendix A

TREASURER’S REPORT – Myoho Kendall

Accounts as of 6-24-18				
	Checking (Hills)	\$2,238.28		
	Savings (Hills)	\$10,732.90		
				\$12,971.18
	N. T. F. Savings (LACCU)	\$10,130.56		\$10,130.56
	CD	\$10,641.18	07/16/18	\$10,641.18
	CD	\$23,233.84	04/12/19	\$23,233.84
	CD	\$29,802.20	05/25/19	\$29,802.20
	CD	\$22,249.35	06/03/19	\$22,249.35
	Mutual Funds (ING)	\$36,472.87		\$36,472.87
			Grand Total	\$145,501.18

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 – We stuffed the zafus and pulled weeds in the front yard. Thanks to Myoho and Zuiko.

Next Work Day: August 4

- Stair rail top replacement
- Replace weather-stripping on front screen door

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 other contractors, but has gotten no reply. Nadine had her basement water problem solved by Tomlinson Cannon and it seems successful. Motion to recommend this solution to full board by Kelly – Second by Jenn - Carries

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- Sump pump, Nadine will call Grainger. They don't repair equipment but they do supply parts.
- Fix ceiling in bathroom and possibly 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.
- Replace weather-stripping on front screen door.
- Wash front of house/touch up paint.
- Reuben – there is a hole in the porch ceiling.
- Neighbors' house a problem – Gus will call Dale Todd.

Projects needing attention – possible work day items

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

Finished projects – Nothing this month.

New Projects – Research smoke detectors.

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

June 2018

386 Recipients (+9 from previous month)

19% Opened the email (+.6% from previous month)

73 opened from email

34 read newsletter from Facebook posting

Facebook Activity June

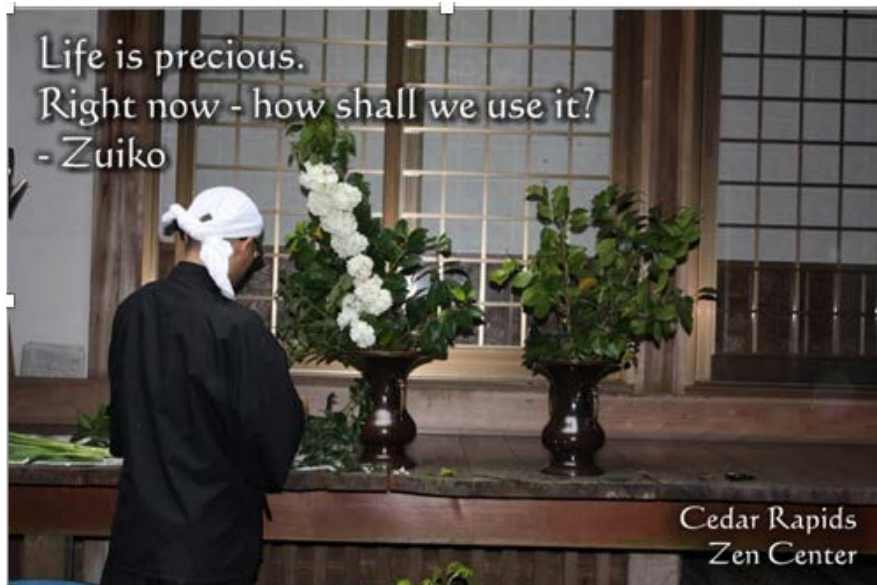
Page views: 216

Page likes: 662 +1 from last month

Page Reach: 1,212 trending down

Engagements with our posts: 130 trending down

Most popular post this month – Reached 299 people, 25 reactions, comments, & shares



OTHER BUSINESS

Strategic Plan – Center Administration

- Original issues with administration were handled by hiring Nadine and Lauren
- What are we doing about teacher succession? Letting people know we're available
- When Hoko comes, talk to her about people from Sanshinji; might be a better fit for us culturally than teachers from San Francisco Zen Center
- Myoyu Anderson (Monroe WI) is a contact because Tim Macejak attended a sesshin there
- Gemyo Smith, who was in Champaign IL and moved to CA, would also be good to talk to
- Ryumonji is nearby, but they have a different idea of center democracy than us
- Next meeting – where teacher would live, financial plan

Jenn will send more specific email to New Bo since she hasn't gotten a response.

ANNOUNCEMENTS for CRZC

Monday Night Dharma – July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 6:30 PM

Baika Practice – July 12, 26

Introduction to Zazen - July 18 7:30 PM

Sangha Meeting – Sunday, July 22 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 on Coe College campus

NEXT MEETING: July 22

Meeting adjourned at 12:04 PM

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

Appendix A: Practice Report – June 24, 2018

General Impressions

Need to begin planning for Myoho's Hossenshiki.

Center Activities

- Introductory evening – Five people came. Zuiko did the evening since storms prevented Kelly from coming.
- Sunday and daily sitting – Attendance on Sundays has picked up. (4th Sunday always fine because of the meeting.) Evening and noon zazen are better.
- All-Day sitting – Julie and John led the all-day sitting. They sat alone most of the day, but it was a good chance to learn the schedule and how to maintain it.
- Baika practice – Three people these days. Julie has joined, but Annora is unable to come for a while.
- Monday night dharma – We have around five people. We're on the last chapter of *The Six Paramitas*.
- Rakusu sewing – Four people are sewing now and all should be done by July. Mark Ahlstrom has begun sewing okesa but we've not set a date for novice ordination.

Special Events

- Myoho and Zuiko participated in the shuso ceremony at Sanshin on June 17. Myoho was Benji – the youngest monk. The shuso ceremony is the ceremony in which a novice begins to mature as a teacher.

Sangha Members' Activities

- Myoho Kendall, Tim Macejak, and Tim Yukl 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

- May 29-June 2 – Sotoshu meetings in Los Angeles
- Prisons – June 12, Anamosa; June 28, Ft Madison; June 30, 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

- Daishin will be leading July sesshin and Shoryu will be leading the October sesshin. Zuiko will lead in December.
- Precepts Receiving Ceremony – July 7
- Reuben's Precepts Ceremony – July 29 after zazen
- Jisho Siebert will lead all-day sitting on November 18
- Hoko Karnegis will give dharma talk August 5