

The January meeting of the New Jersey Department of Transportation Retirees Association, Inc. was held on Tuesday, January 3, 2012 at Tessara's Restaurant. After establishing a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order at 11:08 AM by Vice-President Jay Johnston and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

The following were in attendance:

Mike Eckel	Joe Bodnar	Donna Troiano	Lou Papp
Gerry Sellner	Jay Johnston	Sal Noto	Peter Yull
Janis Stia	Jack Mansfield	Jim Dixon	Andrea Mansfield

These members were excused: Chet Andres, Dot Andres, Art Egan, Bob Malinoski, Don Hutchinson, Frank Herrera & Bruce Strickland. There are 2 vacancies.

The minutes of the 12/5/2011 meeting were received and approved as read. The motion to approve was made by Jay Johnston and seconded by Peter Yull.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report was given by Lou Papp and accepted pending audit. Balance as of 11/30/11 is \$12,676.72.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Janis Stia announced the following names were received for membership: Kathleen Cox for annual membership, Frank Stia and Peter Therkelson for life membership. Dues paid: \$230.00 total; \$70.00 renewal; \$10.00 new member; and \$150.00 life membership.

The motion to accept the new members was made by Jay and seconded by Peter. Donna Troiano will send dues reminders by e-mail to members who receive DOTLine electronically.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Nominating Committee – Joe Bodnar reported that Joe Fasanella has declined to become a member of the executive Board.

By-Laws – Art Egan was absent so there was no report.

Website – Jay reported that there were 133 hits during December for a total of 14,077.

Memorial Committee– Jim Dixon reported that the recent Silent Auction was the most successful ever. The complete report will be given at the next Memorial Committee meeting on January 28. The 2012 calendar of events will be ready then, too. Executive Board members who attended the Silent Auction had high praise for the quality of the baskets, which were beautifully prepared.

Historian - Mike Eckel has written Part 2 of *New Jersey Trains* for the February DOTLine.

Chaplain - Sal Noto reported that Charles O'Brien, Susan Piunno, John Argust, Daniel Shea, Glenna Eastham, Tony Orsi and Frank Mazzella have recently passed away. George Wegel is still recovering from his heart surgery.

SOCIALS:

LUNCHEONS -

December 14 – Holiday Luncheon at Mercer Oaks--Janis reported that the luncheon was attended by 101 people and, due primarily to the success of the 50/50 and careful planning, \$148.02 was added to the treasury. Jay commented on the great job done by Janis, Jim and others who helped out. It was agreed that Mercer Oaks should remain the venue for the 2012 Holiday Luncheon.

Spring Luncheon—Joe Bodnar **proposed** Freddie's Tavern for the March luncheon. They offer a private room, a choice of three entrees—orange roughy, chicken parm, and Freddie's sirloin steak—salad, pasta, dessert and bread & butter served family style. The cost is \$18.50 including tax and gratuity, which will enable us to keep the cost to members very close to \$20.00. March 21 was selected as the date and a flyer will be placed in the February DOTLine.

Trips - Jay Johnston reported on the following trips:

Bus trip to the Split Rock Resort Holiday Show on December 6 was a great success and all attendees seemed to have a great time. The ride home was very foggy and *kudos* (along with a tip!) were offered to the bus driver. The trip was a financial success, with \$85.00 added to the treasury.

Atlantic City May 7, 2012 Neil Diamond Tribute Show at the Tropicana Casino—flyer will appear in the February DOTLine. Bus will depart from AMC Theater, Hamilton/Showtime 12:00pm. Reservation deadline is March 15. Jay has already received 15 reservations/this show will sell out early. Cost is \$39.00/pp with a \$15. "Slot Play"/pp .

Additional trips are still in the planning stage. Jay proposed a return to Radio City Music Hall for December 2012 bus trip because it is very popular with the general membership.

OLD BUSINESS: -

Peter has set a date of February 27 for a wine tasting event at Mama Flora's, Olden Avenue, Ewing. Cost will be \$30.00 and will include finger foods and 10-12 different wines to be tasted. It will begin at 6:30 and is limited to 18 participants. Peter is preparing a flyer for DOTLine.

DOTLine deadline is January 15, with articles to be sent to Peter.

NEW BUSINESS: -

Gerry Sellner reported that Mike Lemmo had been erroneously dropped from the roster, probably because he moved and several DOTLines had been returned as undeliverable. It was suggested that when this happens (**DOTLines returned**), a separate list should be maintained so the contact is not totally lost, but we should not continue to send DOTLine to bad addresses. It is the members' responsibility to keep us up-to-date when they move, etc.

Jay reported that Dot Andres will be sending pictures to Peter for inclusion in the May DOTLine.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday 2/7/2012 at Tessara's Restaurant at 11: 00 AM.

A motion was made by Donna and seconded by Andrea Mansfield and carried to close the meeting; Jay adjourned the meeting at 12:02 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Andrea Mansfield

Recording Secretary