

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
RETIREES ASSOCIATION, INC.
WEST TRENTON, NEW JERSEY 08629

MINUTES OF MEETING

The May meeting of the New Jersey Department of Transportation Retirees Association, Inc. (DOTRA) was held on Tuesday, May 2, 2017, at Tessara Restaurant. After establishing a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order at 11:02 AM by Vice President Jay Johnston with the Pledge of Allegiance following. The following were in attendance:

Joe Bodnar	Lou Papp	Dot Andres	John Rainiero
Andrea Mansfield	Donna Troiano	Bob Miller	Mike Eckel
Janis Stia	Frank Stia	Jay Johnston	Gerry Sellner
Frank Palise	Dot Andres		

These members were absent: Clinton Griggs, Peter Yull, Frank Herrera and Bruce Strickland.

The minutes of the 4/04/2017 meeting were received and approved as corrected. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Mike Eckel and seconded by Janis Stia. The motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's report for March 2017 was given by Lou Papp. Balance as of 3/31/17 is \$14,987.16 including \$5,281.06 in the checking account. A move to accept the report, pending audit, was made by Donna Troiano and seconded by Andrea Mansfield. The motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Janis Stia reported that there were no new membership applications received during April and there were no renewals received. The list that Clint received from the DOT HR department was distributed to all Board members recently and a discussion of possible contacts took place. The web site *anywho* is no longer free. There were several suggestions about how to use the list; further discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Nominating Committee –Joe Bodnar reported that he contact all the Board members whose term expires in 2017 to confirm that they will stay on the Board. The full list of Board members for 2017-2018 will be announced at the luncheon on June13.

By-Laws —There was no report. With the passing of Art Egan, this committee must have a new chair.

Website – Jay reported for Bruce Strickland that there were 139 hits in April for a total of 23,586 hits. The new counter continues to work well.

Employee Memorial –There was no report this month.

Historian– In the May DOTLine, Mike Eckel wrote a story about the Jersey Barrier.

Chaplain – Jay Johnston reported the passing of Helen Burt (68), Lois Summers(84) and Milton Funari(90). None of these DOTer's were DOTRA members.

Audit Committee: Frank Palise announced the Audit Committee will meet for the annual audit in May. They report will be given at the June meeting.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

Wine Tasting: The March 27 wine tasting at Mama Flora's on Olden Avenue was postponed. A wine tasting works best when 10 or 18 people attend. The cost is \$35.00. Peter Yull coordinates the reservations.

Trips –Jay Johnston has planned a bus trip to Radio City Music Hall on the tentative date of December 6. Jay has preliminary plans for a bus trip to Doolans in Spring Lake for an Old Tyme Rock & Roll show and lunch. Full details will be published in DOTLine when the date gets closer.

June Luncheon: Janice & Frank Stia will coordinate this event. A luncheon at Erini's on River Rd. in Ewing will be held on Tuesday June 13 from noon to 3:00PM. Lunch will consist of salad of mixed field greens, entrée choice of pan seared tilapia, chicken Marsala or eggplant parmesan, cheese cake, dessert and coffee service. There will be a cash bar with drinks served by the wait staff, a 50/50 and some door prizes. Reservation deadline is June 1. The cost is \$30.00 per person.

September Picnic: Mike reported that Mercer County Park picnic area at Belle Mountain is reserved for Wednesday, September 13. More specific details will be discussed at the August meeting. A flyer will be inserted in the August DOTLine.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bob Miller is working toward archiving DOTRA records (including- DOTLines, Minutes, Treasurer's Reports, By-Law Changes, Directors/Officers) to a permanent location.

Dot Andres updated the Board on the outreach effort. When people are contacted, they seem interested and forthcoming about their activities and life, in general. The Board members will continue in their efforts, but, it is difficult to reach everyone on the list.

Donna wants to remind Bruce Strickland to not post the DOTLine on the website until she has officially sent it to the members who receive it electronically, since there could be last minute changes or additions.

NEW BUSINESS:

Kate Immordino, former DOTer and DOTRA member, under the name Kate Francis, has self-published a light mystery book titled *Double Image* set in Mercer County, involving NJ government. She has offered to appear at the June Luncheon to discuss her experience as a writer and fulfillment of a life-long desire to write.

DOTLINE: The August printing of the DOTLine will be the 100th edition. Discussion of this fact included the idea to bring some articles back for reprint, listing all previous editors, etc. Members were asked to give this more thought and bring ideas to the June meeting. Since there is no July meeting, this will be the final opportunity for the Board as a whole to discuss this milestone event.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday 6/06/2017 at Tessara Restaurant at 11:00 AM. At the close of this meeting, the May DOTLine was prepared for mailing by Board members. Since there was no further business to discuss, a motion to close the meeting was made by Mike and seconded by Gerry Sellner and the motion carried. Jay adjourned the meeting at 11:50AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea Mansfield

Recording Secretary