

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

The October meeting of the New Jersey Department of Transportation Retirees Association, Inc. (DOTRA) was held on Tuesday, October 3, 2017, at Tessara Restaurant. After establishing a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order at 11:05 AM by President Clint Griggs with the Pledge of Allegiance following. The following were in attendance:

Joe Bodnar
Janis Stia
Frank Palise

Donna Troiano
Frank Stia
Mike Eckel

Bob Miller
Jay Johnston

Clinton Griggs
Lou Papp

These members were absent: Andrea Mansfield, Gerry Sellner, Dot Andres, John Rainiero, and Bruce Strickland. Jim Dixon attended as a volunteer.

The minutes of the 9/05/2017 meeting were received and approved as corrected. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Mike Eckel and seconded by Frank Palise. The motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's report for August 2017 was given by Frank Stia. Balance as of 8/31/17 is \$12,058.66 including \$2,325.58 in the checking account. A move to accept the report, pending audit, was made by Bob Miller and seconded by Lou Papp. The motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Janis Stia reported that there were no new membership applications received during September and there was one renewal received. The total received was \$10.

Janis explained that mail sent to Evelyn Medley at her Lawrenceville address has been returned. No one knew of an alternative way to reach her.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Nominating Committee –Joe Bodnar reported that there are fifteen Board members for 2017-2018. Ann Fratticcioli has volunteered to be our electronic correspondent. Donna Troiano will invite her to attend the November Directors meeting and ask her to consider becoming a new Director.

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

Website – Clint reported for Bruce Strickland from Arizona that there were 185 hits in August for a total of 24,361 hits.

Employee Memorial –Jim Dixon reported that he didn't attend the EMC meeting, but, was able to provide a report. The Annual Remembrance ceremony was held on Friday September 8 at 9:00 AM. Memorial plaques to honor Commissioners John Sheridan and Jamie Fox were donated by Family & Friends of these commissioners. The usual activities and fundraisers are in the pipeline as planned, including Thanksgiving Baskets on October 26 and the Silent Auction on December 7 and 8.

Historian Mike Eckel is working on an article about the reconstruction of the Whitehorse Circle at Broad Street and Whitehorse-Mercerville Road in Hamilton Township, Mercer County for the November DOTLine.

Chaplain – Jay Johnston reported the recent passing of Constance House who worked at the DOT but was not a member of DOTRA.

Audit Committee: No report until next spring.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

September Picnic: Mike reported that the picnic was held at Mercer County Park picnic area at Belle Mountain is on Wednesday, September 13. There were 56 attending. The weather started out perfect but a rain fall started after everyone had eaten. The threat of a hurricane caused discussion about cancelling the picnic but, that was not necessary.

Financial report:

Receipts \$784.00
Expenses \$682.91
Net Gain \$101.09
50/50 proceeds \$101

It was agreed to make a \$25 donation to the Titusville Fire Company for the ice they provided for our drinks. Frank Stia and Lou Papp will coordinate the logistics for mailing the check.

Trips –Jay Johnston has planned a bus trip to Radio City Music Hall on November 30. This is after the lighting of the Rock Center Christmas Tree. The cost will be \$109. pp. The day is planned just as our past trips have been. There will be time in NYC for lunch and/or shopping. After the Radio City show is over, the bus will leave immediately from a parking area in front of the theater. A flyer is inserted in the August DOTLine. Reservations have been received for all seats. This trip is sold out.

Holiday Luncheon: Janis has reserved Mercer Oaks for the Holiday Luncheon on December 13. The price will remain the same as last year. We had to guarantee 50 people would attend. The \$125 deposit to Mercer County has been made. Also the \$500 deposit to the Mercer Oaks Caterer has been made. A flyer will be inserted in the November 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.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dot Andres recently reached out to some of the Directors initiating a discussion regarding how DOTRA could let our Florida members know we have been thinking about them during their extreme weather. It was agreed to include a special mention in the November DOTLINE indicating our concern and sympathy for the impacts of recent hurricanes.

It was agreed to include a flyer announcing the State's Annual Charitable Campaign in the November DOTLINE.

The deadline for the November DOTLINE is October 15. All articles should be sent to Frank Palise by that date.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday 11/07/2017 at Tessara Restaurant at 11:00 AM. At the conclusion of the meeting, the November DOTLine will be prepared for mailing. Since there was no further business to discuss, a motion to close the meeting was made by Mike Eckel and seconded by Janis Stia and the motion carried. Clint adjourned the meeting at 12:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Troiano
Acting Recording Secretary