

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

The November meeting of the New Jersey Department of Transportation Retirees Association, Inc. (DOTRA) was held on Tuesday, November 7, 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	Donna Troiano	Bob Miller	Clinton Griggs
Janis Stia	Frank Stia	Jay Johnston	Lou Papp
Frank Palise	Mike Eckel	Dot Andres	John Raniero
Gerry Sellner			

These members were absent: Andrea Mansfield and Bruce Strickland. Jim Dixon attended as a volunteer. Also in attendance for the first time was Ann Fratticcioli. She has volunteered to be the new electronic correspondent based on her extensive computer skills and, if approved, a new director.

The minutes of the 10/3/2017 meeting were received and approved as distributed. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Mike Eckel and seconded by Bob Miller. The motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's reports for September and October 2017 were given by Frank Stia. Balance as of 9/30/17 was \$14,411.34 including \$4,671.74 in the checking account. The balance as of 10/31/17 is \$14,563.03 including \$4,818.37 in the checking account. A move to accept the reports, pending audit, was made by Joe Bodnar and seconded by Mike Eckel. The motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Janis Stia reported that there was one new membership application received during October – Jake Isler. Mr. Isler's application was accepted. The total received was \$75.

At the October meeting Janis explained that mail sent to Evelyn Medley at her Lawrenceville address was returned. No one knew of an alternative way to reach her. At this meeting, Dot Andres reported that she remembered that Evelyn Medley passed away. She will be removed from the membership list.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Nominating Committee –Joe Bodnar reported that there are fifteen Board members for 2017-2018. Ann Fratticcioli who attended this meeting is considering 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 Bruce thinks there were 277 hits in September but he couldn't be sure because the counter crashed again.

Employee Memorial Committee – Jim Dixon reported that he attended the EMC meeting. All the Thanksgiving Baskets were sold at the October 26 event. The Silent Auction will be held on December 7 from 11 to 2 o'clock and on December 8 from 9 to 1. Only 100 baskets are expected (half of the normal) due to the retirement of key staff. EMC has collected 355 slides on a CD summarizing the last 15 years of 9/11 memorials. It was agreed to show the CD on a computer in a continuous loop at the Holiday Party. Clinton Griggs will review the CD to decide if it should be shown at our December Directors meeting too.

Historian - Mike Eckel is working on an article for the February DOTLine providing advice regarding which important documents are critical for estate planning.

Chaplain – Jay Johnston had no names to report for the obituary.

Audit Committee: No report until next spring.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

Trips –Jay Johnston reported that the bus trip to Radio City Music Hall on November 30 is sold out. Jay will make reminder calls to all who have signed up

Holiday Luncheon: Janis reported that a flyer is inserted in the November DOTLine for the Holiday Luncheon on December 13 at Mercer Oaks.

Spring Luncheon: Joe Bodnar agreed to chair the spring event. It was agreed that the event should be a breakfast again this year. Give Joe any ideas you have on a location for the breakfast.

June Luncheon: A chair is needed for this event. Ann Fratticcioli has done some research regarding local restaurants which she will share with Clint.

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 reported that we need more personal stories from our members for the February DOTLine. Dot said if we don't get any new stories she will make up some stories and start an article called "Fake News!" Everyone laughed heartily. Seriously, give Dot a call when you hear any member news.

A flyer announcing the State's Annual Charitable Campaign was included in the November DOTLINE.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mike Eckel reported that he was approached by a financial advisor who is willing to make a presentation at one of our DOTRA events. The resulting discussion came to no conclusion so it was tabled until another time.

Since there was no further business to discuss, a motion to close the meeting was made by Mike Eckel and seconded by Gerry Sellner and the motion carried. Clint adjourned the meeting at 12:00 PM. At the conclusion of the meeting, the November DOTLine was prepared for mailing.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday 12/5/2017 at Tessara Restaurant at 11:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Troiano

Acting Recording Secretary