

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

The January meeting of the New Jersey Department of Transportation Retirees Association, Inc. (DOTRA) was held on Tuesday, January 2, 2018, 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	Ann Fratticcioli	Jay Johnston	Clinton Griggs
Janis Stia	Frank Stia	Andrea Mansfield	John Raniero
Gerry Sellner	Mike Eckel	Lou Papp	

These members were absent: Frank Palise, Donna Troiano, Bob Miller, Dot Andres and Bruce Strickland. Jim Dixon attended as a volunteer.

The minutes of the 12/5/2017 meeting were received and approved as distributed. 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 reports for December 2017 was given by Frank Stia. Balance as of 12/31/17 was \$14,725.71 including \$4,968.23 in the checking account. A move to accept the report, pending audit, was made by Joe Bodnar and seconded by Gerry Sellner. The motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Janis Stia reported that there were four new membership applications received during December – *Jo Anne Schultz* (Life), *Fredrick Lovett* (from Annual to Life), *John Kontura* (Annual) and *James Conrey* (annual). One renewal was received, in addition, for a total received was \$180.00. Janis moved that we accept the membership of JoAnne, Jim & Jack. Andrea Mansfield seconded and the motion passed. Andrea attended the Memorial Committee Silent Auction and place the DOTRA handout card on the entrance table/about 6-8 were picked up by attendees of the auction. Members Art Fisher and John Taylor reported to Jim Dixon that they were no longer receiving mail from DOTRA. Gerry will research this.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Nominating Committee – Joe Bodnar reported that there are sixteen Board members for 2018-2019. Ann Fratticcioli has become a new Director. She will serve a term until 2020.

By-Laws — There was no report or new business. 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 184 hits in December for a total of 24,695.

Employee Memorial Committee – Jim Dixon reported that the EMC did not meet in December. The Silent Auction was held on December 7 from 11 to 2 o'clock and on December 8 from 9 to 1. +/- 125 baskets are auctioned. Andrea attended on Friday and reported that the baskets were beautiful as usual and that the bids seemed lower than in previous years.

Historian - Mike Eckel is working on an article for the February DOTLine providing advice regarding which important documents are critical for estate planning and the new tax law for 2018.

Chaplain – Jay Johnston reported that DOTRA member Don Hutchinson, our former Director passed away recently. Also, Don Groffie, a DOT retiree passed away recently.

Audit Committee: No report until next spring.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

Trips –Jay Johnston reported that he will try to plan another bus trip for the spring. The bus trip to NYC on November 30 made a profit of \$20.00.

Holiday Luncheon: Janis reported on the Holiday Luncheon held on December 13 at Mercer Oaks. 64 reservations had been received and 2 people were unable to attend at the last minute. The luncheon was like our previous events at Mercer Oaks, starting with a social hour with hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar, salad, pasta, entrée, dessert and coffee service. The cost was \$36.00/pp. There were door prizes and the 50/50 was \$155.00.

EXPENSES: \$2196.98

RECEIPTS: \$2304.00

PROFIT: \$107.00

Spring Event: Joe Bodnar agreed to chair the spring breakfast. Joe has booked Golden Dawn in Hamilton for March 14 and the cost will be \$12/pp plus tax and gratuity and we will charge \$16.00. A flyer will be included in the February DOTLine. The menu will be a buffet, as it was last year.

June Luncheon: A chair is needed for this event. Ann Fratticcioli has done some research regarding local restaurants which she will share with Clint. All details will be in place before the May mailing of 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.

There was a short discussion about the list of 2017 retirees that we received from the DOT. The list does not contain contact information, so it has limited usefulness for DOTRA.

NEW BUSINESS: New Director Ann Fratticcioli has been working toward changes to our roster using new technology and will be creating a new website. She suggests that we utilize e-mail more frequently to communicate our messages about coming events. New technology helps provide feedback immediately. Ann & Gerry will meet to share ideas about our mailing list.

A question was raised regarding retirees who had worked for DOT and then moved to a different agency—are they eligible for membership in DOTRA? The general consensus was yes—we don't want to turn a potential member away.

Since there was no further business to discuss, a motion to close the meeting was made by Gerry and seconded by Joe and the motion passed. Clint adjourned the meeting at 12:15 PM.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday 2/6/2018 at Tessara Restaurant at 11:00 AM. The February DOTLine will be prepared for mailing after the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea Mansfield

Recording Secretary