

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

The March meeting of the New Jersey Department of Transportation Retirees Association, Inc. (DOTRA) was held on Tuesday, March 6, 2018, at Tessara Restaurant. After establishing a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order at 11:14 AM by President Clint Griggs with the Pledge of Allegiance following. The following were in attendance:

Joe Bodnar
Janis Stia
Gerry Sellner

Ann Fratticcioli
Bob Miller
Mike Eckel

Andrea Mansfield
Lou Papp
Frank Stia

John Raniero
Clinton Griggs
Donna Troiano

These members were absent: Jay Johnston, Frank Palise, Dot Andres and Bruce Strickland. Jim Dixon attended as a volunteer.

The minutes of the 2/6/2018 meeting were received and approved as corrected. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Joe Bodnar and seconded by Mike Eckel. The motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's reports for February 2018 was given by Frank Stia. Balance as of 2/28/18 was \$14,242.49 including \$4,471.95 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 10 membership renewals received during February and one new life membership. Rich Sawicki donated \$15.00. Janis moved that we accept the membership request of Glenn Cliver for life membership. Gerry Sellner seconded and the motion carried. Ann Fratticcioli offered some suggestions about using United States Postal Service.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Nominating Committee –Joe Bodnar reported that there are sixteen Board members for 2018-2019. There was nothing additional to report.

By-Laws —There was no report or new business. With the passing of Art Egan, this committee needs to have a new chair. For now, the position will remain unfilled.

Website – Clint reported for Bruce Strickland from Arizona that there were 345 hits in February for a total of 25,303. Ann noted that in her redesign of the website, she has clicked in many, many times.

Employee Memorial Committee –There was a report from Jim Dixon. The Silent Auction held on December 7 and December 8, as planned was very successful and well organized, as usual. The EMC is looking for new officers. John Stultz has been hospitalized for heart surgery and will no longer co-chair. The EMC will soon meet with the new DOT Commissioner for the purpose of seeking a memorandum of understanding. There will be a Mother's Day flower sale on May10. There will be an employee picnic at DOT headquarters in June.

Historian - Mike Eckel has an article for May about keeping track of financial records in retirement.

Chaplain – Jay Johnston was absent so there was no formal report.

Audit Committee: There is no report until next month. Frank Stia, Frank Palise and John Raniero will meet shortly to conduct the audit.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

Trips –There was no report.

Spring Breakfast: Joe Bodnar has booked Golden Dawn in Hamilton for Wednesday March 14 and the cost is \$12/pp plus tax and gratuity and we will charge \$16.00. A flyer was included in the February DOTLine. The menu will be a buffet, as it was last year. Reservation deadline is tomorrow. 42 members have made reservations.

June Luncheon: Mastoris has been booked for Wednesday, June 13; the cost will be \$27.84 per person and the charge to attendees will be \$30.00. Janis Stia will take the reservations once the details are set. Clint has made all of these arrangements.

A tentative date for future events are: Holiday Party at Mercer Oaks—December 12
Fall Picnic at Mercer County Park Belle Mountain—September 12 has been confirmed.

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.

Ann has been working toward changes to our roster using new technology and has created 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 met to share ideas about our mailing list. This will be an email marketing tool for us and can be utilized to send information to our membership and receive feedback, too. There are interactive links to events, directors, membership, et al. The tool being used is called mail.chimp. Gerry moved that we swap the old web site for the new one immediately. Donna seconded and the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS: Donna asked about excluding members who have not paid their dues since 2014 and 2015. After a discussion, it was decided to put a neon label on the DOTLine mailing of all those who have not paid dues prior to 2016. The label will say "*this is your last DOTLine*". There are 380 names in our roster. 89 have not paid dues for 2018 yet. 283 DOTRA members are life members and do not owe annual dues.

Since there was no further business to discuss, a motion to close the meeting was made by Andrea Mansfield and seconded by Gerry and the motion passed. Clint adjourned the meeting at 12:47 PM.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday 4/3/2018 at Tessara Restaurant at 11:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea Mansfield
Recording Secretary