

MINUTES OF MEETING

On Tuesday, March 1, 2022, the DOTRA Directors held a Board meeting at Padrino's Restaurant. After establishing that there was a quorum present and following the Pledge of Allegiance, the meeting was called to order at 11:03 AM by President Clinton Griggs. The following were in attendance:

Mike Eckel	Janis Stia	Clinton Griggs	Ann Fratticcioli
Dave Bizuga	Janice DeJohn	Bob Miller	Donna Troiano
John Raniero	Jay Johnston	Frank Palise	Sandy Furness
Andrea Mansfield			

These Directors were absent: Frank Stia and Joe Bodnar. Jim Dixon attended as a volunteer.

The minutes of the 2/01/22 meeting were received and approved as corrected. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Sandy Furness and seconded by Bob Miller.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's report was presented by Dave Bizuga. Balance as of 2/28/2022 was \$15,350.58, including \$4,533.07 in the checking account. A motion to accept the report was made by Frank Palise and seconded by Ann Fratticcioli. The report was filed for audit. IRS Form 990N was filed on 2/22/22. Dave found the form to be very "user friendly".

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Janis Stia reported that there was 1 new retiree applying for membership during February. Lauralee Rappleye applied for annual membership(\$10.); Janis moved that we accept this membership request, Donna Troiano seconded, and the motion passed. A total of \$50.00 dues was collected. There were 4 renewal payments (\$40.00). Directors were reminded that renewal payments were due on January 1.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Nominating Committee –There are now 15 Board members for 2022. The Board can function well with fifteen members. Joe Bodnar is remaining on the Board for now but is inactive for the duration of the COVID pandemic.

By-Laws –Janice DeJohn will update the bylaws as necessary.

Website – Ann noted that the website continues to be updated as needed, including any links to other websites that may be of interest to our membership. All links are working properly.

Employee Memorial Committee –Janice DeJohn reported that there has not been a recent meeting of the EMC; DOT'er Meg Frampton is keeping the committee going mostly by herself. DOTRA will move slowly toward assuming the responsibilities of the EMC.

Historian – Mike Eckel has plans for 2 articles for the future DOTLine issues; topics- canals and railroads.

Chaplain – Frank Palise reported that former DOT employees Charles Brodowitz, Wilma Gruzlovic, John Jamieson and Robert Preston have passed away. Charles was a DOTRA member.

Audit – The Audit Committee, Janice, Sandy, John Raniero and Dave are meeting at Dave’s house to complete the annual audit during March.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Happy Hour—Happy Hour for February was held at Uno’s on Sloan Rd., Hamilton at 4PM on Thursday February 24. The next Happy Hour will be at Uno’s on March 24. All are urged to attend this pleasant, informal event.

Spring Breakfast---Plans for the March breakfast have finalized. On March 16, the Spring Breakfast will be held at the Town & Country Diner at 177 RT 130 in Bordentown at 9:00AM. Menu will include: pastries, breads, scrambled eggs, home fries, bacon & sausage, French toast, pancakes, fresh fruit, juice, coffee, tea and milk. The cost to the attendees is \$20.00 per person, guests are welcome and reservations must be received by Ann Fratticcioli no later than March 9. No cancellations after March 9. 42 reservations have been received.

June Luncheon---Janice and Ann will look at some venues: Villa Mannino, Iccara, Massimo. Prices are higher than previous years. June 8 is the projected date.

TRIPS—No trips are being planned currently; however, Jay is looking into some semi-local ideas where people can drive themselves instead of renting a bus, which has a minimum requirement that we would be unlikely to meet. Grounds for Sculpture and the Van Gogh Experience were suggested. After the event, we could have a Dutch treat dinner at a nearby restaurant.

OLD BUSINESS: The old lab building at DOT headquarters is being gutted and will become the new Central Region Operations center and the ‘Snow Room’.

NEW BUSINESS : Mike has secured the Mercer County Park at Rosedale on September 14 for our annual picnic. After some discussion, Dave moved and Sandy seconded that DOTRA prepare the food for the picnic, like we used to. The motion passed and we will refer to old records about the picnic and formulate a menu and a committee to purchase and cook the food.

Since there was no additional business to report or act on, a motion to close the meeting was made by Mike and seconded by Janis and the motion passed. Clint adjourned the meeting at 11:55 AM.

The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday April 5, 2022 at Padrino’s.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Mansfield

Recording Secretary