

MINUTES OF MEETING

On Tuesday, October 3, 2023, 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 11:09 AM by President Clinton Griggs. The following were in attendance:

Ann Fratticcioli	Clinton Griggs	Janice DeJohn
Dave Bizuga	Mike Eckel	Sandy Furness
Donna Troiano	Bob Miller	Andrea Mansfield

There were no Directors absent. Jim Dixon attended as an active member.

The minutes of the September 5, 2023 meeting were unavailable.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's report was presented by Dave Bizuga. Balance as of 9/30/23 was \$17,483.33 including \$6,108.78 in the checking account. A motion to accept this report was made by Mike Eckel and seconded by Sandy Furness. The report was filed for audit.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Ann Fratticcioli reported that there are no new members to add. There were no dues received for renewals.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Nominating Committee – There are now 9 Board members for 2023-24 term. We need to actively seek additional members to join the Board of Directors. All current members are asked to contact any DOT retiree who may like to volunteer to serve on the Board. At this point, our greatest need is the Assistant Treasurer and Chaplain.

By-Laws – No discussion this month.

Website – Ann reported that updates have been made or added as needed. She will be adding photos from our recent events.

Employee Memorial Committee – Janice DeJohn reported that 3 names from the 1940's were added to the Employee Memorial plaque and the ceremony on September 11 had a good attendance and went well. The Memorial is being well maintained. NJDOT held a fund-raiser based on the Olympic Games and it did well.

Historian – Mike is writing an article for the November DOTLine on Storm Preparation Advice.

Chaplain – Ann reported that Kenny Myers (58) from Region North has passed away; he was not a DOTRA member.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Happy Hour – The October Happy Hour will be on October 26, 2023, at Killarney’s Irish Pub in Hamilton. Ann will publish a notice on the DOTRA FaceBook page and the website. All are urged to attend this pleasant, informal event. Due to the full holiday schedule and recent drop in attendance, the Happy Hour may go on hiatus for November and December.

September Picnic –The annual picnic took place at MCP Rosedale Park picnic grounds on September 13. DOTRA members once again volunteered to cook. Dave, Mike Eckel and Mike DeAngelo were the chief cooks. There was plenty of food and beverages for the 57 people who attended. Many other salads, and desserts, etc were donated by Board members and other members. A 50/50 netted \$195.00. Because DOTRA did all the shopping, food preparation and cooking, we made a profit of \$729.30. The bees were a problem that needs to be addressed for next year. The picnic will be held on Wednesday, September 18, next year to avoid conflict with the solemnity of September 11 services, which falls on the second Wednesday of September in 2024.

Holiday Luncheon: Plans are continuing for the December 13 event at Mercer Oaks. A \$500 deposit has been sent to the caterer, \$125. paid to MCP for the venue and Frank Pinto will again be entertaining us with music from his keyboard. We will have a menu very similar to our past luncheons including 2 pastas; the cost to guests will be \$40.00 and we will partially subsidize the expense from profits made at the picnic. Deadline for reservation will be the first week of December, specific date TBD. A flyer will be in the November DOTLine.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Sandy requests that all DOTLine articles be sent to her promptly/NLT October 15. Directors were asked to contact any DOTRA friends in the Carolinas and in Florida to see if there is any interest in social events there.

Since there was no additional business to report or act on, a motion to close the meeting was made by Mike E and seconded by Janice and the motion passed. Clint adjourned the meeting at 12:04 PM. The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at Padrino’s at 11 AM. This is Election Day. The Directors will stuff and seal the envelopes with the November DOTLine for those DOTRA members who receive their correspondence by USPS.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Mansfield

Recording Secretary