

MINUTES OF MEETING

On Tuesday, December 5, 2023, the DOTRA Directors held a Board meeting at Padrino's Restaurant. After establishing that there was a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 11:24 AM by President Clinton Griggs. The following were in attendance:

Bob Miller	Clinton Griggs Mike Eckel	Sandy Furness Andrea Mansfield

Absent were Dave Bizuga, Ann Fratticcioli, Donna Troiano and Janice DeJohn. Jim Dixon attended as an active member.

MINUTES: The November minutes were approved as distributed. Mike Eckel moved to accept the minutes and Sandy Furness seconded.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's report was distributed by Dave Bizuga by e-mail prior to the meeting and read by Clint. Balance as of 11/30/23 was \$16,281.21 including \$4,868.62 in the checking account. A motion to accept this report was made by Andrea Mansfield and seconded by Bob Miller. The report was filed for audit.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Ann Fratticcioli reported via e-mail that there was \$20.00 received for two renewals in November.

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 was absent, so there was nothing new to report.

Employee Memorial Committee – Janice DeJohn was absent, so there was nothing new to report.

Historian – Mike's article for DOTLine on preparing for weather events will be held for later printing.

Chaplain – It was reported that Louis Stoetzel has recently passed away; he was not a DOTRA member.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Holiday Luncheon: Plans are confirmed for the December 13th event at Mercer Oaks. 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 is \$40.00 and DOTRA will partially subsidize the expense from profits made at the picnic. Deadline for reservation was December 1 and 58 people are attending and we can accommodate four additional people. Door prize donations are very welcome and there will be a 50/50.

March Breakfast- Dave has been in contact with Town & Country Diner to reserve our date and plan the menu and cost for the breakfast on March 20th. The meal will be served family-style, rather than plated. In this way, the food will be hotter when it is served quickly.

Trenton Thunder Game- Available dates for 2024 season are July 18th and 25th. Fireworks and a picnic supper are scheduled for both of those nights. Jim Dixon is handling the details. He will request July 18th and utilize July 25th as a back-up date. We will be in the covered picnic area.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS: The Happy Hour is on hiatus for December. Sandy suggested that we offer an incentive to encourage annual members to transfer to Life Membership by perhaps giving a small discount. Because several board members were absent, the discussion was postponed until the January meeting.

Since there was no additional business to report or act on, a motion to close the meeting was made by Sandy and seconded by Bob and the motion passed. Clint adjourned the meeting at 12:00 PM. The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 2, 2023 at Padrino's at 11 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Mansfield

Recording Secretary