

## MINUTES OF MEETING

On Tuesday, May 2, 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 11:06 AM by President Clinton Griggs. The following were in attendance:

Bob Miller	Clinton Griggs	Sandy Furness
Ann Fratticcioli	Mike Eckel	Andrea Mansfield
Janis Stia	Janice DeJohn	Mike DeAngelo

These Directors were absent: Jay Johnston, Frank Palise, Donna Troiano and Dave Bizuga. Jim Dixon attended as an active member.

The minutes of the April 4, 2023 meeting were tabled until the June meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's report was presented by Mike DeAngelo for Dave Bizuga. Balance as of 4/30/2023 was \$16,234.35 including \$5025.49 in the checking account. A motion to accept this report was made by Bob Miller and seconded by Ann Fratticcioli. The report was filed for audit.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Ann Fratticcioli reported that there are three new members to add: Ron Kuzma and Robert Cebrick requested annual memberships and David Kook requested Life membership in DOTRA. Ann moved that we accept the requests for membership; seconded by Andrea Mansfield. The motion carried. \$20.00 was received for dues renewals. Total received \$115.00.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Nominating Committee –There are now 13 Board members for 2022-23 including Acting Director Mike DeAngelo who will be installed at the June meeting. Jay Johnston was nominated by Ann to become the chair of the Nominating Committee; Mike Eckel seconded the nomination and the motion passed. Clint will reach out to Jay to assure that he is willing to accept the chairmanship. The directors who are up for re-appointment for 2023-2024 are Frank Palise, Jay Johnston, Janis Stia and Ann Fratticcioli. Janice DeJohn said she would update the responsibility chart.

By-Laws –No new items reported.

Website – Ann reported that updates have been made or added as needed. The DOTRA.org website was renewed. The 2023-24 cost is \$264.

Employee Memorial Committee-- Janice DeJohn reported that the DOT Librarian has discovered old news articles reporting deaths of two DOT employees who are currently not on the memorial. Research is being done to verify the details before adding them to the memorial.

Historian –Mike has written an article **A Short History of New Jersey Part Three**. Part Three appears in the May 2023 DOTLine.

Chaplain – It was reported that Robert Kraml has passed away. Robert was a DOTRA member.

Audit – The Audit was completed on April 11, 2023 and the records were all in order.

## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

**Florida Luncheon**---Jim Dixon wrote an article for the May DOTLINE to see if he can get some feedback on the amount of interest for a Florida DOTRA activity. So far, he hasn't been able to identify anyone willing to be the southern organizer.

**Happy Hour** -- The May Happy Hour will be on May 25, the fourth Thursday at 4 PM at Jimmy's Sports Bar on Rt 130 in Bordentown. Ann will publish a notice on the DOTRA FaceBook page and the website about next month's Happy Hour. All are urged to attend this pleasant, informal event.

**June Luncheon**— Janice DeJohn contacted Mannino's on RT 130 Yardville to confirm our reservation for Wednesday, June 14. Janis negotiated the contract for 50 people (BYOB permitted) and paid the \$300 deposit. The restaurant will charge \$27 per person plus tax and tip. DOTRA will charge \$35 per person (the same as last year). It was agreed that DOTRA would assume the cost of wine and dessert, rather than increase the price.

**September Picnic**—Mike Eckel has reserved MCP Rosedale Park picnic grounds for September 13. DOTRA members will volunteer to cook, once again. A flyer will be distributed with the August DOTLine with full details.

TRIPS—No trips are in the pipeline currently; in general, any bus trip requires 50 participants. A trip to a Trenton Thunder game is planned and Jim Dixon will make a reservation for July 20. The baseball game is expected to cost \$28. On Thursday night, they usually have fireworks. It would not be a bus trip; everyone would get to Waterfront Park on their own; therefore, no commitment to a certain attendance number would be required.

OLD BUSINESS: No old business to report.

NEW BUSINESS: Because USPS first-class fees will rise to \$.66 on July 9, we will purchase additional envelopes before that date. Donna Troiano will pick them up.

Since there was no additional business to report or act on, a motion to close the meeting was made by Mike Eckel and seconded by Bob Miller and the motion passed. Clint adjourned the meeting at 11:44 am. The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday June 6, 2023 at Padrino's at 11 am. Reservations for the June luncheon should be confirmed by that day.

Respectfully submitted,

*Andrea Mansfield*

Recording Secretary