

MINUTES OF MEETING

On Tuesday, June 6, 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 11:04 AM by President Clinton Griggs. The following were in attendance:

Ann Fratticcioli	Clinton Griggs	Sandy Furness
Janis Stia	Mike Eckel	Andrea Mansfield
Dave Bizuga	Jay Johnston	Mike DeAngelo
Donna Troiano		

These Directors were absent: Bob Miller, Janice DeJohn and Frank Palise.
Jim Dixon attended as an active member.

The minutes of the April 4, 2023 meeting were received and approved as corrected. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Jay Johnston and seconded by Donna Troiano.

The minutes of the May 2, 2023 meeting were received and approved as corrected. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Jay Johnston and seconded by Donna Troiano.
Jay announced that he is resigning from the Board of Directors after 20years of service to DOTRA.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's report was presented by Dave Bizuga. Balance as of 5/31/2023 was \$15,979.06 including \$4,734.74 in the checking account. A motion to accept this report was made by Sandy Furness and seconded by Mike Eckel. The report was filed for audit.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Ann Fratticcioli reported that there are two new members to add: Cindy Katz requested annual membership and Alwin Eugene requested Life membership in DOTRA. Ann moved that we accept the requests for membership; seconded by Andrea Mansfield. The motion carried. \$85.00 was received for dues from new members. Total received \$85.00. Frederick Beech's DOTLine was returned as "undeliverable". Ann will look into this. The DOTRA post office box has officially closed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Nominating Committee –There are now 12 Board members for 2022-23 including Acting Director Mike DeAngelo who will be installed at the June general membership meeting. The directors who are up for re-appointment for 2023-2024 are Frank Palise, Janis Stia and Ann Fratticcioli.

By-Laws –No new items reported.

Website – Ann reported that updates have been made or added as needed.

Employee Memorial Committee—There was no report this month.

Historian –Mike has written an article on Canals for the August DOTLine

Chaplain – It was reported that David Sichik, Robert Verner, Joseph Maresca and Joseph Accera have passed away. Joseph Maresca was a DOTRA member.

Audit – The Audit was completed on April 5, 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 contacted.

Happy Hour -- The June Happy Hour will be on June 22, 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. There was discussion about moving the Happy Hour to a new location for next month.

Anniversary Luncheon— The June luncheon will be held at Villa Mannino, 73 RT 130 Yardville on Wednesday, June 14 at 11:30am. The restaurant is charging \$27 per person plus tax and tip for the 5-course family style lunch. DOTRA is charging \$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. Janis and Ann will order the dessert and set up the wine table. The deadline for reservations was yesterday, June 5th. 48 reservations have been received. Final count to Villa Mannino's is due on Thursday.

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 bus 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 has made a reservation for August 10. The baseball game cost is \$28 and includes admission to the game and a picnic supper. Gate opens at 6 PM. On Thursday night, the Thunder has 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. To date, 20 people have made a reservation. Deadline is July 14.

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

NEW BUSINESS: Jim has photos of the softball team and this may lead to a human-interest story for DOTLine.

The DOTLine deadline for articles is July 10, which is a few days earlier than usual.

Since there was no additional business to report or act on, a motion to close the meeting was made by Mike and seconded by Sandy and the motion passed. Clint adjourned the meeting at 11:56 am.

The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday August 1, 2023 at Padrino's at 11 am. The DOTLine mailing will be prepared.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Mansfield

Recording Secretary