

MINUTES OF MEETING

On Tuesday, August 1, 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 11:10 AM by President Clinton Griggs. The following were in attendance:

Ann Fratticcioli	Clinton Griggs	Janice DeJohn
Dave Bizuga	Mike Eckel	Mike DeAngelo
Donna Troiano	Bob Miller	

These Directors were absent: Andrea Mansfield, Janis Stia, Frank Palise and Sandy Furness. Jim Dixon attended as an active member.

The minutes of the June 6, 2023 meeting were received and approved as corrected. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Dave Bizuga and seconded by Janice DeJohn.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's report was presented by Dave Bizuga. Balance as of 6/30/23 was \$15,549.29 including \$4,269.50 in the checking account. Balance as of 7/31/23 was \$15,821.52 including \$4,502.70 in the checking account. A motion to accept this report was made by Bob Miller and seconded by Mike Eckel. The report was filed for audit.

Dave reported that the P.O. Box in West Trenton is officially closed. All agreed that Dave Bizuga may apply for a Debit Card from the CUNJ for use by the DOTRA treasurer.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Ann Fratticcioli reported that there are 3 new members to add: Judi Shanoskie requested annual membership and Daniel Yacovino and Andrea Baj requested LIFE membership in DOTRA. Ann moved that we accept the requests for membership; seconded by Mike Eckel. The motion carried. \$ 160 was received for dues from new members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Nominating Committee – There are now 12 Board members for 2022-23 including Acting Director Mike DeAngelo who was installed at the June general membership meeting. The Directors who are up for re-appointment for 2023-24 are Frank Palise, Janis Stia and Ann Fratticcioli.

Clinton Griggs announced that Janis Stia and Frank Palise will not be renewing their Director positions. Mike DeAngelo announced that his house in South Carolina will be finished early, so he will be moving at the end of September. Mike expressed pleasure at being able to participate in DOTRA.

By-Laws – no discussion

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

Employee Memorial Committee – Janice DeJohn reported that 3 names from the 1940's need to be added to the Employee Memorial.

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

Chaplain – Ann Fratticcioli reported that the following have passed away: Lynne Gash, Enzo DePiero, Richard Gephart, Thomas Stathopoulos, William Cochran, Susan C. Hendrickson, and Karen Romanowsky. The following DOTRA members have passed away: Edward Downs, Walter Sharpe, John Rainiero (a former Director), and William Dill.

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 August Happy Hour will be on August 24, 2023 (weather permitting) at Curtins Warf, Burlington. Ann will publish a notice on the DOTRA FaceBook page and the website. All are urged to attend this pleasant, informal event.

Anniversary Luncheon – The June luncheon had 50 attendees who all enjoyed themselves. The total income was \$1750 against \$1416.99 expenses resulting in a balance of \$333.01. Also the 50/50 earned \$175.

September Picnic – Mike Eckel has reserved MCP Rosedale Park picnic grounds for September 13. DOTRA members have volunteered to cook, once again. A flyer will be distributed with the August DOTLine with full details. Ann provided a list of needed supplies for the picnic. Each item was assigned to a Director. Ann will email the final list of assignments.

Trips– A trip to a Trenton Thunder game is planned and Jim Dixon has made a reservation for Thursday, August 10. The baseball game cost is \$28 and includes admission to the game and a picnic supper. Gate opens a 6 PM. On Thursday nights, the Thunder has fireworks. It will not be a bus trip. Everyone would get to Waterfront Park on their own. To date Jim has 32 signed up. Jim gave out tickets to those that were present including stadium maps and seat assignments.

OLD BUSINESS: _None

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

Since there was no additional business to report or act on, a motion to close the meeting was made by Bob Miller and seconded by Mike Eckel and the motion passed. Clint adjourned the meeting at 12:18 PM. The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at Padrino's at 11 AM. The Directors stuffed and sealed the envelopes with the August DOTLine for those DOTRA members who receive their correspondence by USPS.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Troiano
Acting Recording Secretary