

MINUTES OF MEETING

On Tuesday, December 7, 2021, 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:

Mike Eckel	Janis Stia	Clinton Griggs	Sandy Furness
Dave Bizuga	Janice DeJohn	Bob Miller	John Raniero
Andrea Mansfield	Donna Troiano	Frank Palise	Ann Fratticcioli

These Directors were absent: Frank Stia, Jay Johnston, and Joe Bodnar. Jim Dixon attended as a volunteer.

The minutes of the 11/02/21 meeting were received and approved as corrected. Jim Dixon did not attend the November meeting. The motion to approve the corrected minutes was made by Mike Eckel and seconded by Sandy Furness.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's report was presented by Dave Bizuga. Balance as of 11/30/2021 was \$14,249.14, including \$3,451.72 in the checking account. A motion to accept the report was made by Donna Troiano and seconded by Janis Stia. The report was filed for audit.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Janis Stia reported that there were 4 new members applying during November (\$170.00), for a total of \$230.00 dues collected. There were 6 renewal payments (\$60.00). Applicants for annual membership are **Rosalie Neuls** and **John Campi**. Applicants for Life membership are **Mark Dzurilla** and **Scott Deeck**. Janice moved that we accept these membership requests, Andrea Mansfield seconded and the motion carried. Directors were reminded that renewal payments are due on January 1.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Nominating Committee –There are now 15 Board members for 2021/2022. The Board can function well with fifteen members.

By-Laws –Janice DeJohn will update the bylaws as necessary.

Website – Ann noted that the website continues to move along and she is updating information as needed, including any links to other websites that may be of interest to our membership.

Employee Memorial Committee –Janice reported that there has not been a recent meeting of the EMC; DOTer Meg Frampton is keeping the committee going mostly by herself. DOTRA will move slowly toward assuming the responsibilities of the EMC.

Historian – Mike Eckel is writing an article for the February DOTLine issue on the DOT in the early days during the Depression.

Chaplain – Frank Palise reported that former DOT employees Bill Doran III, Joan Butterworth***, and Jill Luciano*** have recently passed away. ***Denotes DMV employee.

Audit – The Audit Committee has completed its work for this year. Nothing to report until Spring 2022.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Holiday Luncheon-- Janis Stia confirmed that our annual luncheon at Mercer Oaks has 61 paid attendees. A flyer with full details was included in the November DOTLine and e-blasts were sent several times. All plans are subject to change due to any new COVID restrictions. Cost is \$38.00 to each attendee. Final date for reservation was December 1. All Directors are encouraged to attend and door prizes will be happily accepted. Next year, the reservation deadline should be 10 days to 2 weeks prior to the luncheon and it should be clear that this date is the “*money must be received by*” date. Mercer Oaks wants a firm number of attendees one week before.

Happy Hour—Happy Hour for December will be held at Uno’s on Sloan Rd., Hamilton and all members are encouraged to attend at 4PM on the fourth Thursday of each month. However, in December, the Happy Hour will be on the third Thursday, to not conflict with the Christmas. Next Happy Hour is Thursday December 16. Ann will post all the details on FaceBook including the location.

Spring Breakfast---In January, plans for the March breakfast will start. The first decision is to select a venue. Donna and Clint will look into a few places. Several suggestions were discussed, but nothing was firmed up.

TRIPS—No trips are being planned currently.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS : Janice DeJohn will assume the responsibility for the monthly Sunshine cards until Donna is comfortable shopping in person again.

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 Janis and the motion passed. Clint adjourned the meeting at 11:40 pm.

The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday January 4, 2022 at a location TBD.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Mansfield

Recording Secretary