

MINUTES OF MEETING

On Tuesday, June 1, 2021, the DOTRA Directors held a socially distanced Board meeting at Tessara Restaurant. This was the sixth meeting since the COVID-19 lockdown began in March 2020.

After establishing that there was a quorum and following the Pledge of Allegiance, the meeting was called to order at 11:13 am by President Clinton Griggs. The following were in attendance:

Mike Eckel	Frank Stia	Clinton Griggs
Frank Palise	Janice DeJohn	Bob Miller
Andrea Mansfield	Janis Stia	Ann Fratticcioli
Donna Troiano		

These Directors were absent: John Raniero, Dave Bizuga , Jay Johnston, Joe Bodnar and Gerry Sellner. Jim Dixon attended as a volunteer.

The minutes of the 5/04/21 meeting were received and approved as distributed. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Mike Eckel and seconded by Janis Stia.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's report was presented by Frank Stia. Balance as of 5/31/2021 was \$15,121.86, including \$4,375.94 in the checking account. A motion to accept the report was made by Bob Miller and seconded by Donna Troiano. The report was filed for audit. Frank received copies of previous annual audits from Frank Palise.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Janis Stia reported that there were no new annual members joining during May. There were no new life members. There was no income from renewals. No membership cards have been sent during the pandemic.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Nominating Committee –There are 15 Board members for 2020/2021. There is nothing new to report. Frank Palise will be stepping back from his duties as Chaplain, Auditor and DOTLine editor and Clint asked for volunteers to step into these roles.

By-Laws –Nothing new to report from Janice DeJohn. The By-Laws were updated in March of 2020.

Website – Ann Fratticcioli reported that the website continues to receive a lot of visitors and she is updating information as needed.

Employee Memorial Committee – Janice DeJohn reported that there has not been a meeting of the EMC and therefore, nothing new to report.

Historian – Mike Eckel wrote an article about the NJ Turnpike for DOTLine which will be used in the August DOTLine edition.

Chaplain – Frank Palise reported the passing of the following: Roseann Byrne (97) and William Patrick Dey. (58).

(* denotes DOTRA member)

Audit – The Audit Committee (Frank Palise, Dave Bizuga and John Raniero) has not yet met to prepare the 2020 audit. A formal report will be presented as soon as possible. Frank Stia has given all the statements to Frank Palise.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Fall Picnic— Mike has secured a permit from MCPC for a picnic to be held at Rosedale Park on Wednesday, September 8. A discussion about caterers occurred since our long-time caterer, Fred & Pete’s Deli, is no longer in business. It was decided that we would ask members to bring their own sandwiches, etc and DOTRA will supply drinks, snack items and desserts & coffee. There will be no charge to the guests but we will ask for a response to get a head count.

Holiday Party-- Janis has reserved December 8th for our annual luncheon at Mercer Oaks. No further action is needed at this time.

Happy Hours—Happy Hour at Mastoris Diner has resumed and all members are encouraged to attend at 5 PM on the fourth Thursday of each month. There are reduced priced drinks and a free food buffet.

TRIPS--No trips are planned at this time.

OLD BUSINESS: The next DOTLine is in August and DOTRA will be back to our full schedule in August and a full DOTLine will be published to feature our annual picnic on September 8 and other upcoming events.

Articles are due to Frank P by July 15.

A DOTLine Digital-only edition will be sent in June to members who have provided e-mail addresses. This will be a quick “catch-up” with dates for upcoming events. Send any information for this to Ann Fratticcioli by June 15.

There was a discussion regarding members who are in arrears with their dues. Members who have not paid dues since 2018 or prior are being dropped from the membership roster. Those who have not paid in 2019 and/or 2020 will not be charged for the missing years, provided they still want to be members and pay the current dues. A letter will be sent to these delinquent members asking them to clarify their membership status and reminding them that they can pay \$75.00 for a lifetime membership and hence, never have to write another check for dues.

NEW BUSINESS There will be no meeting in July, as is our custom.

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

The next Board meeting will be held on August 3 at Tessara.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Mansfield

Recording Secretary