

MINUTES OF MEETING

On Tuesday, February 7, 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:

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

These Directors were absent: Dave Bizuga, Ann Fratticcioli, and Jay Johnston.
Jim Dixon attended as a volunteer. We are trying to recruit new Directors/we now have 12 Directors.

The minutes of the January 3, 2023 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 Clint for Dave Bizuga. Balance as of 1/31/2023 was \$16,108.23, including \$5,021.30 in the checking account. A motion to accept this report was made by Donna Troiano and seconded by Janice DeJohn. The report was filed for audit. With the resignation of Frank Stia, we need to fill the position of Assistant Treasurer.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Janis Stia reported that there are three new members to add. Shawn Rabban and James Badgley request annual membership (\$10.00) in DOTRA and Lawrence Vogel requests Life Membership. Janis moved that we accept Shawn, James and Lawrence requests for membership; Bob Miller seconded; the motion carried. \$10.00 was received for renewal of dues. Total received \$105.00.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Nominating Committee –There are now 12 Board members for 2023--24. The Board can function with twelve members but an effort will be made to recruit new Board members. We also need to find an Assistant Treasurer and to replace Joe Bodnar.

By-Laws –Janice DeJohn had nothing to report.

Website – There was no report this month.

Employee Memorial Committee –Janice DeJohn reported that there has not been a recent meeting of the EMC.

Historian –Mike has written an article **A Short History of New Jersey Part Two**. Part Two will appear in the February 2023 DOTLine. There will be a Part Three in May DOTLine.

Chaplain – It was reported that Cliff Ellis, Joan Fell and Susan Robbins have passed away. Cliff and Joan were DOTRA members.

Audit – The Audit will take place before April 15.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Florida Luncheon---Stef Franken is no longer the contact and a new organizer for the Florida DOTRA group has not been found. Directors are asked to reach out to anyone they feel may be able to act as liaison for the Florida members. Jim Dixon remains in contact with Stef, in hope of finding a coordinator for the Florida meet-up.

Happy Hour -- The January Happy Hour was on January 26, the fourth Thursday, at 4 PM at Jimmy's Sports Bar on RT130 in Bordentown. On February 23, we will return to Jimmy's. Ann will publish a notice on the DOTRA FaceBook page and the website. All are urged to attend this pleasant, informal event.

Spring Breakfast – The breakfast will be held at Town & Country Diner in RT 130 Bordentown on March 15 at 9 AM. The cost will be \$20.00 and the menu will be the same as last year. DOTRA will be subsidizing a small part of the breakfast cost. It was re-iterated that the 50/50 proceeds are not part of the profit/loss of each event. And this should be shown separately on the event summary sheet. Janis and Janice will bring the event summary sheet up-to-date. Reservations for the breakfast are due on March 6. A flyer is in the February DOTLine.

TRIPS—No trips are in the pipeline currently; Jay Johnston will no longer be the main organizer but will work as part of a team, as trips are planned. In general, any bus trip requires 50 participants.

OLD BUSINESS: Mike DeAngelo has agreed to join the Board and to become the DOTRA Assistant Treasurer. He is moving to South Carolina in the not-too-distant future but has agreed to serve until then. Mike was unanimously accepted as a Board member. His term will officially begin in June; until then he will be an acting member.

NEW BUSINESS : No new business to report.

Since there was no additional business to report or act on, a motion to close the meeting was made by Bob and seconded by Mike and the motion passed. Clint adjourned the meeting at 11:30 **am**.

The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday March 7, 2023, at Padrino's. at 11 am. Reservations for the Breakfast are due on March 6.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Mansfield

Recording Secretary