

On Tuesday, March 5, 2024, 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 11:09 AM by President Clinton Griggs. The following were in attendance:

Bob Miller Ann Fratticcioli Janice DeJohn	Clinton Griggs Mike Eckel Dave Bizuga	Sandy Furness Andrea Mansfield

Donna Troiano was absent. Jim Dixon attended as an active member.

MINUTES: The February minutes were approved as distributed by e-mail prior to the meeting by Andrea Mansfield. Mike Eckel moved to accept the minutes and Sandy Furness seconded.

TREASURER’S REPORT: The Treasurer’s report was distributed by Dave Bizuga by e-mail prior to the meeting and read by Dave at the meeting. Balance as of 2/29/24 was \$16,668.47 including \$5,197.59 in the checking account. A motion to accept this report was made by Bob Miller and seconded by Sandy. With costs rising on restaurant expenses, Dave will monitor the monthly cost of the lunch at Padrino’s. The report was filed for audit.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Ann Fratticcioli reported that there was \$195.00 received for membership in February- 3 members (Andrea Mansfield, Cindy Katz and Jane Andreson) converted from annual membership to life membership at the bonus rate of \$65.00.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Nominating Committee – There are now 9 Board members for 2023-24 term. There was a discussion about ways to interest general members to get more involved and, perhaps, join the Board of Directors. All current members are asked to contact any DOT retiree who may like to volunteer to serve on the Board. At this point, our greatest need is the Assistant Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, Nominating Chair and Chaplain.

By-Laws – No discussion this month.

Website – Ann reported everything is “up to date” on the website. She will continue to post notices on FaceBook and send e-mail blasts as appropriate.

Employee Memorial Committee – Janice DeJohn reported that nothing has changed since the last update.

Audit: Dave has organized the annual DOTRA audit; Janice, Sandy and Andrea will form the Audit Committee. The Committee will meet on March 18 at 1 PM.

Historian – Mike is preparing an article for the May DOTLine about interstate highways in New Jersey.

Chaplain – It was reported that Bruce Cosaboom [78] and George McCarthy Sr.[78] have recently passed away. Neither were DOTRA members.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

March Breakfast- Dave has contracted with Town & Country Diner for the breakfast on March 20th. The meal will be served family-style, rather than plated. The attendee's cost will be \$24.00 per person and DOTRA will fund any cost over-run. Dave is the contact for reservations, which are due no later than March 11. A flyer is in the February DOTLine. 21 reservations have been received as of today.

Trenton Thunder Game- Available dates for 2024 season are July 18th and 25th. Fireworks and a picnic supper are scheduled for both of those nights. Jim Dixon is handling the details and has requested July 18th; July 25th will be the back-up date. We will be in the covered picnic area and the cost of each ticket will be \$28.00, the same price as last year. We must pay for 20 tickets upfront to reserve our space and Dave will write that check. The second payment will be due to The Thunder by June 22. Complete details will be on a flyer in the May DOTLine and the deadline for a reservation will be May 31. Jim will distribute the tickets at the June Luncheon.

June Luncheon- The luncheon will be on June 12 at Villa Mannino Ristorante, #73 RT 130, Bordentown. The price will be kept close to \$35.00, as it was last year. Lunch will be served family style and it is a BYOB event. DOTRA will supply bottles of wine. There will be a 50/50 and donated door prizes. We will have a speaker from The Credit Union of NJ, who is an expert on coping with "hackers" and we will comp their meal. Dave prepared a check in the amount of \$300. to Villa Mannino to reserve the date.

Picnic- Mike has reserved the Rosedale Park picnic area for September 18. We have the space from 10 AM to 8 PM.

Happy Hour- The Happy Hour will resume on March 28. The Flying Pig on RT 130 Bordentown will be the meet-up place starting at 4 PM-6 PM. Their happy hour menu can be found online.

OLD BUSINESS: Dave suggested that a short description of *each* Board member's responsibilities be included in the May DOTLine, in an effort to demonstrate that none of

the jobs are too time-consuming. Sandy will need these in Word Document form by April 15. These descriptions should also be added to the DOTRA by-laws.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business to discuss.

Since there was no additional business to report or act on, a motion to close the meeting was made by Andrea and seconded by Sandy and the motion passed. Clint adjourned the meeting at 11:55 AM. The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at Padrino's at 11 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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