

## MINUTES OF MEETING

On Tuesday, January 3, 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 11:05 AM by President Clinton Griggs. The following were in attendance:

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

These Directors were absent: Jay Johnston and Joe Bodnar. Jim Dixon attended as a volunteer. Joe Bodnar has submitted his letter of resignation from the DOTRA Board of Directors after more than 30 years of service. We are trying to recruit new Directors/we now have 12 Directors.

The minutes of the December 6, 2022 meeting were received and approved as distributed. The motion to approve the 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 12/31/2022 was \$16,176.84, including \$5,140.60 in the checking account. A motion to accept this report was made by Bob Miller and seconded by Janis Stia. 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 is one new member to add. Kevin Conover, after 32 years in Multi-Modal Safety, requests annual membership (\$10.) in DOTRA. Janis moved that we accept Kevin's membership request; Andrea Mansfield seconded; the motion carried. \$10. was received for renewal of dues. The post office box rental is due soon. After a robust discussion, a proposal was made to cancel the PO box and have a Director receive the mail at their home. Ann Fratticcioli volunteered to do this. The Post Office will forward mail for one year after the PO box is closed. The change of address will be announced in DOTLine, on Facebook, on the membership application form and on every flyer. This move will save DOTRA \$182 a year. Janis is resigning as Membership Chair in April.

### 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 – Ann Fratticcioli noted that the website and the FaceBook page continue to be updated monthly, including any links to other websites that may be of interest to our membership. Included are various 'Save the Dates' for DOTRA events, DOTRA flyers and retirement luncheon flyers, etc. All links are working properly and up-to-date. Ann will update the address for remittances on the website and the FaceBook page.

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 may be a Part Three in May DOTLine.

Chaplain – It was reported that Gregory Bac has passed away in November. He was not a DOTRA member.

Audit – No report needed until Spring 2023.

## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

**Holiday Luncheon**—The luncheon was held Tuesday, December 13 and the price increased to \$40.00. We had many door prizes and a 50/50 netted DOTRA \$315. We have 84 reservations. Thanks were given to everyone who helped make the afternoon a success.

**Florida Luncheon**---Stef Franken is no longer the contact and we are seeking a new organizer for the Florida DOTRA group. Directors are asked to reach out to anyone they feel may be able to act as liaison for the Florida members. Jim Dixon is in contact with Stef, in hope of finding a coordinator for the Florida meet-up.

**Happy Hour** -- The December Happy Hour was on December 15, the third Thursday, at 4 PM at Jimmy's Sports Bar on RT130 in Bordentown. On January 26, 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. The cost will be \$20.00 and the menu will be the same as last year. Reservations are due on March 6. A flyer will be 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: “Baby Picture” contest appeared in the November DOTLine. There were 11 submissions. Will Dey correctly guessed 9 of the 11 and he was awarded a prize at the Holiday luncheon.

NEW BUSINESS : Mercer Oaks has reserved December 13, 2023, for our Holiday Luncheon.

Since there was no additional business to report or act on, a motion to close the meeting was made by Donna Troiano and seconded by Mike and the motion passed. Clint adjourned the meeting at 11:59 am.

The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday February 7, 2023, at Padrino's. at 11 am. After the meeting is adjourned, the February DOTLine will be prepared for mailing.

Respectfully submitted,

*Andrea Mansfield*

Recording Secretary