

MINUTES OF MEETING

On Tuesday, April 4, 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 11:07 AM by President Clinton Griggs. The following were in attendance:

Jay Johnston	Clinton Griggs	Sandy Furness	Donna Troiano
Bob Miller	Mike Eckel	Ann Fratticcioli	Mike DeAngelo
Dave Bizuga	Janice DeJohn		

These Directors were absent: Andrea Mansfield, Frank Palise and Janis Stia. Jim Dixon attended as an active member.

The minutes of the March 7, 2023 meeting were received and approved as corrected. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Mike Eckel and seconded by Bob Miller.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's report was presented by Dave Bizuga. Balance as of 3/31/2023 was \$16,117.86 including \$4,944.49 in the checking account. A motion to accept this report was made by Janice DeJohn and seconded by Mike Eckel. The report was filed for audit.

Dave reported that the IRS form 990N (e-Postcard) was filled out and submitted on March 7, 2023. Dave also announced that he is willing to complete the Treasurer's financial information on submitted Activity/Expense Reports since he has easy access to this data. This will make it easier on the activity chair. The format of the Monthly Financial Report will be slightly different from now on. It will automatically pull details from the Treasurer's excel records making audits easier.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Ann Fratticcioli reported that there are two new members to add, Ron Kuzma and Robert Cebrick requested annual membership and David Kook requested Life membership in DOTRA. David Kook would be our first member who is still working at the DOT. Anne moved that we accept the requests for membership; seconded by Mike Eckel. The motion carried. \$20 was received for dues renewals. Total received \$105.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Nominating Committee – There are now 13 Board members for 2022—23 including Acting Director Mike DeAngelo. Since there is no current chair of the Nominating Committee, Clinton Griggs agreed to reach out to those directors whose terms expire in June to confirm their willingness to continue to serve. Those directors are Frank Palise, Jay Johnston, Janis Stia and Ann Fratticcioli.

Janice DeJohn said she would update the responsibility chart.

By-Laws – Nothing reported.

Website – Ann reported that updates have been made or added as needed. The DOTRA.org website is ready for renewal. Ann will renew. The 2021 cost was \$264.

Employee Memorial Committee-- Janice DeJohn reported that the DOT Librarian has discovered old news articles reporting deaths of two DOT employees who are currently not on the memorial. Research is being done to verify the details before adding them to the memorial.

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

Chaplain – It was reported that Peter Radice, and Michael Kjetsaa have passed away. Michael Kjetsaa was a DOTRA member.

Audit – The Audit is scheduled for April 5, 2023.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Florida Luncheon---Jim Dixon will write an article for the May DOTLINE to see if he can get some feedback on the amount of interest for a Florida DOTRA activity. So far, he hasn't been able to identify anyone willing to be the southern organizer.

Happy Hour -- The February Happy Hour was on March 23, the fourth Thursday at 4 PM at Jimmy's Sports Bar on RT130 in Bordentown. On April 27, 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 was held at Town & Country Diner in RT 130 Bordentown on March 15 at 9 AM. The cost was \$20.00. There were 52 reservations received for a total of \$1,040.00 and the amount paid to Town & Country was \$1226.35. DOTRA covered the expense of \$186.35. 50/50 receipts were \$205.00. Ed Baker donated several door prizes handmade by his wife.

June Luncheon— Janice DeJohn contacted Mannino's on RT 130 Yardville to confirm our reservation for Wednesday, June 14. Janis negotiated the contract for 50 people (BYOB permitted) and paid the \$300 deposit. The restaurant will charge \$27 per person plus tax and tip. DOTRA will charge \$35 per person (the same as last year). It was agreed that DOTRA would pick up the cost of wine and dessert, rather than increase the price.

September Picnic—Mike Eckel has reserved MCP Rosedale Park picnic grounds for September 13.

TRIPS—No trips are in the pipeline currently; in general, any bus trip requires 50 participants. A trip to a Trenton Thunder game was discussed and Jim Dixon will look into it. The baseball game is expected to cost around \$28. Preferred dates are the last week in July. Thursday nights they usually have fireworks. It would not be a bus trip; everyone would get to Waterfront Park on their own, therefore, no commitment to a certain attendance number would be required.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dave Bizuga requested a list of the types of materials that are being archived. Bob Miller agreed to develop a list for the May 2 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Articles for the May DOTLINE are due to Sandy Furness no later than April 15. Sandy would like to have more input from our DOT snowbirds that fly or live down south. She might even start a new section for news outside of New Jersey.

Since there was no additional business to report or act on, a motion to close the meeting was made by Jay Johnston and seconded by Ann Fratticcioli and the motion passed. Clint adjourned the meeting at 12:15 pm. The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday May2, 2023 at Padrino's at 11 am. At the close of the meeting, the May DOTLine will be prepared for mailing.

Respectfully submitted, Acting Recording Secretary, Donna Troiano