

## MINUTES OF MEETING

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

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

Absent were Dave Bizuga and Donna Troiano. Jim Dixon attended as an active member.

**MINUTES:** The October minutes were approved as corrected. There were 5 names added to The Employee Memorial plaque, not 3. Bob Miller moved to accept the minutes and Sandy Furness seconded.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Treasurer's report was distributed by Dave Bizuga by email prior to the meeting and read by Clint. Balance as of 10/31/23 was \$16,418.40 including \$5,026.08 in the checking account. A motion to accept this report was made by Andrea Mansfield and seconded by Mike Eckel. The report was filed for audit.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Ann Fratticcioli reported that there are no new members to add in October. There was \$20.00 received for renewals.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Nominating Committee** – There are now 9 Board members for 2023-24 term. We need to actively seek additional members to 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 and Chaplain.

**By-Laws** – No discussion this month.

**Website** – Ann reported that updates have been made or added as needed. She has added photos from our recent events, the picnic and the DOT golf outing.

**Employee Memorial Committee** – Janice DeJohn reported that there have been many changes in administrative positions at NJDOT headquarters in recent weeks, most notable is the DOT Commissioner has been named as the Governor Murphy's Chief of Staff. So far, this has not affected the maintenance of The Employee Memorial or anything else related to DOTRA.

Historian – Mike’s article for the November DOTLine on preparing for weather events was bumped from the issue so that an expanded report on The Employee Memorial Remembrance Ceremony about the 5 people who lost their lives in the 1940’s could be included. The 5 men were Arthur Reinhardt, Walter Eckert, Jeremiah O’Brien, William Kays and Joseph Platt. Janice did a great deed by bringing this to the attention of our membership.

Chaplain – Ann reported that William Young, Arthur Marchione and Anne Marchetti have recently passed away; they were not DOTRA members.

## **SOCIAL ACTIVITIES**

**Holiday Luncheon:** Plans are continuing for the December 13th event at Mercer Oaks. A \$500 deposit has been sent to the caterer, \$125. paid to MCP for the venue and Frank Pinto will again be entertaining us with music from his keyboard. We will have a menu very similar to our past luncheons including 2 pastas; the cost to guests will be \$40.00 and we will partially subsidize the expense from profits made at the picnic. Deadline for reservation is December 1. A flyer is in the November DOTLine. Door prize donations are very welcome and there will be a 50/50.

**March Breakfast-** Dave has been in contact with Town & Country Diner to reserve our date and plan the menu and cost for the breakfast on March 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Trenton Thunder Game-** Available dates for 2024 season are July 18th and 25<sup>th</sup>. Fireworks and a picnic supper are scheduled for both of those nights.

**OLD BUSINESS:** There was no old business to discuss.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The Happy Hour is on hiatus for November and December. DOTLine #122 will be prepared for mailing when the meeting is over.

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 11:50 AM. The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at Padrino’s at 11 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Andrea Mansfield*

Recording Secretary