

## MINUTES OF MEETING

On Tuesday, May 4, 2021 the DOTRA Directors held a socially distanced Board meeting at Tessara Restaurant. This was the fifth meeting since the COVID-19 lockdown began in March 2020.

After establishing that there was a quorum and following the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our recently deceased members, the meeting was called to order at 11:05 am by President Clinton Griggs. The following were in attendance:

Mike Eckel	John Raniero	Clinton Griggs	Jay Johnston
Frank Palise	Janice DeJohn	Bob Miller	Janis Stia
Andrea Mansfield			

These Directors were absent: Dave Bizuga, Ann Fratticcioli, Frank Stia, Joe Bodnar, Donna Troiano and Gerry Sellner. The Board noted the passing of long-time board member Lou Papp, who died in March. Jim Dixon attended as a volunteer.

The minutes of the 11/03/20 meeting were received and approved as distributed. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Mike Eckel and seconded by Bob Miller. A motion to approve the 10/06/20 minutes was made by Mike and seconded by Janice DeJohn. There was not a quorum present at the November meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's report was presented by Janis Stia for Frank Stia. Balance as of 4/30/2021 was \$15,243.56, including \$4,506.44 in the checking account. A motion to accept the report was made by John Raniero and seconded by Frank Palise. The report was filed for audit.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Janis Stia reported that there were no new annual members joining during November, December, January, February, March and April. There were no new life members.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Nominating Committee –There are 15 Board members for 2020/2021. There is nothing new to report.

By-Laws –Nothing new to report from Janice DeJohn. The By-Laws were updated in March of 2020.

Website – Ann Fratticcioli was absent so there was no new report.

Employee Memorial Committee – Janice DeJohn reported that there has not been a meeting of the EMC and therefore, nothing new to report.

Historian – Mike Eckel wrote an article about the NJ Turnpike for DOTLine which will be used in the next Full DOTLine edition.

Chaplain – Frank Palise reported the passing of the Connie Cifelli (59).  
(\* denotes DOTRA member):

Audit – The Audit Committee ( Frank Palise, Dave Bizuga and John Raniero) will meet soon to prepare the 2020 audit and to file the tax return.

## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Fall Picnic— Mike has secured a permit from MCPC for a picnic to be held at Rosedale Park on Wednesday, September 8. A discussion about caterers occurred since our long-time caterer, Fred & Pete's Deli, is no longer in business. It was decided to table this discussion until we have a better feel for the timing of the end of the pandemic.

Holiday Party-- Janis has reserved December 8<sup>th</sup> for our annual luncheon at Mercer Oaks. No further action is needed at this time.

Happy Hours—Since restaurants and bars are gradually re-opening, we can expect Happy Hours to resume soon.

TRIPS--No trips are planned at this time.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS The next DOTLine is due in May, however, we will send an abbreviated edition to the membership who subscribe by e-mail on or about June 1. It is expected that DOTRA will be back to our full schedule in August and a full DOTLine will be published in order to feature our annual picnic on September 8.

Since there was no additional business to report or act on, a motion to close the meeting was made by Mike and seconded by Frank P and the motion passed. Clint adjourned the meeting at 11:51am.

The next Board meeting will be held on June 1 at Tessara.

Respectfully submitted,

*Andrea Mansfield*

Recording Secretary