

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 8th 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