

MINUTES OF MEETING

On Tuesday, April 5, 2022, 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:

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

These Directors were absent: John Raniero, Jay Johnston, Bob Miller, Donna Troiano and Joe Bodnar. Jim Dixon attended as a volunteer.

The minutes of the 3/01/22 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 3/31/2022 was \$15,445.34, including \$4,618.64 in the checking account. A motion to accept the report was made by Janice DeJohn and seconded by Ann Fratticcioli. The report was filed for audit.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Janis Stia reported that there was 1 new retiree applying for membership during March. Joseph Bigg applied for annual membership(\$10.); Janis moved that we accept this membership request, Andrea Mansfield seconded, and the motion passed. A total of \$20.00 dues was collected. There was 1 renewal payment (\$10.00). There are 341 members of DOTRA currently.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Nominating Committee –There are now 15 Board members for 2022. The Board can function well with fifteen members. Joe Bodnar is remaining on the Board for now but is inactive for the duration of the COVID pandemic. It is the time of year when Board members state if they are willing to serve another three-year term

By-Laws –Janice DeJohn will update the bylaws as necessary.

Website – Ann noted that the website continues to be updated as needed, 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. Ann distributed an updated, laminated membership card. She made one for each of the Directors. General consensus was that the cards an improvement of our previous yellow version and it was decided that Ann should make cards for all the membership, keep track of her expenses and the cards will be distributed to members as we see them or with mailed DOTLines; we will not do a separate mailing of the cards.

Employee Memorial Committee –Janice DeJohn reported that there has not been a recent meeting of the EMC; DOT'er Meg Frampton is keeping the committee going mostly by herself. DOTRA will move slowly toward assuming the responsibilities of the EMC.

Historian – Mike Eckel has plans for two articles for the future DOTLine issues; topics- canals and railroads.

Chaplain – Frank Palise reported that former DOT employees Nick Poveromo, Robert Toth and Leon Mount (MVC) have passed away. None were a DOTRA members.

Audit – The Audit Committee, Janice, Sandy, John Raniero and Dave met at Dave’s house to complete the annual audit in March. They reported that DOTRA increased the treasury by \$125.00. The final report will be archived.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Spring Breakfast -- On March 16, the Spring Breakfast was held at the Town & Country Diner at 177 RT 130 in Bordentown at 9:00AM. Menu included pastries, breads, scrambled eggs, home fries, bacon & sausage, French toast, pancakes, fresh fruit, juice, coffee, tea and milk. The cost to the attendees was \$20.00 per person, guests were welcome, and reservations were to be received by Ann Fratticcioli no later than March 9. The cost to DOTRA was \$993.43 and the receipts from attendees were \$980.00 plus \$123.00 from the 50/50. 48 attended. We had a great waitress, who suggested that we always ask for her for future events. Several attendees inquired about DOTLine and it was suggested that we bring copies of DOTLine to all events.

Happy Hour -- Happy Hour for March was held at Uno’s on Sloan Rd., Hamilton at 4PM on Thursday March 24. The next Happy Hour will be at Uno’s on April 28. All are urged to attend this pleasant, informal event.

June Luncheon---Janice and Ann researched several local venues and passed out a chart to point out pros & cons of each. After some discussion, it was the consensus that *Villa Mannino* at 73 RT 130 in Bordentown met all our needs. June 8 is the date and the venue is BYOB, but DOTRA will provide 2 wines for every table, but we will place the wines on a separate table to minimize waste. Villa Mannino is also allowing DOTRA to bring our own cake at no extra serving charge. Guest cost will be \$35.00 and reservation deadline is May 30.

September Picnic--Mike has secured the Mercer County Park at Rosedale on September 14 for our annual picnic. DOTRA prepare the food for the picnic, like we used to. Sandy will put a blurb in the May DOTLine and Ann will add a “Save the Date” to the website. We will be asking for volunteers cooking, salads, set-up & clean-up, dessert donations, etc. It was decided that we would *not* serve corn on the cob. Details will be finalized over the summer.

TRIPS—No trips are being planned currently; Jay Johnston was absent so there was no update.

OLD BUSINESS: April 15 is a firm deadline to get articles for DOTLine to Sandy. DOTLine has a new format and it takes time to get familiar with it. A flyer for the June luncheon will be included.

NEW BUSINESS : Tom Kondash has notified Dave that the NJDOT is creating a **Dispute Review Board**, which will include at least one retiree; the Board will meet 4 times a year for a full day and this is a part-time paid position. If anyone is interested in applying for a place on the DRB, Dave will post complete details on the website.

Since there was no additional business to report or act on, a motion to close the meeting was made by Mike and seconded by Janice and the motion passed. Clint adjourned the meeting at 12:23 PM.

The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday May 3, 2022, at Padrino’s.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Mansfield

Recording Secretary