

New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs  
2009 Midterm Board Meeting  
Saturday, October 17, 2009

Owego Treadway Inn, Owego NY

- A. President Joanne Czajkowski (TNT of CNY) called the 2009 Executive Midterm Board Meeting to Order at 8:05 AM.**
- B. Opening Reflection: Chaplain Barbi Cudney (Genesee Country MOTC) read a poem of Blessings and welcomed everyone.**
- C. Welcome - President Joanne Czajkowski (TNT of CNY) welcomed all to the Midterm Board Meeting.**
- D. Appointment of Minutes Approval Committee: Shirley Savage (So. Tier MOTC) and Barbi Cudney (Genesee Country MOTC) were appointed to the Minutes Approval Committee by President Joanne Czajkowski (TNT of CNY).**
- E. Roll Call - Recording Secretary Michele Camilleri (MOTC Queens) called the Roll. Present: President Joanne Czajkowski (TNT of CNY), Treasurer Glenda Chappell (TNT of CNY), Recording Secretary Michele Camilleri (MOTC Queens), Advisor Ruth Barone (Greater Rochester MOTC), Parliamentarian Myriam Lavora (MOTC Queens), Archivist Michele Camilleri (MOTC Queens), Calligrapher Nita Landes (Westside Suburban MOTC), Chaplain Barbi Cudney (Genesee Country MOTC), Club Banner Contest Chairman Linda Gettings (Greater Rochester MOTC), Librarian Kathlene Lyman (Schenectady MOTC), Membership Pins Chairman Glenda Chappell (TNT of CNY), Midterm Board Meeting Chairman Shirley Savage (So. Tier MOTC), Marie Simmons Scholarship Chairman Michele Camilleri (MOTC Queens), Marie Simmons Scholarship Treasurer/Vice Chairman Kathlene Lyman (Schenectady MOTC), Marie Simmons Scholarship Committee Member Linda Goldsworthy (POM of CNY), Marie Simmons Scholarship Committee Member Lisa Cartini (POM of CNY), Marie Simmons Scholarship Committee Member Barbi Cudney (Genesee Country MOTC), Marie Simmons Scholarship Committee Member Mary Grace Roach (Nassau County MOTC), Marie Simmons Scholarship Committee Member Karen Nichols (Madison-Oneida MOTC), Newsletter Contest Chairman Pam Reussow (Greater Rochester MOTC), Newsletter Editor Michele Szatkowski (Greater Rochester MOTC), Nominating Chairman Lisa Vanderbrook (MOTC Buffalo), Nominating Committee Member Lori Connolly (Greater Rochester MOTC), Nominating Committee Member Marie Vito (MOTC Buffalo), Photographer Sara LiPera (Greater Rochester MOTC), Procedure Manual Chairman Myriam Lavora (MOTC Queens), Publicity Chairman Janet Hranek (So. Tier MOTC), Research/Twin Data Registry Chairman Dessie Holliday (Greater Rochester MOTC), State Meeting Liaison Michele Szatkowski (Greater Rochester MOTC), State Meeting Liaison Lorena Cutt (Greater Rochester**

**New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs**  
**2009 Midterm Board Meeting**  
**Saturday, October 17, 2009**

MOTC), **2009 State Meeting Chairman Michele Szatkowski** (Greater Rochester MOTC), **2009 State Meeting Co-Chairman Lorena Cutt** (Greater Rochester MOTC), **2010 State Meeting Co-Chairman Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens), **2010 State Meeting Co-Chairman Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens), **2010 State Meeting Co-Chairman Shirley Savage** (So. Tier MOTC), **Twin Photo Registry Barbi Cudney** (Genesee Country MOTC) and **Website Committee Michele Szatkowski** (Greater Rochester MOTC). **Past Presidents:** **Nita Landes** (Westside Suburban MOTC), **Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) 2x, **Sharon Witul** (MOTC Buffalo), **Shirley Savage** (So. Tier MOTC), **Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens) 2x, **Ruth Barone** (Greater Rochester MOTC) and **Linda Goldsworthy** (POM of CNY).

**F. Officers Reports**

1. **President Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY) distributed the Emergency Telephone/Email List and the Current Executive Board Directory. She then read her report discussing what she had accomplished during the first half of the year and thanked everyone for their dedication. She informed us that Webmaster Gloria Thomas (Greater Rochester MOTC) had resigned her position on September 19, 2009. Report attached.
2. **Vice President - Kathy Brousseau** (Schenectady MOTC) absent. **President Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY) stated Kathy had car trouble and that she will try and be here during afternoon session. No report at this time. **President Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY) reminded everyone to switch their cell phones to either off or vibrate. She also asked that when speaking each person should state their name and club affiliation.
3. **Recording Secretary Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens) read her report. She discussed the mailing of the Board Meeting Minutes and Saturday General Meeting of the 2009 State Meeting. She recommended that the mailing deadline for the Saturday General Meeting Minutes be moved from September 1 to November 1. She reasoned that the clubs should see the copy of the minutes as corrected by the Executive Board and recommended to the General Membership for approval instead of the copy sent before the Executive Board has corrected the copy. Report Attached. **Ruth Barone** (Greater Rochester MOTC) asked if the Board will act on that or if the Procedure Manual Chairman will make the change. **Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) stated that if the Recording Secretary makes a recommendation and the Executive Board agrees that it is a good idea then it will be included in the next Procedure changes in April 2010. **Ruth Barone** (Greater Rochester MOTC) asked if we needed to make a motion for the Procedure Manual change. **Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) answered that Procedure Manual changes do not need a motion. **Recording Secretary Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens) called for

**New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs**  
**2009 Midterm Board Meeting**  
**Saturday, October 17, 2009**

1 corrections to the 2009 Friday Executive Board Meeting Minutes. **Ruth**  
2 **Barone** (Greater Rochester MOTC) made the following corrections: Page 2  
3 Line 26 add **Parliamentarian** before Myriam Lavora's name; Line 34 add  
4 comma after word where and change than to then; Line 43 add in after All  
5 were. **Ruth Barone** (Greater Rochester MOTC) asked if the changes  
6 proposed under Vice President were implemented. **Kathy Lyman**  
7 (Schenectady MOTC) stated that the change of the State Rep sending their  
8 club's newsletter with their articles instead of the Monthly Report was now  
9 acceptable. **Ruth Barone** (Greater Rochester MOTC) asked if these  
10 changes had been made to the Procedure Manual. **Procedure Manual**  
11 **Chairman Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) stated that these changes  
12 would be included in the new Procedures that will be distributed at the 2010  
13 Sunday Executive Board Meeting. **Lenore Ecker** (Kins of Twins) stated  
14 that she was at the Friday Board Meeting and began sending her club's  
15 newsletter with articles to the Vice President. She then received an email  
16 from the Vice President stating that this change had not gone through and  
17 that State Reps should send Monthly Reports. **President Joanne**  
18 **Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY) stated that she will follow up with the Vice  
19 President on this. **Shirley Savage** (So. Tier MOTC) asked if this was  
20 presented to the General Membership at the Saturday General Meeting.  
21 **Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) commented that we will need to see if this  
22 change is mentioned in those minutes. **Ruth Barone** (Greater Rochester  
23 MOTC) suggested the following changes: Page 5 Line 23 Lesley  
24 Longmcleod's name should be bolded; Page 8 Line 33 add a comma after  
25 the word only; Page 10 Line 12 add The State Meeting before word  
26 Chairman and Page 11 Line 10 add a comma after the word modified.  
27 **President Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY) called for a motion to accept  
28 the minutes as corrected. "I, **Nita Landes, a member of Westside**  
29 **Suburban MOTC, at this New York State Organization of Mothers of**  
30 **Twins Clubs Executive Board Meeting, move that we accept the**  
31 **Friday, April 24, 2009 Executive Board Minutes as corrected.**" This  
32 was seconded by **Mary Grace Roach** (Nassau County MOTC). All were in  
33 favor. Motion Approved. **Recording Secretary Michele Camilleri** (MOTC  
34 Queens) called for corrections to the 2009 Sunday Executive Board  
35 Meeting Minutes. **Ruth Barone** (Greater Rochester MOTC) made the  
36 following corrections: Page 3 Line 18 add a comma after the word Midterm;  
37 Line 40 the letter C in change should not be capital. Page 4 Line 20 add a  
38 comma after the word stand and Line 35 change the word She to Nita  
39 Landes (Westside Suburban MOTC). Ruth asked if a decision had been  
40 made as to how the Executive Board would be acknowledged during the  
41 State Meeting. **Ruth Barone** (Greater Rochester MOTC) made the  
42 following correction: Page 5 Line 25 & 26 add a hyphen to not-for-profit. She  
43 asked for clarification on Page 7 Line 32 as to who will be invited. The  
44 Recording Secretary will review the tape. Ruth asked if there was more to  
45 the conversation on Page 10 lines 6 & 7. The Recording Secretary will  
46

**New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs**  
**2009 Midterm Board Meeting**  
**Saturday, October 17, 2009**

review the tape. Ruth then asked if a question mark should be at the end of the sentence on Page 10 Line 24. Ruth asked for a correction on Page 8 Line 37 remove the word the before the word planning. **President Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY) called for a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. **"I, Marie Vito, a member of MOTC Buffalo, at this New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs Executive Board Meeting, move to accept the minutes of the April 26, 2009 Sunday Executive Board Meeting minutes be approved as corrected."** The motion was seconded by **Lisa Cartini** (POM of CNY). All were in favor. Motion approved. **Shirley Savage** (So. Tier MOTC) commented that she and Nita discussed that Ruth should be on the Minutes Approval Committee next year. Shirley added that Ruth had done a service to the organization by reviewing the minutes so carefully. **Recording Secretary Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens) called for correction to the 2009 Saturday General Meeting Minutes. **Ruth Barone** (Greater Rochester MOTC) asked if the President opened the meeting by stating she was opening the "44<sup>th</sup> Annual State Meeting" or "opening the Saturday General Meeting." The Recording Secretary will check the tape. **Ruth Barone** (Greater Rochester MOTC) asked if Lorena was saying the Guest Speaker Lesley Bauman is a past member on Page 1 Line 15. **Lorena Cutt** (Greater Rochester MOTC) stated that she did not say that. **Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens) pointed out that Lesley Bauman was speaking. **Ruth Barone** (Greater Rochester MOTC) made the following corrections: Page 1 Line 25 & 26 remove and Line 27 insert "Bylaws Article V Officers Section 3 Vacancies" after the word read and remove the wording applicable section. She then asked if the word "elected" was correct or should it be appointed on Line 30. **Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) stated that the motion says approved but the Board elected Glenda Chappell Treasurer by a majority. **Shirley Savage** (So. Tier MOTC) cautioned that the Executive Board has no authority to elect an officer. **Ruth Barone** (Greater Rochester MOTC) read By Law Article V Section 3 Vacancies second sentence "Vacancies occurring in any other office shall be filled for the unexpired term by a person elected by a majority vote of the remaining Executive Board." **Recording Secretary Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens) stated that the word elected was then correct. **President Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY) stated that we did research this point prior to the Friday Board Meeting and acted according to the By Laws. **Ruth Barone** (Greater Rochester MOTC) made the following corrections: Page 2 Line 36 add a comma after the word Meeting and Page 3 Line 9 add the word be after the word will. **Myriam Lavora** made the following correction to Page 7 Line 23 add the name Sarah before the last name Price. **Ruth Barone** (Greater Rochester MOTC) made the following correction to Page 7 Line 18 change the word of to the word for. She asked if the Memorial Service was before or after Lunch. **Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens) answered that we were running behind schedule and it was after Lunch. **Ruth Barone**

**New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs**  
**2009 Midterm Board Meeting**  
**Saturday, October 17, 2009**

(Greater Rochester MOTC) made the following corrections: Page 10 Line 16 Capitalize the first letter of each word in the phrase "Fashion through the Decades" and Line 27 change word recluse to recuse. She then asked if the Membership approved the Guidelines for Usage of the State Logo.

**Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) answered that this was a presentation of the Procedures and did not require a vote by the membership. This was to inform them that these Procedures were now in effect. **Ruth Barone**

(Greater Rochester MOTC) made the following changes: Line 41 add a comma after the word endeavor and Page 11 Line 43 change the word inducting to installing. She asked if the President used the wording as noted or did she use the wording adjourn the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual State Meeting. She stressed that it should be closed as the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual State Meeting. President Joanne Czajkowski called for a recommendation. **"I, Barbi Cudney, a member of Genesee Country MOTC, at this New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs Executive Board Meeting, move that we recommend that the corrected minutes of the Saturday General Meeting of April 25, 2009 be presented to the General Membership for Approval.** This recommendation was seconded by **Shirley Savage** (So. Tier MOTC). All were in favor. Motion approved.

**President Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY) thanked everyone who volunteered as a member of the Executive Board. She informed all in attendance that Kathy Lyman, Vice Chairman of the Marie Simmons Scholarship Committee is selling raffle tickets at 3 for \$5 or 1 for \$2. All proceeds will benefit the Scholarship Fund.

**President Joanne Czajkowski called a Ten Minute Break at 9:15 AM.**  
**Meeting recalled at 9:25 AM.**

**4. Treasurer Glenda Chappell** (TNT of CNY) reported that she has received dues from 23 clubs. She stated the bank inadvertently changed the type of account and was charged a service fee. She straightened this out with the bank and a refund was credited to the accounts. The Opening Balance as of 4/24/09 for the General Fund was \$3,347.51. Total Income was \$1,867.24. Total Expenses were \$152.84 for a Closing Balance as of 10/13/09 of \$5,061.91. The Opening Balance for the Eleanor Siegel Fund as of 4/24/09 was \$1,776.72. Total Income was \$1,414.46. Total Expenses were \$272.90 for a Closing Balance as of 10/13/09 of \$2,918.28. Report attached.

**5. Parliamentarian - Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) discussed what she has done so far this year. Report attached. She then presented the following:

Proposed New Amendments to the Bylaws/Standing Rules

a. By Laws Article VII section 2 add new section 3 Reopening

**New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs**  
**2009 Midterm Board Meeting**  
**Saturday, October 17, 2009**

Nominations: If for any reason it is desired to reopen nominations, it may be done by a majority vote. This motion is not debatable. It can be amended as to the time, but no other subsidiary motion can be applied to it. Each corresponding section will move down accordingly. (Section 3 will move to Section 4; Section 4 will become Section 5 and Section 5 will become Section 6. Myriam gave background on why this was proposed. This relates to the incident at the 2009 Saturday General Meeting where one member who had been nominated for a position removed herself from consideration for election and another individual was added for consideration. She stated that she referred to Robert's Rules for clarification on this situation. The wording for this amendment is taken from there. **Shirley Savage** (So. Tier MOTC) questioned the statement "It can be amended as to the time..." **Parliamentarian Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) stated that the time refers the meeting during which the nominations are made. She again referred to the 2009 State Meeting where the Nominations were closed and revisited the matter and decided to reopen them. **Shirley Savage** (So. Tier MOTC) asked if this means that a motion needs to be made to reopen the Nominations. **Parliamentarian Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) agreed that a motion is required to reopen the Nominations after they were closed. **Shirley Savage** (So. Tier MOTC) asked why we need the wording "amended as to the time". She stated that if we are making a motion to reopen the Nominations and we are stating that it is not debatable we do not need the wording "It can be amended as to the time". She questioned if this means the person making the motion can say reopen the Nominations at the next Midterm Board meeting. She again asked what does "amend as to the time" mean. **Parliamentarian Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) stated it was her understanding that it meant it allows us to reopen the Nominations at a different time than when they were originally executed. She stated that this wording comes directly from Robert's Rules. She reminded everyone that this is a proposal and we can change any or all of it. **Shirley Savage** (So. Tier MOTC) suggested ending the statement at "this motion is not debatable" and totally removing, "it can be amended as to the time, but" and leave the next part of the statement "no other subsidiary motions can be applied to it". She felt that leaving the time portion of the statement would lead to confusion. **Lisa Cartini** (POM of CNY) suggested leaving the statement but clarifying the statement to read during the meeting wherein the Nominations took place and limits and clarifies the time. **Shirley Savage** (So. Tier MOTC) explained that once the Saturday General Meeting is closed, the nominated officers are installed and the process is finished. If for some reason, on Sunday, we need to change the officers, this process is covered by the By Laws. **Lisa Cartini** (POM of CNY) stated that as the situation occurred at the 2009

**New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs**  
**2009 Midterm Board Meeting**  
**Saturday, October 17, 2009**

1  
2 Saturday General Meeting, the process had just ended and there was a  
3 change. **Parliamentarian Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) stated that  
4 once the business of the State Meeting has concluded, which means,  
5 the nominating process has finished and the elections have been held,  
6 we can not go back and reopen the Nominations. **Shirley Savage** (So.  
7 Tier MOTC) stated that it was her understanding that this proposal would  
8 allow, during the session of the General Meeting, to reopen the  
9 Nominations. **Marie Vito** (MOTC Buffalo) stated that she believed that  
10 is the meaning of the "as to the time". You are allowed to reopen the  
11 Nominations anytime before the elections. **Parliamentarian Myriam**  
12 **Lavora** (MOTC Queens) stated that she should have identified the By  
13 Laws Article as Article VII Section 2 Nominations and Elections. She  
14 also stated that the only time Nominations and Elections would take  
15 place is during the Saturday General Meeting. **Shirley Savage** (So. Tier  
16 MOTC) stated that sometimes it is the ambiguous words or wording that  
17 causes the most confusion. **Parliamentarian Myriam Lavora** (MOTC  
18 Queens) suggested leaving it the way the proposal was presented.  
19 **Marie Vito** (MOTC Buffalo) agreed that the proposal should be left as  
20 presented including the phrase "as to the time." She added that the  
21 phrase limited the time to the meeting and not beyond the close of the  
22 meeting wherein the Nominations and Elections take place. **Linda**  
23 **Goldsworthy** (POM of CNY) suggested changing the phrase "as to the  
24 time" to "it can be amended prior to the time of the vote". **Shirley**  
25 **Savage** suggested clarifying this by changing the sentence to "If for any  
26 reasons it is desired to reopen nominations during the Saturday General  
27 Meeting" and remove "as to the time". **Mary Grace Roach** (Nassau Co.  
28 MOTC) commented that once the vote is held and the meeting is closed  
29 the nominations can-not be reopened. **Parliamentarian Myriam**  
30 **Lavora** (MOTC Queens) stated that all the suggestions were sound and  
31 that she wanted everyone to be in agreement as to the wording. **Sharon**  
32 **Witul** (MOTC Buffalo) felt there was a need to clarify the statement of  
33 the "time". She explained that nominations can only be reopened  
34 during the Saturday General Meeting. **Parliamentarian Myriam**  
35 **Lavora** (MOTC Queens) suggested the wording as "If for any reason it is  
36 desired to reopen nominations within the business session of the  
37 Saturday General Meeting, it may be done by a majority vote." **Sharon**  
38 **Witul** (MOTC Buffalo) asked what if someone wants to reopen  
39 nominations at some other time. **Parliamentarian Myriam Lavora**  
40 (MOTC Queens) answered that the Saturday General Meeting is the  
41 only time this can be done. **Shirley Savage** (So. Tier MOTC) agreed  
42 with Myriam and stated that this allows us to remove the confusing  
43 statement of "as to the time." **Parliamentarian Myriam Lavora** (MOTC  
44 Queens) read the proposal: "If for any reason it is desired to reopen  
45 nominations, within the business session of the Saturday General  
46 Meeting, it may be done by a

**New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs**  
**2009 Midterm Board Meeting**  
**Saturday, October 17, 2009**

majority vote. This motion is not debatable and no other subsidiary motion can be applied to it.” **Shirley Savage** (So. Tier MOTC made a motion that did not include the wording of the proposal. **Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens) pointed out that the motion needed to reflect the changes and the actual wording of the proposal must be included in the motion. **Parliamentarian Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) agreed that the motion must include the new wording of the proposal. “I, **Shirley Savage, a member of Southern Tier MOTC, at this New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs Executive Board Meeting, move that we recommend By Laws Article VII Section 3 be change to ‘If for any reason it is desired to reopen nominations, within the business session of the Saturday General Meeting, it may be done by a majority vote. This motion is not debatable and no other subsidiary motion can be applied to it.’ Also that the remaining sections of this article be re-numbered starting with current Section 3 becoming Section 4 and continuing through the end of Article VII.”** The motion was seconded by **Nita Landes** (Westside Suburban MOTC). All were in favor. The motion was approved.

**President Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY) passed the sign up list for the Chinese Auction for the Ways and Means committee since Nancy McPeak (TNT of CNY) and Nancy Converse (TNT of CNY) were not in attendance. This year the theme is Anniversaries. Each club is asked to pick an anniversary and create their donation around it. Each basket should have a value of at least \$25.00

- b. **Parliamentarian Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) presented a change to By Laws Article VIII State Committees Section 2, reorganizing and alphabetizing the Chairmanships. The new wording to read as follows: Section 2. The following constitutes the Standing Committee Chairmen: All specific duties for the following chairmanships are listed in the Procedure Manual. A. Archivist, B. Calligraphy, C. Chaplain, D. Club Banner Contest, E. Future State Meeting a. Chairman, b. Co-Chairman, F. Historian, G. Librarian, H. Marie Simmons Scholarship a. Chairman, b. Treasurer/Vice Chairman, c. Fundraiser, d. Judging Members (5), e. Alternate (1), I. Membership Pins, J. Midterm Executive Board Meeting, K. Newsletter Contest, L. Newsletter Editor, M. Nominating, N. Photographer, O. Procedure Manual, P. Publicity, Q. Research/Twin Data Registry, R. State Meeting a. Chairman, b. Co-Chairman, S. State Meeting Liaison, T. State/National Liaison, U. Twin Photo Registry, V. Ways and Means and W. Webmaster. If there are any additions we would need to adjust the list to include the position in an alphabetical order. (Proposal attached) **Shirley Savage** (So. Tier MOTC) commented we need to add under M. Nominating a. Chairman b.



**New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs**  
**2009 Midterm Board Meeting**  
**Saturday, October 17, 2009**

1  
2 Committee Member (4). **Nita Landes** (Westside Suburban) asked when  
3 making a motion on this matter will we need to list this entire proposed  
4 change. **Parliamentarian Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) stated that  
5 this is an existing By Law. In the previous situation we were adding a  
6 brand new section. We needed to have the exact wording for the  
7 record. Here we are moving existing information around but not  
8 changing the meaning. **Michele Szatkowski** (Greater Rochester  
9 MOTC) asked why the Website Committee is not included.  
10 **Parliamentarian Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) stated that the  
11 Website Committee was not originally included and she does not have  
12 the authority without board's approval to add the position. She also  
13 pointed out that relates to Standing Committee Chairman. **Nita**  
14 **Landes** (Westside Suburban MOTC) pointed out that Calligraphy was  
15 not part of the original listing of chairmen. **Michele Camilleri** (MOTC  
16 Queens) stated that the Website Committee was created to help the  
17 Webmaster set up the website and to advise the Webmaster. It was not  
18 intended to be a permanent committee. She asked the committee  
19 member what she did as a committee member. **Michele Szatkowski**  
20 (Greater Rochester MOTC) answered that she did not do much now but  
21 in the past she helped or suggested things to the Webmaster. **Michele**  
22 **Camilleri** (MOTC Queens) stated that once the website was up and  
23 running and all the information put in place there was/is no need for the  
24 committee to continue to exist. **Parliamentarian Myriam Lavora**  
25 (MOTC Queens) stated that if it was the opinion of the Executive Board  
26 she could present an addition to the Standing Committees. **Shirley**  
27 **Savage** (So. Tier MOTC) suggested adding the additional position of the  
28 Website Committee to the List of Standing Committee Chairman to  
29 present it to the General Membership. She stated that we should add to  
30 W. a. Chairman b. Committee. **Parliamentarian Myriam Lavora**  
31 (MOTC Queens) noted that the Webmaster is already considered to be  
32 the Chairman. **Shirley Savage** (So. Tier MOTC) stated that you would  
33 set it up as it is for State Meeting with an a. Chairman and b. Committee.  
34 **Parliamentarian Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) stated that the title  
35 Webmaster is a person and you do not call it the Chairman of the  
36 Webmaster. **Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens) suggested  
37 Webmaster a. Committee. **Mary Grace Roach** (Nassau County MOTC)  
38 commented that when you have a team you need to list them under each  
39 position but Webmaster is only one person not a Chairman and a  
40 Committee. **Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens) stated that the Website  
41 Committee was created to help the Webmaster gather the information  
42 and input the data so that the website could be created. Once it was up  
43 and running, the committee did nothing to maintain it. There is no need  
44 for a Website Committee. The individuals that help gather information  
45 and forward it to the Webmaster for inclusion on the website is the  
46 chairmen of the various activities. She felt there was no need for a

**New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs  
2009 Midterm Board Meeting  
Saturday, October 17, 2009**

committee. **Michele Szatkowski** (Greater Rochester MOTC) stated that since the Website Committee is listed everywhere, if we are going to discontinue it, we should discuss this under New Business. **Ruth Barone** (Greater Rochester MOTC) pointed out that Calligraphy is not currently listed in the By Laws. **Holly Shear** (Schenectady MOTC) asked why we are discussing committees here when this section refers to chairman. **Shirley Savage** (So. Tier MOTC) noted that sometimes the committee is part of the Executive Board and other times a committee may be needed for a short period of time. **Michele Szatkowski** (Greater Rochester MOTC) questioned why we are adding committees under a chairman when this section pertains to chairmen. **Parliamentarian Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) reminded everyone that this is a proposal and any changes suggested can be made. **Linda Goldsworthy** (POM of CNY) agreed with Holly and questioned why we are discussing committees when this section does not include them. She suggested changing the heading to "Standing Committee Chairmen and Committees". **Parliamentarian Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) informed us that we could include that change in the title. It would read: "The following constitutes the Standing Committee Chairmen and Committees." **Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens) proposed the wording as "Standing Chairmen and Committees. **Glenda Chappell** (TNT of CNY) stated that we needed to change the second sentence of that heading to: "All specific duties for the following chairmanships and committees are listed in the Procedure Manual." **Parliamentarian Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) stated that it was pointed out that Calligraphy was not included in the original list of Chairmanships in this Section of the By Laws. The Calligrapher has long been considered a member of the Executive Board and will be listed under B. **President Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY) called for a motion. "I, **Shirley Savage**, a member of Southern Tier MOTC, at this New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs Executive Board Meeting, move that we recommend the changes to Article VIII Section 2 as presented with the following corrections J. Midterm Executive Board Meeting, M. Nominating a. Chairman and b. Committee Members (4). The opening statement for this section will read Section 2. The following constitutes the Standing Committee Chairmen and Committees. All specific duties for the following chairmanships and committees are listed in the Procedure Manual." The motion was amended as follows: all stays the same except the sentence: "The opening statement for this Section 2. The following constitutes the Standing Chairmen and Committees." The motion was seconded by **Marie Vito** (MOTC Buffalo). All were in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

**New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs**  
**2009 Midterm Board Meeting**  
**Saturday, October 17, 2009**

- 1  
2 c. **Parliamentarian Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) presented the  
3 proposed change to Article IX State Meetings Section 6 Invitations A.  
4 Clubs wishing to hostess a future meeting should present their invitation  
5 in writing to the State President. B. Invitations shall be considered and  
6 voted on by the registered voting delegates present at the Saturday  
7 General Meeting. C. Approval of future sites requires a majority vote of  
8 the registered voting delegates present and shall be limited to two [2]  
9 years in advance. D. When a future site is unavailable to be voted on as  
10 stated in Letter C., the Executive Board shall call for a vote of the  
11 membership to be done via registered mail/email, after the Midterm  
12 Executive Board Meeting. Each club is entitled to three [3] votes. The  
13 ballot forms signed by the club's President and State Representative are  
14 mailed to the Parliamentarian via registered (return receipt) mail by no  
15 later than December 15<sup>th</sup>. E. All meetings shall be held in New York  
16 State and only member clubs shall hostess a meeting. F. The State  
17 Meeting shall be self sustaining. Any surplus after expenses shall be  
18 given to the next State Meeting to be used for the state meeting  
19 expenses only and not be put in the General Fund. The reasoning for  
20 this change was presented as follows: clubs are hesitant to host a State  
21 Meeting. At the 2009 State Meeting a hosting site could not be  
22 approved by the membership because no one came forward to host the  
23 2011 State Meeting. Should this situation occur again it is necessary to  
24 have a plan of action in place to allow for a vote after the close of the  
25 Saturday General Meeting. **Shirley Savage** (So. Tier MOTC)  
26 commented this voting process should include Elected Officers and Past  
27 Presidents. **Linda Goldsworthy** (POM of CNY) asked why this vote  
28 cannot be held immediately after the meeting. This needs to be closer  
29 to the Midterm. **Parliamentarian Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens)  
30 stated the voting process will begin immediately after the Midterm  
31 Executive Board Meeting. After the meeting, the Parliamentarian  
32 needs time to prepare the ballots and distribute them, allow time for the  
33 Post Office to deliver the items and we need to give the clubs a month's  
34 cycle to discuss the matter because not all clubs meet on the same day  
35 and the mailing may come after their meeting is held for the month. We  
36 then need to allow time for the mailing to be returned to the  
37 Parliamentarian. **Shirley Savage** (So. Tier MOTC) pointed out that any  
38 changes to the By Laws, a 60 day notice must be given in the  
39 Presidential Papers prior to the taking of the vote. **Linda Goldsworthy**  
40 (POM of CNY) stated that this could be published in the Presidential  
41 Papers immediately after the Midterm Meeting. **Parliamentarian**  
42 **Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) the Presidential Papers is there to  
43 inform but it is the job of the Parliamentarian and the Executive Board to  
44 put into action any change and vote that may be required. She stated  
45 that this is a proposal that will impact a future problem but does not  
46 impact this year's situation. This situation has never happened before.

**New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs**  
**2009 Midterm Board Meeting**  
**Saturday, October 17, 2009**

1  
2 **Marie Vito** (MOTC Buffalo) asked why each club receives 3 votes not  
3 just one. **Parliamentarian Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) answered  
4 that it is stated in the By Laws that each club has three votes when voting  
5 on an issue at State Meeting. **Nita Landes** (Westside Suburban)  
6 stated that this has happened before when she was president. **Shirley**  
7 **Savage** (So. Tier) suggested adding the following to D. After the  
8 Executive Boards approval of the recommendation at the Midterm  
9 Executive Board Meeting shall call for a vote.... She again stated that  
10 the Elected/Appointed Officers and the Past Presidents should be  
11 included in the voting process just as they are in all other voting  
12 practices. **Glenda Chappell** (TNT of CNY) agreed that the Past  
13 President and Elected/Appointed Officers should be included in the  
14 voting process. **Lisa Cartini** (POM of CNY) suggested incorporating  
15 the vote in the Midterm Meeting. She recommended including in the  
16 Presidential Papers that a vote will be held at the Midterm Meeting and  
17 those wishing to vote should attend that meeting. If you and your club  
18 choose not to attend, then your club would be abstaining from the vote.  
19 She felt the December 15<sup>th</sup> deadline was too long and did not allow the  
20 proposed Hosting Club a chance to lock in the dates with the hotel. She  
21 stated that they came to the Midterm Meeting with their bid and now they  
22 cannot go back to the hotel with confirmation until after December 15<sup>th</sup>.  
23 There is no guarantee that the hotel can hold those days without a firm  
24 commitment. **Parliamentarian Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens)  
25 explained that everyone is invited to attend the Midterm Meeting but not  
26 everyone has the opportunity to attend. We cannot penalize them by  
27 not allowing them to vote on an issue. She reiterated that the  
28 December 15<sup>th</sup> deadline is a proposal and can be changed here before it  
29 is presented to the membership for their approval. **Erin Adams**  
30 (Schenectady MOTC) asked if someone decides to host the state  
31 meeting why, wait until Midterm to begin the process. As soon as they  
32 submit their proposal in writing why not begin the process.  
33 **Parliamentarian Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) explained that the  
34 Executive Board is given the responsibility to act on behalf of the  
35 membership. If this situation develops again, we the Executive Board  
36 cannot take it upon ourselves to vote on a matter that is vested in the  
37 membership. **Linda Goldsworthy** (POM of CNY) suggested sending  
38 out the proposal before Midterm. So the vote can take place at Midterm  
39 whether by their voting through email or regular mail or by proxy. If no  
40 one comes forward prior to Midterm, then the vote would move to a later  
41 date. We do not want to impede someone's ability to negotiate with a  
42 hotel and possibly losing their hotel because of an extended voting  
43 process. **Shirley Savage** (So. Tier MOTC) asked what happens if  
44 someone decides in August they want to host the State Meeting but  
45 another club decides they want to host it and they are unaware that  
46 another club has already made a presentation to the President. We

**New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs**  
**2009 Midterm Board Meeting**  
**Saturday, October 17, 2009**

1  
2 need to have a definite deadline that all members are aware of. She also  
3 stated that we need to add that anyone not responding with their votes  
4 will be considered an abstention from voting on this issue. **Michele**  
5 **Szatkowski** (Greater Rochester MOTC) stated that after the State  
6 Meeting, the President should let the clubs know what has happened  
7 and that a vote will be taking place at Midterm. They can send a  
8 representative to vote or mail in their vote so that they can be included in  
9 this process. **Parliamentarian Myriam Lavora (MOTC Queens)**  
10 stated that this was an unusual situation that does not and hopefully will  
11 not happen very often but we need to have a procedure in place that lets  
12 everyone participate in and gives everyone enough time to discuss the  
13 matter and vote on it. She asked about the deadline for the newsletter  
14 that is published immediately after the Midterm Meeting. **Michele**  
15 **Szatkowski** (Greater Rochester MOTC) answered that the next  
16 newsletter goes out the second Tuesday in November. **Parliamentarian**  
17 **Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) stated that perhaps by then, some  
18 clubs would have already met for the month and would need until  
19 December to discuss the matter with their membership. **Shirley**  
20 **Savage** (So. Tier MOTC) suggested that the vote be returned by  
21 December 1<sup>st</sup>. **Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens) stated that she felt  
22 that the clubs were being given too much time to vote on this matter.  
23 The clubs were aware that the bidding process was to take place at the  
24 State Meeting. No bid was presented. We are then giving them  
25 another six months to decide if they wish to host a state meeting. Then  
26 we are giving them two months to decide how they wish to vote on this  
27 matter. We should give them until September 1<sup>st</sup> to contact the  
28 President with their intent to put in a bid. By waiting any longer we are  
29 cutting into the planning phase by over 9 months. Allowing the deadline  
30 December 15<sup>th</sup> for the ballots to be returned, we are adding another  
31 week onto the time until we are notified of the outcome. That puts the  
32 hosting club into the holiday season at which time they will be busy with  
33 their own lives and they will not contact the hotel until after the New Year.  
34 That means they have sixteen months to plan the state meeting. What  
35 if after all that they have lost their hotel and are unable to find another.  
36 By setting September 1<sup>st</sup> as the deadline for informing the State  
37 President of their intention to host the state meeting then, by September  
38 5<sup>th</sup> the Parliamentarian and the President prepare the presentation on  
39 this. The Executive Board should not have to approve this matter  
40 before the General Membership is given the right to vote. This way  
41 when we come to the meeting in October, the bidding process has been  
42 completed, the membership was given the chance to vote and we are  
43 informed of the outcome in October instead of waiting until December to  
44 find out the outcome of the vote. **Parliamentarian Myriam Lavora**  
45 (MOTC Queens) asked that this matter tabled until later this afternoon  
46 after lunch.

**New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs  
2009 Midterm Board Meeting  
Saturday, October 17, 2009**

- 1  
2  
3 d. **Parliamentarian Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) presented the  
4 proposed addition to Standing Rule #XII. Two options were presented.  
5 1. Member clubs planning to participate in any of the State Meeting's  
6 events, must have a duly registered delegate representing their club and  
7 present at the Saturday General Meeting's morning and afternoon  
8 sessions. 2. In order to participate in any of the State Meeting's events,  
9 the member clubs must have a duly registered delegate representing  
10 their club and present at both sessions of the Saturday General Meeting.  
11 This was presented because some clubs come to the weekend and only  
12 participate in the "fun" events and do not send delegates to the Saturday  
13 General Meeting. This addition would make it mandatory for  
14 attendance at Saturday General Meeting with a registered delegate in  
15 order for a club to participate in any of the other activities of the  
16 weekend. **Shirley Savage** (So. Tier MOTC) suggested the first option  
17 because it more clearly defines what is expected. **Sharon Witul** (MOTC  
18 Buffalo) gave an example of her club how some of the members always  
19 attend the Saturday General Meeting and some go off and have fun the  
20 whole day. She asked how we can include those people. She also  
21 wanted to know how we know that clubs are not attending the Saturday  
22 General Meeting. **Parliamentarian Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens)  
23 explained that Sharon's club meets the requirement of having at least  
24 one duly registered delegate in attendance. The other women who  
25 choose not to attend the Saturday General Meeting are free to go and  
26 have fun although we would like them to attend too. Myriam explained  
27 that we know some clubs do not have registered delegates at the  
28 meeting because the Parliamentarian does not have credential forms for  
29 them so there is no duly registered delegate. They do not send the  
30 credential forms to the Parliamentarian but register to attend the State  
31 Meeting. We are concerned that clubs do the fun things but do not  
32 participate in the Saturday General Meeting. **Michele Szatkowski**  
33 (Greater Rochester MOTC) stated that there are clubs that do not come  
34 to the State Meeting but participate in the contests. **"I, Nita Landes, a**  
35 **member of Westside Suburban MOTC, at this New York State**  
36 **Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs Executive Board Meeting,**  
37 **move Standing Rule XII to read: Member Clubs planning to**  
38 **participate in any of the State Meeting's events, must have a duly**  
39 **registered delegate representing their club and present at the**  
40 **Saturday General Meeting, morning and afternoon sessions."** The  
41 motion was seconded by **Ruth Barone** (Greater Rochester MOTC).  
42 All were in favor of the motion. Motion approved.  
43

44 **Midterm Board Meeting Chairman Shirley Savage** (So. Tier MOTC) reported  
45 that we have 30 people registered but actually 28 Board Members, 6 Local Club  
46 Presidents in attendance, 6 State Representatives and 11 local clubs represented

**New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs**  
**2009 Midterm Board Meeting**  
**Saturday, October 17, 2009**

with Greater Rochester having the most members in attendance. Report attached. Due to the weather and the chance of rain the hotel has asked us if we would be willing to help them out. They have one wedding that was going to be outside but they need to move them inside. They have other weddings scheduled and the only rooms they have available are the rooms that we use. The hotel has asked if we would give them this room as well as the room we are using for Lunch. They have offered us the use of the hotel next door. We will be in the lobby (great room) of the Hampton Inn. In exchange for helping the Owego Treadway and the bridal party, the hotel has decided to compensate us by not charging for our Continental Breakfast or Lunch. She offered the following option for our checks of \$30 for Midterm Registration A. return your check to you, or B. donate your check to either the General Fund, the Marie Simmons Scholarship Fund or the Eleanor Siegel Fund. Please let Shirley what you want to do before the end of the day.

- 6. Advisor Ruth Barone** (Greater Rochester MOTC) discussed what she has accomplished during the last six months. Report attached.

**G. Standing Committee Reports**

- 1. Archivist Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens) informed everyone that files older than two years should be turned over to the archives. Report attached.
- 2. Calligraphy Nita Landes** (Westside Suburban MOTC) stated that her work really does not begin until closer to the State Meeting. After reviewing the Procedure Manual, she felt that the duties of Calligraphy should stay as is. Report attached.
- 3. Chaplain Barbi Cudney** (Genesee Country MOTC) thanked everyone for keeping her informed about all the happenings with members. Cards were sent to those individuals both suffering a hardship and celebrating a joyous occasion. She asked that pictures of deceased members be forwarded to her so they may be included on the Memorial Board that is displayed at the State Meeting. Report attached. Photos for the **Twin Photo Registry** were requested from all members and she thanked those that recently submitted photos. Report attached.

**Pam Reussow** (Greater Rochester MOTC) discussed Mamie Hoag's health status. She asked that everyone keep her in their thoughts. A card was passed for everyone to sign.

- 4. Club Banner Contest Linda Gettings** (Greater Rochester MOTC) stated the theme for this year's contest is "Life is a journey not a destination." Look for more information in the Presidential Papers and Third Call. Report attached.

**New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs**  
**2009 Midterm Board Meeting**  
**Saturday, October 17, 2009**

- 1
- 2 **5. Historian Diana Donovan Campisi** ((MOTC of Suffolk) absent; no report.
- 3
- 4 **6. Librarian Kathlene Lyman** (Schenectady MOTC) discussed that she is
- 5 constantly checking for new books relating to multiples to recommend to the
- 6 membership. Report attached.
- 7
- 8 **7. Membership Pins Glenda Chappell** (TNT of CNY) stated that this position
- 9 does not begin to do any work until before the State Meeting. She has
- 10 nothing to report at this time.
- 11
- 12 **8. Marie Simmons Scholarship Chairman Michele Camilleri** (MOTC
- 13 Queens) stated that she had updated all the Marie Simmons Scholarship
- 14 Procedures, that she had maintained communications with all committee
- 15 members and that the Committee had met Friday evening before the
- 16 Midterm Board Meeting. Applications have been sent to those that made
- 17 requests if they qualified. At that meeting, the Committee discussed
- 18 activities that could take place on a local level to help promote interest and
- 19 raise funds for the Scholarship Fund. These will be included in the article
- 20 that will be published in the Presidential Papers. Each member was asked
- 21 to donate a \$1 scratch off Lottery Ticket which will be raffled off at the State
- 22 Meeting. The number of tickets donated will determine the number of
- 23 prizes awarded. The membership will be informed of the number of prizes
- 24 before the State Meeting so that even those not attending will have the
- 25 opportunity to purchase chances to win the prizes. Advertisements could
- 26 be run in the Presidential Papers at \$100.00 per month or \$500.00 for all six
- 27 editions. The Committee determined that some of the ideas suggested at
- 28 the Sunday Board Meeting were not going to be used, such as a different
- 29 prize than money for the Calendar Raffle, lowering the prize of the Calendar
- 30 Raffle to \$100, raising the Membership Fee and giving the increased
- 31 amount to the Scholarship Fund. The Committee felt that at this time we
- 32 should recommend to the General Membership that we discontinue the
- 33 Mothers of Multiples Scholarship. The Committee will attempt to write to
- 34 past recipients and ask if they will consider making a donation to the fund.
- 35 **Michele Szatkowski** (Greater Rochester MOTC) on behalf of her club
- 36 presented \$120.00 to the Scholarship Fund for a Game Night that had at
- 37 their club. **Mary Grace Roach** (Nassau County MOTC) on behalf of her
- 38 club presented the Scholarship Fund with a check for \$1,000.00. **Michele**
- 39 **Camilleri** (MOTC Queens) discussed the scholarship checks not being
- 40 delivered as per the Procedural Guidelines of last and the then Chairman
- 41 Lesley Longmcleod's misunderstanding that the recipients needed to send
- 42 a receipt before they are given the award. The checks were lost in the mail
- 43 and new ones were issued. **Linda Goldsworthy** (POM of CNY) asked if a
- 44 stop payment was placed on the lost checks. **Marie Simmons**
- 45 **Scholarship Chairman Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens) stated that no
- 46 stop payment was issued because that would have cost \$30.00. The



**New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs**  
**2009 Midterm Board Meeting**  
**Saturday, October 17, 2009**

account that issued the checks was closed right after the new checks were cashed.

**9. Marie Simmons Scholarship Fundraiser Nancy Converse** (TNT of CNY) Absent. President Joanne Czajkowski (TNT of CNT) read Nancy's report. The report pertained to the 2008 – 2009 Calendar Raffle. 20 clubs participated with a total income of \$1,702.00. There were two winners sharing in the \$500.00 prize. Report attached. **Shirley Savage** (So. Tier MOTC) pointed out the name of the Fundraiser was omitted from the report. Please add this. She also pointed out that the Advisor's name needed to be added to her report. **Marie Simmons Scholarship Treasurer/Vice Chairman Kathy Lyman** (Schenectady MOTC) reminded everyone to pick up their clubs Calendar Raffle Packet.

**H. President Joanne Czajkowski (TNT of CNY) called the Lunch break at 11:40 AM. The Meeting was recalled by President Joanne Czajkowski (TNT of CNY) at 1:05 PM in the Hampton Inn, Owego, New York.**

**I. Roll Call - Recording Secretary Michele Camilleri (MOTC Queens) called the Roll. Present: President Joanne Czajkowski (TNT of CNY), Treasurer Glenda Chappell (TNT of CNY), Recording Secretary Michele Camilleri (MOTC Queens), Advisor Ruth Barone (Greater Rochester MOTC), Parliamentarian Myriam Lavora (MOTC Queens), Archivist Michele Camilleri (MOTC Queens), Calligrapher Nita Landes (Westside Suburban MOTC), Chaplain Barbi Cudney (Genesee Country MOTC), Club Banner Contest Chairman Linda Gettings (Greater Rochester MOTC), Librarian Kathlene Lyman (Schenectady MOTC), Membership Pins Chairman Glenda Chappell (TNT of CNY), Midterm Board Meeting Chairman Shirley Savage (So. Tier MOTC), Marie Simmons Scholarship Chairman Michele Camilleri (MOTC Queens), Marie Simmons Scholarship Treasurer/Vice Chairman Kathlene Lyman (Schenectady MOTC), Marie Simmons Scholarship Committee Member Linda Goldsworthy (POM of CNY), Marie Simmons Scholarship Committee Member Lisa Cartini (POM of CNY), Marie Simmons Scholarship Committee Member Barbi Cudney (Genesee Country MOTC), Marie Simmons Scholarship Committee Member Mary Grace Roach (Nassau County MOTC), Marie Simmons Scholarship Committee Member Karen Nichols (Madison-Oneida MOTC), Newsletter Contest Chairman Pam Reussow (Greater Rochester MOTC), Newsletter Editor Michele Szatkowski (Greater Rochester MOTC), Nominating Chairman Lisa Vanderbrook (MOTC Buffalo), Nominating Committee Member Lori Connolly (Greater Rochester MOTC), Nominating Committee Member Marie Vito (MOTC Buffalo), Photographer Sara LiPera (Greater Rochester MOTC), Procedure Manual Chairman Myriam Lavora (MOTC Queens), Publicity Chairman Janet Hranek (So. Tier MOTC), Research/Twin Data Registry Chairman Dessie Holliday (Greater Rochester MOTC), State Meeting Liaison Michele Szatkowski (Greater**

**New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs  
2009 Midterm Board Meeting  
Saturday, October 17, 2009**

Rochester MOTC), **State Meeting Liaison Lorena Cutt** (Greater Rochester MOTC), **2009 State Meeting Chairman Michele Szatkowski** (Greater Rochester MOTC), **2009 State Meeting Co-Chairman Lorena Cutt** (Greater Rochester MOTC), **2010 State Meeting Co-Chairman Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens), **2010 State Meeting Co-Chairman Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens), **2010 State Meeting Co-Chairman Shirley Savage** (So. Tier MOTC), **Twin Photo Registry Barbi Cudney** (Genesee Country MOTC) and **Website Committee Michele Szatkowski** (Greater Rochester MOTC). **Past Presidents:** **Nita Landes** (Westside Suburban MOTC), **Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) 2x, **Sharon Witul** (MOTC Buffalo), **Shirley Savage** (So. Tier MOTC), **Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens) 2x, **Ruth Barone** (Greater Rochester MOTC) and **Linda Goldsworthy** (POM of CNY).

**President Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY) announced that Marie Simmons Scholarship applications are available; see Michele Camilleri.

**Emergency Tree/Executive Board Directory Corrections:** Nancy Cuchiara (Nassau County MOTC) add to her email address: 106, and Lori Connolly (Greater Rochester MOTC) email address is: [lori.connolly86@gmail.com](mailto:lori.connolly86@gmail.com) Sharon Witul (MOTC Buffalo) house address is: 1525 and Pam Reussow's area code is (585). A new Executive Board Directory will be sent with these corrections. On the Club Roster see September/October newsletter: MOTC Queens slogan is "Where God chooses the members." Staten Island is called Staten Island Moms not MOTC.

**10. Marie Simmons Scholarship Treasurer/Vice Chairman Kathlene Lyman** (Schenectady MOTC) reported that she opened the new account at a local bank. The Opening Balance was \$4,111.01, Total Income \$776.00, Total Expenses \$520.25 with a Closing Balance of \$4,366.26.

**11. Newsletter Contest Chairman Pam Reussow** (Greater Rochester MOTC) stated that she created a survey to determine if clubs would like to submit their newsletters electronically or through regular mail. This will be discussed under new business along with the results of the survey. Report attached

**12. Newsletter Editor Michele Szatkowski** (Greater Rochester MOTC) apologized for the lateness of the last newsletter. Please write your own article. She cannot write everyone's report. Please look at the various newsletters because they have all the listing and directories.

**13. Nominating Chairman Lisa Vanderbrook** (MOTC of Buffalo) discussed what she has done so far this year. Report attached. Please review the list of eligibility to see if your name is correctly listed. **Linda Gettings** (Greater Rochester MOTC) asked if she has to complete a resume every

**New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs**  
**2009 Midterm Board Meeting**  
**Saturday, October 17, 2009**

year. One has to be completed or updated every year. President Joanne Czajkowski (TNT of CNY) stated that the Eligibility List is correct as presented.

**14. Photographer Sara LiPera** (Greater Rochester MOTC) No report. She is excited to be on the board and looks forward to meeting everyone.

**15. Procedure Manual Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) reported that she will update the Procedure Manual to: Calligraphy, which will stay the same; the Chaplain and the Calligrapher, will work together on the Memorial Board. The Newsletter Contest will be discussed under New Business. Marie Simmons Scholarship Fundraiser will need to include the additional fundraising project. The Marie Simmons Scholarship Chairman Letter of Responsibility will need to be incorporated into the Procedure Manual. Show & Sell proposed options: 1. Space fee for Show & Sell is not refundable. 2. Cancellations are accepted up to two weeks prior to the Show & Sell event and the space fee will be refunded by the State Treasurer. No refund is issued for cancellations within two weeks of the event. 3. When a cancellation is requested, a refund for the Show & Sell space fee will be issued at the discretion of the NYSOMOTC Executive Board – each request to be reviewed at the Friday Executive Board Meeting. She also put forth the following: If the cancelled space is re-sold to a new vendor before or within the 2 weeks – should the fee be refunded to the previous vendor and or should we consider emergency or last minute cancellations? We could not announce it but leave it discretionary to the Executive Board to approve a refund. **Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens) stated that she supports Proposal #2. **Procedure Manual Chairman Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) discussed the possibility of issuing refunds after the two week deadline stipulated in Proposal #2 when there is a waiting list. **Dessie Holiday** (Greater Rochester MOTC) stated that she liked Proposal #2 but felt that the stipulation Myriam presented should be included. **Linda Goldsworthy** (POM of CNY) asked how much the outside vendors pay. **Procedure Manual Chairman Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) informed Linda that they pay \$25. **Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens) stated that the problem with the stipulation is when we do not have a waiting list, the vendor that cancels will want to know why they were not entitled to the refund. Any contract has terms and limitations and there is no reason to stipulate what ifs. **Procedure Manual Chairman Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) agreed that it is fair that the Hosting Club should use their discretion to determine if a refund should be given. She corrected her statement that it is not at the discretion of the State Meeting Chairmen but that of the Executive Board. **Sharon Witul** (MOTC Buffalo) agreed with Michele that stipulations can cause problems and we do not want to cause those headaches for anyone. She felt Proposal #2 was fair and gave the Vendors plenty of time to cancel before the deadline of two

**New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs  
2009 Midterm Board Meeting  
Saturday, October 17, 2009**

1 weeks prior to State Meeting. **President Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of  
2 CNY) called for a motion. **"I, Linda Goldsworthy, a member of POM of**  
3 **CNY, at this New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs**  
4 **Executive Board Meeting, move to change the procedure for the Show**  
5 **& Sell cancellation policy to read – Cancellations are accepted up to**  
6 **two weeks prior to the Show & Sell event and the space fee will be**  
7 **refunded by the State Treasurer. No refund is issued for**  
8 **cancellations within two weeks of the event."** The motion was  
9 seconded by **Sharon Witul** (MOTC Buffalo). All were in favor. Motion  
10 approved. **Procedure Manual Chairman Myriam Lavora** (MOTC  
11 Queens) asked that everyone please take a look at all the revisions that  
12 have been processed up to this point (The list is part of the Procedure  
13 Manual Chairman's Report.)  
14  
15

16 **16. Publicity Janet Hranek** (Southern Tier MOTC) **Shirley Savage** (So. Tier  
17 MOTC) asked that we extend congratulations to Janet on 30 years of  
18 membership and she is now President of So. Tier MOTC. **Janet Hranek**  
19 (So. Tier MOTC) will set the date to send the info to clubs. This information  
20 will appear in the Presidential Papers. **President Joanne Czajkowski**  
21 (TNT of CNY) asked that Janet start advertising in local newspapers  
22 beginning in January. **Janet Hranek** (So. Tier MOTC) stated that she will  
23 try and have someone from the local paper attend and interview someone  
24 from the organization about the State Meeting.  
25

26 **17. Research/Twin Data Dessie Holliday** (Greater Rochester MOTC) asked  
27 that everyone send her any new Twin Data Forms. She asked that  
28 everyone keep the information current. She will contact the State Reps  
29 and remind them to send the information. Her research project will be  
30 about development in the twins. She will have a survey in the next  
31 Presidential Papers. Report and Survey attached.  
32

33 **18. State Meeting Liaison Co-Chairman Lorena Cutt** (Greater Rochester  
34 MOTC) distributed and reviewed the report on the evaluation forms from the  
35 2009 State Meeting. Report attached. **Ruth Barone** (Greater Rochester  
36 MOTC) asked if one person made the comment about the networking  
37 luncheon and that the day should be all about business. **State Meeting**  
38 **Liaison Lorena Cutt** (Greater Rochester MOTC) answered that the  
39 comment came from one person. The suggestion was that instead of  
40 having entertainment at Lunch, make it a working luncheon. That way  
41 everyone knows it is all about business. **Shirley Savage** (So. Tier MOTC)  
42 asked how they would network at the luncheon. **Lorena Cutt** (Greater  
43 Rochester MOTC) explained that there were no details or suggestions  
44 given. Report attached.  
45  
46

**New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs**  
**2009 Midterm Board Meeting**  
**Saturday, October 17, 2009**

1  
2 **19. 2009 State Meeting Co-Chairman Michele Szatkowski** (Greater  
3 Rochester MOTC) thanked her committee for all their dedication and help in  
4 planning and running the 2009 State Meeting. They had a great time and  
5 hope you did. She presented a check for \$759.42 to the 2010 State  
6 Meeting Committee. Final report attached.  
7

8 **20. 2010 State Meeting Co-Chairmen Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens),  
9 **Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) and **Shirley Savage** (So. Tier MOTC)  
10 presented the overview of the 2010 State Meeting. They did a brochure for  
11 all to take back to their clubs. **2010 State Meeting Co-Chairman Myriam**  
12 **Lavora** (MOTC Queens) asked if it would be alright to not send the Third  
13 Call Packet to the Executive Board. They will receive copies through their  
14 local club's State Rep or they will be able to download a copy from the  
15 website. This will be a cost saver for the 2010 State Meeting Committee.  
16 **Nita Landes** (Westside Suburban MOTC) asked who will receive the Third  
17 Call Packet. **2010 State Meeting Co-Chairman Myriam Lavora** (MOTC  
18 Queens) answered that the Elected/Appointed Officers, Past Presidents  
19 and State Reps would receive copies. She will email the Executive Board  
20 a copy. **Ruth Barone** (Greater Rochester MOTC) pointed out the Third  
21 Call Packet will also be published on the Website. **2010 State Meeting**  
22 **Co-Chairman Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) asked if it was alright not  
23 to send Third Call to the Executive Board via Regular Mail. All were in  
24 agreement. **2010 State Meeting Co-Chairman Michele Camilleri**  
25 (MOTC Queens) commented on some of the negative comments that were  
26 made about the 2010 State Meeting on the 2009 Evaluation Forms. She  
27 stated that it was not fair to pre-judge the next State Meeting. **Linda**  
28 **Goldsworthy** (POM of CNY) pointed out that the comments were probably  
29 meant as constructive criticism. **2010 State Meeting Co-Chairman**  
30 **Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens) read her report to the "Main Theme  
31 from Star Wars." Report attached.  
32

33 **21. State/National Liaison Mary Lou Surmik** (Southern Tier MOTC) absent.  
34 **President Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY) reported the next National  
35 Convention will be August 1 – 7, 2010 "Celebrating 50 Years" in Toledo, OH  
36 at the Park Inn Hotel. The 2011 Convention will be July 24 – 30, 2011  
37 "Sweet Home Chicago". More details to follow. The National website is  
38 NOMOTC.org.  
39

40 **22. Unity Project Mamie Hoag** (Greater Rochester MOTC) absent. No  
41 report.  
42

43 **23. Ways & Means Co-Chairman Nancy McPeak** (TNT of CNY) and Ways  
44 and Means Co-Chairman Nancy Converse (TNT of CNY) absent.  
45 **President Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY) read their report. Report  
46 attached.

**New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs  
2009 Midterm Board Meeting  
Saturday, October 17, 2009**

**24. Web Master - President Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY) again informed the Executive Board of the resignation of Gloria Thomas (Greater Rochester MOTC) on Sept. 19, 2009. She stated we need someone to take on this position and asked if there is anyone that can help with updating the website. **Sharon Witul** (MOTC Buffalo) asked what does the webmaster do and why is there outdated information on the site. **Michele Szatkowski** (Greater Rochester MOTC) stated that she, Lorena Cutt (Greater Rochester MOTC) and Lori Connolly (Greater Rochester MOTC) are willing to take over the duty of updating the website. **Janet Hranek** (So. Tier MOTC) asked how to get to the website. **President Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY) gave the information nysomotc.org. Regular membership access: user name: Just4us Password: state0102. **Michele Szatkowski** (Greater Rochester MOTC) stated that the same password gets you into the Members Only and Board Members Only **Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) stated that was not to be the case; each account should have a separate access. User name: Stateboard password: 0910.

**25. President Joanne Czajkowski** (TN of CNY) called on each of the Past President's in attendance to say a few words. **Nita Landes** (Westside Suburban MOTC) discussed her continued attendance at convention. She stated she winters in Florida and gave her address as: Nita Landes 1907 Canterbury Lane Unit F22, Sun City Center, FL 33573-5645. **Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) loved coming to our meetings and stated that there is something very special about this gathering. **Sharon Witul** (MOTC Buffalo) stated that it is wonderful to see so many new faces. **Shirley Savage** (So. Tier MOTC) enjoys being here it is wonderful to see all the new members are now involved. **Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens) stated that it is always wonderful to see everyone. She enjoys seeing all the people that come back year after year. **Ruth Barone** (Greater Rochester MOTC) discussed her family and the amount of time she has been coming. **Linda Goldsworthy** (POM of CNY) commented that she was happy to be here and thanked everyone for all the cards that were sent to her.

**President Joanne Czajkowski (TNT of CNY) called a Ten minute break at 2:25 PM. President Joanne Czajkowski (TNT of CNY) recalled the meeting at 2:35 PM.**

**J. Old Business:**

1. 2011 State Meeting Bid: **Parliamentarian Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) re-stated the situation with no bid being presented at 2009 State Meeting. She explained we are going to approve the bid but for the record and not to disavow the membership's right to participate in

**New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs**  
**2009 Midterm Board Meeting**  
**Saturday, October 17, 2009**

the voting process. She referred to the conversation from this morning pertaining to Article XI State Meetings Section 6 Invitations. **Linda Goldsworthy** (POM of CNY) asked for a clarification for allowing this year's bid process. **Parliamentarian Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) explained that we need to make an Executive Board decision today on how to handle this situation. **President Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY) gave the background on not having a club present a bid. Lisa Cartini on behalf of POM of CNY contacted **President Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY) with the request to host the 2011 convention. TNT of CNY will help with the Hospitality Room. We need to approve them as the 2011 State Meeting Hosting Committee. **Parliamentarian Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) agreed we need to make a Board decision approving them as the Hostess of the 2011 State Meeting. She stated that we need to establish this process in case this situation arises again and to allow the membership a say in who host and where the 2011 State Meeting will be held. **Shirley Savage** (So. Tier MOTC) stated that even though we are discussing a By Law change that will be voted on in April 2010 we need to inform the membership and allow them to vote on accepting this club's bid. A letter will be sent informing that due to this situation we want you to participate in allowing this club to host the State Meeting. **Linda Goldsworthy** (POM of CNY) stated that POM of CNY was under the impression that the decision was that a club came forward at the Midterm Meeting, they would present a bid and it would be accepted by the Executive Board. Not after the membership was presented with the decision and given their right to vote. **Parliamentarian Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) stated that we must adhere to the Bylaws. She did not feel it was the right thing to do by taking away the membership's right to have a say in the voting process on this matter. **Glenda Chappell** (TNT of CNY) proposed that because of this situation we cannot wait for the local clubs' approval. If this club does not have answer this weekend they could lose the hotel. We, the Executive Board should be allowed to conduct the business of the Organization in an emergency. **Kathy Lyman** (Schenectady MOTC) stated that it was in the Presidential Papers that if any club was interested in hosting, they should contact the President and come to the Midterm Board Meeting with their bid. **Erin Adams** (Schenectady MOTC) stated that Schenectady took over for Staten Island when they pulled out from hosting the 2006 State Meeting it was done mostly through emails and it was announced at the Board Meeting. **Linda Gettings** (Greater Rochester MOTC) commented that it was her understanding that if there was one bid, we do not vote. She asked why then we can't decide this today. **Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens) stated that if we do not do this today POM of CNY will not be able to request the State Meeting Loan. They will not be able to put down a deposit to hold the hotel and we could be without a 2011 State Meeting

**New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs**  
**2009 Midterm Board Meeting**  
**Saturday, October 17, 2009**

1 site. **Shirley Savage** (So. Tier MOTC) quoted the Bylaws Article VI  
2 section 2 D: "To transact necessary business as may be referred to  
3 them by member clubs." That gives us the authority to act on this.  
4 She felt that the President needs to inform the clubs of what has  
5 transpired. We need to allow this club to go forward. **Linda**  
6 **Goldsworthy** (POM of CNY) stated that they need to go back to the  
7 hotel and give them a check or we will lose the April 28, 29, 30 & May 1  
8 2011. **Sharon Witul** (MOTC Buffalo) stated that Westside had one  
9 year to plan their state meeting. President Joanne Czajkowski (TNT of  
10 CNY asked for a motion. "I, **Nita Landes, a member of Westside**  
11 **Suburban MOTC, at this New York State Organization of Mothers**  
12 **of Twins Clubs Executive Board Meeting move that this Executive**  
13 **Board accept the bid from POM of CNY to host the 2011 State**  
14 **Meeting."** The motion was seconded by **Karen Nichols**  
15 (Madison-Oneida MOTC). **Kathy Lyman** (Schenectady MOTC) asked  
16 if we need a motion to accept the bid or approve the host site. Some  
17 discussion but motion stands as is. All were in favor with 2 abstaining.  
18 Motion approved.  
19

20  
21 **Linda Goldsworthy** (POM of CNY) and **Lisa Cartini** (POM of CNY)  
22 gave their presentation for the 2011 State Meeting. The theme will be  
23 "Turtles just want to have fun." **Lisa Cartini** (POM of CNY) and **Linda**  
24 **Goldsworthy** (POM of CNY) will be Co-Chairman and the State  
25 Meeting will be held at the Embassy Suites in East Syracuse. All the  
26 details will appear in the next Presidential Papers. Report attached.  
27 **Sharon Witul** (MOTC Buffalo) was glad the turtles have been brought  
28 back to us. **Parliamentarian Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens)  
29 continued the discussion regarding the proposal in case no club comes  
30 forward to host a state meeting at the Saturday General Meeting. She  
31 stated the proposal again. "When a future State Meeting site is  
32 unavailable to be voted on as stated in Letter C, the Executive Board shall  
33 call for a vote of the membership to be done via registered mail/email,  
34 after the Midterm Executive Board Meeting. Each club is entitled to  
35 three (3) votes. The ballot forms signed by the Club's President and  
36 State Representative are mailed to the Parliamentarian via Registered  
37 (Return Receipt) mail no later than December 15<sup>th</sup>." The revised  
38 proposal as discussed this morning reads: "When a future site is  
39 unavailable to be voted on as stated in Letter C of this section, the  
40 Executive Board shall call for a vote of the membership to be done via  
41 Registered Mail/email, after the Executive Board recommends this at  
42 the Midterm Meeting. Each club is entitled to three (3) votes, each  
43 Officer is entitled to one vote and each Past President is entitled to one  
44 vote for each term served. The ballot forms signed by the Club's  
45 President and State Representative, or Officer or Past President, are  
46 mailed to the Parliamentarian via Registered (Return Receipt) mail by



**New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs**  
**2009 Midterm Board Meeting**  
**Saturday, October 17, 2009**

no later than December 15<sup>th</sup>. For any non-responding Member Club, Officer, Past President, their non- response will be considered an abstention from this vote.” Shirley Savage (So. Tier MOTC) stated the proposal should include the wording “Future State Meeting Site” so that this matter is clearly stated. **Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens) stated that it was discussed that September 1<sup>st</sup> be the deadline for Bids to the President with all balloting taking place prior to the Midterm Executive Board Meeting. She stated that she did not believe the December 15<sup>th</sup> deadline was fair to the potential Future State Meeting Hosting Club. **Parliamentarian Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) stated that she appreciated Shirley typing up the new proposal but it did not reflect all that was discussed this morning. Michele Camilleri (MOTC Queens) re-stated her proposal as: In case no club comes forward at the Saturday General Meeting to host a State Meeting, the bidding process will be extended until September 1<sup>st</sup>. A bid must be sent to the President by that date and within five (5) day the Parliamentarian will begin the process of sending ballots to the clubs (3 votes each), Elected/Appointed Officers (1 vote each) and Past Presidents (1 vote per term served). They must return their ballots by seven (7) days before the Midterm Executive Board Meeting, so that the votes can be tabulated and the outcome can be announced at the Midterm Executive Board Meeting.” **Linda Goldsworthy** (POM of CNY) suggested that the President, after receiving the bid by September 1<sup>st</sup> will contact the clubs, Elected/Appointed Officers and Past Presidents. The vote will take place at the Midterm Executive Board Meeting. If any club, Officer or Past President is unable to attend, they will be allowed to submit their vote via email or regular mail no later than October 5<sup>th</sup>. **Shirley Savage** (So. Tier MOTC) felt that it was necessary to detail who and how many votes each club, Officer and Past President is entitled to. **Linda Goldsworthy** (POM of CNY) stated “Each club is entitled to 3 votes. Each Elected/Appointed Officer is entitled to one vote and Past Presidents are entitled to one vote per term served. Absentee Ballots must be postmarked no later then October 5<sup>th</sup>.” **President Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY) stated we will return here after Linda re writes the proposal.

2. Quilt Stand - **Ruth Barone** (Greater Rochester MOTC) asked if we want to purchase another Quilt Stand. She did not have pricing information at this time. **Sharon Witul** (MOTC Buffalo) will donate her quilt from the 35th State Meeting. **Shirley Savage** (SO. Tier MOTC) stated that Sharon won the quilt she has. **Ruth Barone** (Greater Rochester MOTC) suggested looking for a stand a little cheaper than the stand we purchased last year for \$185. She asked if we want to purchase more stands so that we can display all the quilts we have instead of draping them across table for display. She stated we have many quilts. She

**New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs  
2009 Midterm Board Meeting  
Saturday, October 17, 2009**

suggested putting more than one quilt on a stand. She felt that we should look for a less expensive less bulky stand. She will write an article for the Presidential Papers with more information about pricing and the type of stands that she recommends. She asked if we can spend money on this without having the membership approve this expense.

**Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens) stated that this would be equipment and the expense would come from the Eleanor Siegel Fund. **Shirley**

**Savage** (So. Tier MOTC) asked how much money is in the Eleanor Siegel fund. She stated that we have been trying to build up the Eleanor Siegel Fund because we increased the State Meeting Loan but this expense does come from the Fund. She further stated that we do need to limit the amount they we are willing to spend. **Nita Landes**

(Westside Suburban MOTC) asked Ruth her recommendation. **Ruth Barone** (Greater Rochester MOTC) stated that she felt this should be a recommendation that the Executive Board made. **Glenda Chappell**

(TNT of CNY) reported the \$1,518.28. She commented that if we were to give another State Meeting Loan that would leave us with only \$118.28. **Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens) pointed out that before another loan is given out, a loan would be repaid. The current balance is the amount of money available for equipment. **Shirley Savage** (So.

Tier MOTC) asked if these stands are going to become part of the items that will be held by the State Meeting Committees. **Ruth Barone** (Greater Rochester MOTC) answered that these stands and the quilts will be held by Ruth Barone, Keeper of the Quilts. **"I, Shirley Savage,**

**a member of Southern Tier MOTC, at this New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs Executive Board Meeting, move that we allow Ruth Barone to use up to \$225.00 to acquire us another quilt stand. This money is to be taken from the Eleanor Siegel Fund."** The motion was seconded by **Nita Landes** (Westside Suburban MOTC). All were in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

**Sharon Witul** (MOTC Buffalo) stated that some quilts will need a heavier stand. **Shirley Savage** (So. Tier MOTC) stated that all state quilts should be in the procession of Ruth Barone (Greater Rochester MOTC) Keeper of the Quilts so that they are taken care of and protected. It was asked if we needed to include this in the By Laws.

**Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens) stated that last year the Procedure Manual was changed to include the statement that Ruth Barone was the Keeper of the Quilts. We did not make a motion, it is not a position on the Executive Board, and it was just a statement added to the State Meeting Guidelines in the Procedure Manual. She suggested changing the statement to include that Ruth would be the Keeper of all State Quilts.

3. **President Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY) pointed out that with the Vice President was to discuss package deals for Registration, Room Buddies and clubs participating in contests and Show and Sell without

**New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs**  
**2009 Midterm Board Meeting**  
**Saturday, October 17, 2009**

1 attending the Saturday General Meeting. Due to car trouble the Vice  
2 President was unable to attend this meeting. **Shirley Savage** (So. Tier  
3 MOTC) pointed out that we voted on clubs not being able to participate  
4 in events without a duly registered delegate attending the Saturday  
5 General Meeting, but we did not discuss participating in contests. She  
6 felt that we should address clubs participating in contests without having  
7 a duly registered delegate in attendance at the Saturday General  
8 Meeting. **Glenda Chappell** (TNT of CNY) commented that by stating  
9 clubs that do not have a duly registered delegate in attendance at the  
10 Saturday General Meeting would not be allowed to participate in any  
11 State Meeting Events, would encompass contests too. **President**  
12 **Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY) stated that we did not need further  
13 discussion on this matter. She will contact Kathy and inform her of  
14 what we have determined on this topic. **Michele Szatkowski** (Greater  
15 Rochester MOTC) stated their club had suggested a package deal to  
16 include your room and meals at one price, such as an all inclusive  
17 registration package. **Linda Goldsworthy** (POM of CNY) stated that  
18 their hotel had asked about a package deal. POM of CNY is trying to  
19 work something out for a package deal. This discussion is tabled until  
20 the Friday Executive Board. **Glenda Chappell** (TNT of CNY) asked if  
21 this is benefitting everyone, then why is it necessary to vote. **Shirley**  
22 **Savage** (So. Tier MOTC) stated that the Vice President is not here and  
23 since POM of CNY is attempting this package deal, then table this  
24 matter. The discussion on Room Buddies was also tabled. Super State  
25 Reps and mailing their newsletter and articles instead of sending their  
26 monthly report will be tabled until the Friday Executive Board Meeting.  
27  
28

29 **K. New Business:**

- 30
- 31 **1. Big Tent Presentation - Natalie Diaz** (Manhattan MOTC) absent but sent  
32 her report. **President Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY) read Natalie's  
33 report. Report attached. **Mary Grace Roach** (Nassau County MOTC)  
34 stated that Nassau County could also give a testimony. **Pam Reussow**  
35 (Greater Rochester MOTC) turned to Big Tent and they enjoy it. **Ruth**  
36 **Barone** (Greater Rochester MOTC) also thinks that it is great and stated  
37 that it sends announcements so everyone can receive it as bulletins. Big  
38 Tent helps generate discussions. **Mary Grace Roach** (Nassau County  
39 MOTC) stated that right now we have support within our own club but Big  
40 Tent will allow us to reach across New York for support. This would allow  
41 us to become one unified group. **Linda Goldsworthy** (POM of CNY)  
42 stated that there may be those that are afraid to change. She pointed out  
43 that we do now have a new Webmaster who will work on our website. If  
44 they determine that Big Tent would be helpful then they can make that  
45 recommendation. **Dessie Holliday** (Greater Rochester MOTC) stated  
46 that this has the potential of generating more interest in the State Meeting

**New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs**  
**2009 Midterm Board Meeting**  
**Saturday, October 17, 2009**

because when you have discussions with people around the State, you would like to meet those that have helped you or you have chatted with. **Mary Grace Roach** (Nassau County MOTC) felt that it will generate more interest in State and will inspire more people to become active on the Executive Board. **Nita Landes** (Westside Suburban MOTC) pointed out that her generation joined when their twins were three weeks old but it is different now because more moms are working. **Michele Szatkowski** (Greater Rochester MOTC) we are comfortable with Big Tent but we would like to consider the options. **Lori Connolly** (Greater Rochester MOTC) stated that there are two issues here. The website needs to be updated and do we want to go to Big Tent. **Michele Szatkowski** (Greater Rochester MOTC) stated that if you eliminate you website, with Big Tent you cannot just go there and receive all the information that we offer. **Shirley Savage** (So. Tier MOTC) asked if they wanted to switch to Big Tent. She asked the new Webmasters to explore the options and come back to us with their suggestions. **Mary Grace Roach** (Nassau County MOTC) commented that Big Tent can break down groups so that if you wanted to talk with all the moms that have fraternal boys aged six, Big Tent can give you that information. It gives you sub-support groups for you. Nassau County MOTC did eliminate their website because Big Tent offers a public page that still allows people to get information about us and how to contact us. **Pam Reussow** (Greater Rochester MOTC) spoke with their Big Tent Coordinator and they are willing to help establish State's webpage. **Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens) pointed out that for all this information to be available someone on the state level has to enter every member into the data base. The State Organization does not have information on each individual member. We use our State Reps as the liaisons to each individual member. **Mary Grace Roach** (Nassau County MOTC) suggested that we would need to have the information on each individual member so that Big Tent can work the way it should to benefit every member. She stated that it would the responsibility of each club to upload their membership database for Big Tent to work efficiently. **President Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY) asked the Webmasters to update the website and come to the Friday Board Meeting with a Big Tent Proposal.

2. **Newsletter Contest Survey Pam Reussow** (Greater Rochester MOTC) – She reviewed the results of the survey. Results attached. After interpreting the result, she proposed: change rules to include website newsletters and newsletters sent by regular or electronic mail. You lose a lot of the special little things when you scroll down. Most judges will want to see printed copies and compare them side by side. Should we make the judges incur the expense of printing? She recommended that if we go to electronic submission of newsletters for judging, we should limit the number of pages. Last year we had clubs submit newsletters over 30 pages long and other with only 5 or 10 pages. We should limit the entry to one newsletter. We

**New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs**  
**2009 Midterm Board Meeting**  
**Saturday, October 17, 2009**

1 would need to make notify the judges to make sure they have computer  
2 access if we want to go to electronic submission. She recommended that  
3 we do away with the plaques because they are expensive and there is a  
4 charge for engraving. We could post the winners on our website. She  
5 proposed that we keep the club categories as they were last year because  
6 this gave a competition in all three categories (Small 0-29, Medium 30-75  
7 and Large 76+). She felt that at this time we should maintain the status  
8 quo because we will need further discussion on this matter before we can  
9 make a change. **Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens) reminded everyone  
10 that last year at the Sunday Board Meeting Natalie Diaz of Manhattan  
11 MOTC stated that her club does a website newsletter, not a PDF. Some  
12 articles that they are able to include are not fully printed and readers are  
13 referred back to the original article that appears in another web location.  
14 This was one of the areas where her club lost points. This survey does  
15 address a lot of the clubs' concerns and suggestions but it does not include  
16 this new format in which Manhattan publishes their newsletter. **Michele**  
17 **Szatkowski** (Greater Rochester MOTC) suggested that they could change  
18 it when printed. **Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens) stated that Natalie  
19 said that it would take to long for them to convert it and too much information  
20 would be lost. **Shirley Savage** (So. Tier MOTC) suggested shifting the  
21 discussion to doing away with the plaques. **Marie Vito** (MOTC Buffalo)  
22 indicated that we just purchased plaques that can hold up to 27 names.  
23 **Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens) stated that we should wait on this  
24 matter until the plaques are almost used up. **Shirley Savage** (So. Tier  
25 MOTC) asked if we should limit to one newsletter submitted for judging. She  
26 stated that the reason we had two was to show the consistency in  
27 production. **Linda Goldsworthy** (POM of CNY) suggested letting the  
28 judges pick the month and then the members submit that one. They will  
29 not know which month is chosen until it is published by the Newsletter  
30 Contest Chairman. **Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) pointed out that the  
31 judges are not necessarily in place long before the judging takes place.  
32 **Linda Goldsworthy** (POM of CNY) suggested letting the Newsletter  
33 Contest Chairman pick the month submitted. She could change it every  
34 year as to the month submitted. **President Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of  
35 CNY) stated that we need to decide email (PDF), website or printed  
36 newsletters. **Marie Vito** (MOTC Buffalo) asked if those that submit  
37 newsletters for judging are attending the State Meeting. **Lisa Cartini**  
38 (POM of CNY) stated the Parliamentarian has the delegates listing so she  
39 can see if they are registered or not. If not then they cannot participate in the  
40 contests. **Ruth Barone** (Greater Rochester MOTC) asked when the  
41 deadline is to establish duly registered delegates. **Parliamentarian Myriam**  
42 **Lavora** (MOTC Queens) said the deadline is March 1<sup>st</sup>. **Lisa Cartini**  
43 (POM of CNY) asked when disqualification would be established. Do not  
44 give out the awards until later in the afternoon so that the duly registered  
45 delegates have attended both sessions, as established by our motion.  
46

**New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs**  
**2009 Midterm Board Meeting**  
**Saturday, October 17, 2009**

**Michele Szatkowski** (Greater Rochester MOTC) stated that by then they have already paid to attend and they will most likely be there. What has happened is some clubs submit entries to contests but send no one to the State Meeting. **Pam Reussow** (Greater Rochester MOTC) suggested adding to the entry form: if not present at the State Meeting, clubs will not be eligible to participate in the contests. **Ruth Barone** (Greater Rochester MOTC) stated that this does not impact this year but will apply at the 2011. This issue was tabled until the Sunday Executive Board Meeting.

- 3. Transition Form - Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens) presented the Transition Form which she proposed would be completed by the Outgoing and Incoming Board Member. It would allow the each to see what is being transferred and cause a discussion between the two in the hopes of a better understanding of what is expected of them in their jobs. Form attached.
- Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) stated that some positions are not transferring the files but for the most part the system in place is working. She felt that we should use the form but it creates a lot of additional paper. She asked who will give out the forms and who will be responsible for collecting them. **Shirley Savage** (So. Tier MOTC) stated that this will require that the President, prior to closing the Saturday General Meeting, call for all chairmen to transfer the files to the new board members when the names of those filling the positions are not announced until Sunday. **Linda Goldsworthy** (POM of CNY) suggested that the form be kept in the Procedure Manual of the position. **Shirley Savage** (So. Tier MOTC) this will allow the chairman to transfer the documents. **Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) stated that if a person is taking a position but not in attendance she (Myriam) takes the files and transfers them to the new person. **Michele Szatkowski** (Greater Rochester MOTC) felt this form is a good idea and should be incorporated into the procedures. She stated that she has done something like this in the positions she has held. **Erin Adams** (Schenectady MOTC) stated that this gives them the chance to meet with each other and discuss the job. **Michele Szatkowski** (Greater Rochester MOTC) commented that this will help each person understand their new job better. **Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) asked if she should be prepared to distribute this form at the Friday Board Meeting. **Holly Shear** (Schenectady MOTC) asked if we can move into the 21st century. She suggested we create a spread sheet to help keep track of the files. We have a laptop let's use it. **Shirley Savage** (So. Tier MOTC) stated that not everyone is going to bring their laptop to the meetings. **Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens) that this is her personal laptop and what is being described by Holly should be the job of the Procedure Manual Chairman. **Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) stated that Holly's suggestion would require each person coming to her and then inputting the information. **Holly Shear** (Schenectady MOTC) asked how we keep track now. **Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) stated that a list is passed around and filled out at every

**New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs  
2009 Midterm Board Meeting  
Saturday, October 17, 2009**

board meeting. **Holly Shear** (Schenectady MOTC) suggested that we purchase a club laptop. **Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) will distribute this and use the form at the Friday Executive Board Meeting.

Re-visit the No Bid Issue:

**Linda Goldsworthy** (POM of CNY) asked if we are we going to allow the Executive Board to handle this matter or should we open this up to the General Membership. She suggested that if no bid is presented at the State Meeting we table the matter until Midterm. The President will accept bids up to September 1<sup>st</sup>. After that, the President will send out an official notification informing the membership of the bid or bids. In order to vote you must be present at the Midterm Executive Board Meeting. **Ruth Barone** (Greater Rochester MOTC) stated that only the Executive Board is allowed to vote at Midterm Meetings. **Linda Goldsworthy** (POM Of CNY) stated then we need to decide if this vote will be left up to the Membership or the Executive Board. **Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens) stated that this is a situation that is not going to happen all the time but when it does, the Membership will put the decision in the hands of the Executive Board and in accordance with the By Laws, we are empowered to act on behalf of the Membership. One of things that should be accomplished at the Saturday General Meeting is the Presentation of the Bid and voting on that matter. When they fail to present a bid and no vote can be conducted, the job falls to the Executive Board. Let us transact business as per the By Laws. We are not violating their right to vote. We are trying to transact the business of the Organization. They put their faith in us by electing us, now let us accomplish the job they failed to do. **Dessie Holiday** (Greater Rochester MOTC) agreed. Linda Goldsworthy (POM of CNY) stated we may need to discuss what to do if no bids are presented. There was no further discussion. **President Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY) called for a motion. **"I, Linda Goldsworthy, a member of POM of CNY, at this New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs Executive Board Meeting, move to add to Article IX State Meetings Section 6 Invitations to read – When a Future State Meeting Site is unavailable to be voted on as stated in Letter C of this Section, bids will be accepted by the President until September 1<sup>st</sup>. Notification will be presented to the General Membership via an official email by the President listing the bids being presented, if any. The bids will be voted on at the Midterm Executive Board Meeting, by the Executive Board."** The motion was seconded by **Lisa Cartini** (POM of CNY). All were in favor. The motion was approved.

Raffles were drawn. Prizes were distributed.

**4. "I, Shirley Savage a member of So. Tier MOTC at this New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs at this Executive Board Meeting, move that we officially create the position of Calligraphy**

**New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs  
2009 Midterm Board Meeting  
Saturday, October 17, 2009**

**Chairman and add this position to By Laws Article VIII Section 2.”**

The motion was seconded by **Linda Goldsworthy** (POM of CNY). All were in favor. The motion was approved.

**5. Nominating Committee - Consistency with committee mailings**

**Advisor Ruth Barone** (Greater Rochester MOTC) discussed the letter sent by the Nominating Committee Members without the knowledge of the President. As Advisor, she is the liaison between the Nominating Committee and the President. She will work with them to make that future mailings are done with the knowledge and approval of the President. All committee chairmen must copy the President and Vice President on all communications.

**6. Marie Simmons Scholarship Chairman – “I, Michele Camilleri, a member of MOTC Queens, at the New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs Executive Board Meeting, move that we recommend to the General Membership that we discontinue the Mother’s Scholarship from the Marie Simmons Scholarship.”** The motion was seconded by **Linda Goldsworthy** (POM of CNY). All were in favor. Motion approved.

**7. Nassau County MOTC requests usage of the State Logo. Mary Grace Roach** (Nassau County MOTC) asked the Executive Board for permission to use the State Logo on either on a t-shirt or car window cling. **Shirley Savage** (So. Tier MOTC) stated that according to the procedure they should have come to the Midterm Meeting with a specific item. **Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) read the procedures. A written request must be made to the State President at an Executive Board Meeting and provide a description of the promotional item that will have the State Organization’s logo on it. The Executive Board will approve or deny usage of the logo. **Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens) stated that whole point of the procedure was to establish a method to allow a club permission to use our logo to promote the State Organization and encourage clubs to advertise our existence. There is a \$25 fee for usage and they will be paying that fee when they determine that they will in fact create the item for sale. She stated that we should let them use the logo. **Mary Grace Roach** (Nassau County MOTC) stated that at this time they are not 100% sure they will be creating an item for sale but would like permission so that if her club agrees, they can go ahead and order an item for sale. **Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) asked that as soon as possible let the President know what the product will be and then we will collect the fee (\$25) at the Friday Executive Board. She further stated that any member of the Executive Board that is from a club requesting usage will not participate in the voting process. **The Executive Board by a show of hands approved Nassau County MOTC’s usage of the New York State Organization of Mothers of**



**New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs  
2009 Midterm Board Meeting  
Saturday, October 17, 2009**

**Twins Clubs' Logo** or name. All were in favor. Permission was granted. **President Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY) asked that they email her. Procedure Manual Chairman Myriam Lavora (MOTC Queens) stated that the Logo Usage procedure would have been posted on the website if the former Webmaster had been able to update the website. The procedure was approved at the 2009 Saturday General Meeting.

**K. Announcements:**

1. **President Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY) announced: MOTC Buffalo is celebrating their 50th Anniversary. **Sharon Witul** (MOTC Buffalo) stated that she and her club president were interviewed by a local newspaper.
2. **Shirley Savage** (So. Tier MOTC) reported the proceeds from the Midterm Executive Board return from the Owego Treadway were distributed as: \$90 to the General Fund, \$30 to the Eleanor Siegel Fund and \$420 to the Marie Simmons Scholarship Fund.

**L. Closing Reflection - Chaplain Barbi Cudney** (Genesee Country MOTC) read a lovely poem wishing everyone well and congratulations on a job well done.

**M. President Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY) closed the 2009 Midterm Executive Board Meeting Closed at 5:05 PM.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens) – Recording Secretary

**Minutes Approval:**

\_\_\_\_\_**Shirley Savage** (So. Tier MOTC)

\_\_\_\_\_**Barbi Cudney** (Genesee Country MOTC)