

1 New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs

2 2009 Saturday General Meeting – April 25, 2009

3 Woodcliff Hotel & Spa, Fairport, NY

4 **President Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY) **opened the 44th Annual State Meeting**
5 **of the New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs at 8:15 AM.**

6 **Opening Ceremony:** Flag Ceremony was performed by Boy Scouts, Cody & Chris
7 Szatkowski of Troop 9 and Girl Scouts: Grace & Natalie Dolgos of Troop 777 and
8 Meagan Fisher of Troop 783.

9 **Invocation: Chaplain Barbi Cudney** (Genesee Country MOTC) welcomed everyone
10 with an inspirational reading.

11 **Welcome: President Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY) made an inclusive welcome.
12 All discussions will be timed to a limit of 10 minutes.

13 **2009 Co-Chairmen Michele Szatkowski** (Greater Rochester MOTC) & **Renie Cutt**
14 (Greater Rochester MOTC) introduced local politician **Lesley Bauman** former Victor
15 Town Supervisor. Lesley stated she is a past member, married for 34 years and
16 dedicated her welcome to her husband's twin Tom, who passed away early this year.
17 She gave an overview of the area and all it offers. **Michele Szatkowski & Renie Cutt**
18 (Greater Rochester MOTC) introduced and thanked their committee, the members of
19 Greater Rochester MOTC.

20 Greater Rochester MOTC **President Pam Reussow** welcomed everyone on behalf of
21 her club.

22 **President Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY) informed the membership of the
23 resignation of Treasurer Mary Elizabeth Brennan for personal reasons on 2/10/09. The
24 President read Mary Elizabeth's letter and the President's response.

25 **Parliamentarian Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) read Bylaws Article V Officers
26 Section 3 Vacancies: "Vacancies occurring in any other office (other than president)
27 shall be filled for the unexpired term by a person elected by a majority vote of the
28 remaining Executive Board," **Glenda Chappell** (TNT of CNY) was elected by the
29 Executive Board at the 2009 Friday Executive Board Meeting to complete the 2008 –
30 2009 term of office.

31 **President Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY) appointed **Lisa Vanderbrook** (MOTC
32 Buffalo) and **Sarah Price** (Chemung Valley MOTC) to the Minutes Approval Committee.
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34 **Andrea Irizarry** (MOTC Queens) and **Pat Arcari** (Schenectady MOTC) were appointed
35 as Pages for this meeting by **President Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY). It was
36 decided that because of the size of the room only two tellers would be needed instead
37 of the usual four.
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The Past Presidents were introduced by **President Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY): **Marie Simmons, Nita Landes, Lois Elliott, Ann O’Gorman, Carolyn Blake, Cathy Ossenfort, Jennifer Higbee, Myriam Lavora (2x), Sharon Witul, Shirley Savage, Michele Camilleri (2x), Ruth Barone, Judy Tennenbaum, and Linda Goldsworthy.**

The Roll was called by **Recording Secretary Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens).
Present were: Elected and Appointed Officers: **President Joanne Czajkowski (TNT of CNY), Vice President Kathy Brousseau (Schenectady MOTC), Treasurer Glenda Chappell (TNT of CNY), Recording Secretary Michele Camilleri (MOTC Queens), Advisor Ruth Barone (Greater Rochester MOTC), Parliamentarian Myriam Lavora (MOTC Queens).** Past Presidents: **Nita Landes (Westside Suburban MOTC), Ann O’Gorman (Westside Suburban MOTC), Myriam Lavora (MOTC Queens) x2, Sharon Witul (MOTC Buffalo), Michele Camilleri (MOTC Queens) x2, Ruth Barone (Greater Rochester MOTC), and Linda Goldsworthy (POM of CNY).** Club Delegates: **Chemung Valley MOTC: Sarah Price – 3, Genesee Country MOTC: Barbi Cudney – 3, Greater Rochester MOTC: Lorena Cutt – 1, Lori Connolly – 1, Michele Szatkowski – 1, Kins of Twins: Lenore Ecker – 3, Manhattan MOTC – Natalie Diaz – 3, MOTC Buffalo: Lisa Vanderbrook – 1, Marie Vito – 1, Paula Goetzmann – 1, MOTC Queens: Michele Camilleri – 1, Myriam Lavora – 2, MOTC Suffolk: Lesley Longmcleod – 2, Laura Ulrich – 1, Nassau County MOTC: Mary Grace Roach – 3, Orange County POMC – Julie Ardito – 3, POM of CNY: Peggy Fiorini – 1, Lisa Cartini – 1, Linda Goldsworthy – 1, Schenectady MOTC: Holly Shear – 1, Erin Adams – 1, Jackie Lotano – 1, Southern Tier MOTC: Janet Hranek – 1, Diane Councilman – 2, TNT of CNY: Glenda Chappell – 1, Nancy Converse – 1, Nancy McPeak – 1, Westside Suburban MOTC: Karyn Audycki – 1, Nita Landes – 1, Cindy Sanger – 1.**

Recording Secretary Michele Camilleri (MOTC Queens) was presented with flowers in honor of Administrative Assistant Week by **President Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY).

Parliamentarian: Myriam Lavora (MOTC Queens) reported that there were 15 clubs represented with 3 votes each, 6 officers and 7 Past Presidents with 9 votes, equals 60 Total Number of Registered Votes. 31 votes needed for a majority and 40 votes needed for a 2/3 vote. Delegates Report attached. She then reviewed the voting rules. Rules attached.

Appointment of Tellers: They assist in the collection and counting of Ballots. If your club has someone running for office, or your club is putting in a bid for the 2011 State Meeting, you cannot be a teller. **President Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY) appointed **Mamie Hoag** (Greater Rochester MOTC), **Linda Goldsworthy** (POM of CNY) **Susie Venditti** (POM of CNY) and **Pam Reussow** (Greater Rochester MOTC).

Approval of April 12, 2008 General Meeting Minutes: **President Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY) asked for a motion to approve the minutes. **“I, Nita Landes, a member of Westside Suburban MOTC at this NYSOMOTC Annual State Meeting move the approval of the April 2008 General Meeting Minutes as corrected.”**

Motion Seconded by **Nancy McPeak** (TNT of CNY). All Delegates were in favor.
Motion Passed.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

President: Joanne Czajkowski (TNT of CNY) read her Organizational Report which gave the activities of the organization during the 2008 – 2009. The highlights were: The Procedure Manual is now available on the website. The Executive Board Meeting Minutes are sent via email. The Chaplain has created a Memorial Board. The Marie Simmons Scholarship Committee is prepared to make their annual presentation. The proposed changes to the Procedural Guidelines for the Marie Simmons Scholarship will be presented for approval later in the meeting. She stated that it has been her honor and privilege to serve as President. Report attached.

Vice President: Kathy Brousseau (Schenectady MOTC) reported that we have 24 member clubs and 1,729 individual members. She has written the “As the Turtle Goes” which reports the activities of the local clubs. She has also been in contact with clubs that have not returned as members or clubs that she has been made aware of, that operate in New York State.

Recording Secretary: Michele Camilleri (MOTC Queens) asked that all speakers use the microphone, that you speak clearly and that you state your name and club.

Treasurer: Glenda Chappell (TNT of CNY) reported the General Fund Opening Balance was \$2,464.59, the Total Income was \$3,020.25 and Total Expenses were \$2,137.33 with a Closing Balance of \$3,347.51. The Eleanor Siegel Memorial Fund Opening Balance was \$1,660.63 Total Income was \$1,660.37 and Total Expenses were \$1,544.28 with a Closing Balance of \$1,776.72. **Report of Audit Committee: Ruth Barone** (Greater Rochester MOTC) reported: “At the request of the New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs that she and **Kathy Brousseau** (Schenectady MOTC) audited the books of the organization’s General Fund. All records were found to be in order. Also at the request of the NYSOMOTC, they audited the books of the Eleanor Siegel Fund. All records were found to be in order.” **President Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY) called for a motion. **“I, Marie Vito, a member of MOTC Buffalo, at this NYSOMOTC Annual State Meeting move to accept the Audit Report as read.”** Motion Seconded by **Nita Landes** (Westside Suburban MOTC). All Delegates were in favor. **Motion Approved.**

Marie Simmons Scholarship Treasurer/Vice Chairman: Michele Camilleri (MOTC Queens) reported the Fund’s Opening Balance was \$5,629.01, Total Income was \$2,598.37 and Total Expenses were \$4,116.37 with a Closing Balance of \$4,111.01. **Ruth Barone** (Greater Rochester MOTC) stated “At the request of the New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs that she and **Kathy Brousseau** (Schenectady MOTC) audited the books of the organization’s Marie Simmons Scholarship Fund. All records were found to be in order.” **President Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY) called for a motion. **“I, Marie Vito, a member of MOTC Buffalo, at this NYSOMOTC Annual State Meeting move to accept the Audit Report as read.”** Motion Seconded by **Nancy McPeak** (TNT of CNY). All Delegates were in favor. **Motion Approved.**

Research & Twin Registry Report: Karen Nichols (Madison Oneida MOTC) was absent. The reports were read by **President Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY). **Twin Registry Report:** only 5 new members from MOTC Queens and one from Westside Suburban MOTC completed forms for this year. **Research:** This year a Milk Consumption Survey was sent to members for completion. Nine clubs responded with 72 individual members completing the survey. It was determined that every mom except one drank regular milk. Most moms drank reduced fat milk while one drank soy milk. Most moms ate regular cheese while 6% of respondents ate low fat cheese. Half of those that responded ate low fat yogurt. Fruit yogurts and regular yogurts were the second most favorite. All moms ate dairy products during their pregnancy.

State/National Liaison: Mary Lou Surmik (Southern Tier MOTC) absent. Her report was read by **President Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY). This year's National Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs Inc. will be in Las Vegas, NV, July 26th – August 1st. The 2010 Convention will be held in Toledo, OH, July 31st – August 8th. The 2011 convention will be in Chicago, IL, July 24th – July 31st. For further information contact: nomotc.org on the web or write to them at the NOMOTC Executive Office PO Box 700860 Plymouth, MI 48170-0955.

Amendments to the Bylaws & Standing Rules: Parliamentarian Myriam Lavora (MOTC Queens) presented the proposed additions or changes. She stated that all were published in the Presidential Papers. Proposed addition to Article II Section 2 Policy add a sub-paragraph B: "NYSOMOTC Name and Logo - The name and logo of the NYSOMOTC belongs solely to this organization and may be used only as outlined in the Procedure Manual 'The Use of the NYSOMOTC Name and Logo'". A three minute break was given for discussion with delegates and their local club. **Jackie Lotano** (Schenectady MOTC) asked why this proposal is coming up now. **Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) explained that a club requested to put the logo on an item they wished to sell as a fundraiser. The club was allowed to use the logo. At that time the organization realized it needed to have guidelines that would explain the proper protocol for such usage. **Mary Grace Roach** (Nassau Co. MOTC) explained that her club was the one that made the request. **Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) stated that the Executive Board has considered allowing local clubs the use of our logo on items for fundraising purposes and that is why we have proposed this addition to the Bylaws as well as creating the procedures which will be presented later. **Diane Councilman** (Southern Tier MOTC) asked if only Ways and Means was allowed to use Logo or will all clubs now be able to use the Logo. **Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) answered that this will allow both the state organization and local clubs the right to use the logo. There was no further discussion. **"I, Cindy A. Sanger, a member of Westside Suburban, at this NYSOMOTC Annual State Meeting move to accept Bylaw Article II Section 2 Policy as amended."** The motion was seconded by **Natalie Diaz** (Manhattan MOTC). All Delegates were in favor. **Motion Passed.** **Parliamentarian Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) presented the proposed change to Bylaw Article VII Section 3 Eligibility, add: "A Past President, to be eligible to run for the office of President must have been active on the current Executive Board. To be considered "Active" the Past President must have attended at least two Executive Board meetings in the State Organization's current year." A three minute break was given for discussion with

delegates and their local club. **Nita Landes** (Westside Suburban) stated her support of this bylaw addition. There was no further discussion. **“I, Erin Adams, a member of Schenectady MOTC, at this NYSOMOTC Annual State Meeting move to accept Bylaw Article VII Section 3 Eligibility as amended.”** The motion was seconded by **Linda Goldsworthy** (POM of CNY). All Delegates were in favor. **Motion Passed.** **Parliamentarian Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) presented the proposed change to Standing Rule 1 Meeting under #5 add E: “The increase of the registration fees applies equally to the Midterm Executive Board Meeting and the Annual State Meeting.” A three minute break was given for discussion with delegates and their local club. **Lisa Wootan** (Schenectady MOTC) asked for a clarification on the fee structure. This means that if we raise the State Meeting Registration \$5 then automatically the Midterm Registration Fee is raised \$5. **Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) stated that was a correct assumption. There was no further discussion. **“I, Nita Landes, a member of Westside Suburban MOTC, at this NYSOMOTC Annual Meeting move Standing Rule 1 Meetings under #5 be approved as amended.”** The motion was seconded by **Marie Vito** (MOTC Buffalo). All Delegates were in favor. **Motion Passed.**

Ten minute break at 10:10 AM. The meeting was recalled to order by President Joanne Czajkowski (TNT of CNY) at 10:25 AM.

Announcements: Please limit your table talk as it makes it hard for others to hear. It was asked if anyone knew the location of the Memorial Board. **Michele Szatkowski** (Greater Rochester MOTC) answered that all boards were in the Hemlock Room.

The Roll was called by **Recording Secretary Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens). Present were: Elected and Appointed Officers: **President Joanne Czajkowski (TNT of CNY), Vice President Kathy Brousseau (Schenectady MOTC), Treasurer Glenda Chappell (TNT of CNY), Recording Secretary Michele Camilleri (MOTC Queens), Advisor Ruth Barone (Greater Rochester MOTC), Parliamentarian Myriam Lavora (MOTC Queens). Past Presidents: **Nita Landes (Westside Suburban MOTC), Ann O’Gorman (Westside Suburban MOTC), Myriam Lavora (MOTC Queens) x2, Sharon Witul (MOTC Buffalo), Michele Camilleri (MOTC Queens) x2, Ruth Barone (Greater Rochester MOTC), and Linda Goldsworthy (POM of CNY). Club Delegates: **Chemung Valley MOTC: Sarah Price – 3, Genesee Country MOTC: Barbi Cudney – 3, Greater Rochester MOTC: Lorena Cutt – 1, Lori Connolly – 1, Michele Szatkowski – 1, Kins of Twins: Lenore Ecker – 3, Manhattan MOTC – Natalie Diaz – 3, MOTC Buffalo: Lisa Vanderbrook – 1, Marie Vito – 1, Paula Goetzmann – 1, MOTC Queens: Michele Camilleri – 1, Myriam Lavora – 2, MOTC Suffolk: Lesley Longmcleod – 2, Laura Ulrich – 1, Nassau County MOTC: Mary Grace Roach – 3, Orange County POMC – Julie Ardito – 3, POM of CNY: Peggy Fiorini – 1, Lisa Cartini – 1, Linda Goldsworthy – 1, Schenectady MOTC: Holly Shear – 1, Erin Adams – 1, Jackie Lotano – 1, Southern Tier MOTC: Janet Hranek – 1, Diane Councilman – 2, TNT of CNY: Glenda Chappell – 1, Nancy Converse – 1, Nancy McPeak – 1, Westside Suburban MOTC: Karyn Audycki – 1, Nita Landes – 1, Cindy Sanger – 1.******

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4 **Nominating Chairman: Nancy McPeak** (TNT of CNY) Introduced the Nominating
5 Committee: **Erin Adams** (Schenectady MOTC), **Marie Vito** (MOTC Buffalo), **Laura**
6 **Ulrich** (MOTC Suffolk) and **Judy Tennenbaum** (Nassau County MOTC). She thanked
7 her committee. She then presented the Slate of Officers for the 2009 – 2010 Year:
8 President **Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY), Vice President **Kathy Brousseau**
9 (Schenectady MOTC), Treasurer **Glenda Chappell** (TNT of CNY) and Recording
10 Secretary **Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens). **President Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of
11 CNY) called for nominations from the floor for the office of Recording Secretary three
12 times. There were none. The nominations for Recording Secretary were closed.
13 **President Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY) called for nominations from the floor for
14 the office of Treasurer three times. There were none. The nominations for the office of
15 Treasurer were closed. **President Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY) called for
16 nominations from the floor for the office of Vice President three times. There were
17 none. The nominations for the office of Vice President were closed. **Parliamentarian**
18 **Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) called for nominations from the floor for the office of
19 President three times. There were none. The nominations for the office of President
20 were closed. Each of the candidates was called upon to introduce themselves.
21 **President Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY) called upon the Recording Secretary to
22 cast the vote. “**I, Michele Camilleri as Recording Secretary for the New York State**
23 **Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs and on behalf of its membership, cast**
24 **one vote for the Slate of Officers as presented.**”

25 **Nominations for the Nominating Chairman: President Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of
26 CNY) called on the **Nominating Chairman Nancy McPeak** (TNT of CNY) to read the
27 list of members eligible to run for Nominating Chairman. The list attached. **President**
28 **Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY) asked for nominations for the Office of Nominating
29 Chairman. **Ruth Barone** (Greater Rochester MOTC) nominated **Nancy McPeak** (TNT
30 of CNY). Nancy declined the nomination. **Lenore Ecker** (Kins of Twins) nominated
31 **Linda Goldsworthy** (POM of CNY). Linda accepted the nomination. **Michele**
32 **DelleBovi** (MOTC Buffalo) nominated **Lisa Vanderbrook** (MOTC Buffalo). Lisa
33 accepted the nomination. The nominations were closed.

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35 **President Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY) opened the nominations for Nominating
36 Committee. **Kathy Brousseau** (Schenectady MOTC) nominated **Erin Adams**
37 (Schenectady MOTC). Erin accepted the nomination. **Michele Szatkowski** (Greater
38 Rochester MOTC) nominated **Lori Connolly** (Greater Rochester MOTC). Lori
39 accepted the nomination. **Nancy Converse** (TNT of CNY) nominated **Sarah Price**
40 (Chemung Valley MOTC). Sarah accepted the nomination. **Glenda Chappell** (TNT of
41 CNY) nominated **Natalie Diaz** (Manhattan MOTC). Natalie accepted the nomination.
42 **Lenore Ecker** (Kins of Twins) nominated **Marie Vito** (MOTC Buffalo). Marie accepted
43 the nomination. The nominations were closed. **Question regarding Robert’s Rules:** If
44 a person is not elected for one position can she be nominated for the Committee since

1 there is only one ballot for both. A five minute break was called for while the answer
2 was researched. It was determined that yes a person can be nominated for both
3 positions and if elected they will decide which position they will serve. A vote was called
4 for to re-open the Nominations for the Committee. All delegates were in favor.

5 **President Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY) re-opened the nominations for the
6 Nominating Committee. **Barbi Cudney** (Genesee Country MOTC) nominated **Lisa**
7 **Vanderbrook** (MOTC Buffalo). Lisa accepted the nomination. There were no other
8 nominations. The nominations were closed. **Linda Goldsworthy** (POM of CNY)
9 removed her name from consideration for the Office of Nominating Chairman.

10 **President Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY) appointed **Andrea Irizarry** (MOTC
11 Queens) and **Peggy Fiorini** (POM of CNY) as tellers because **Pam Reussow** (Greater
12 Rochester MOTC) and **Mamie Hoag** (Greater Rochester MOTC) stepped down
13 because a member of their club is running for Nominating Committee. Each of the
14 candidates for Nominating Chairman and Nominating Committee were called upon to
15 introduce themselves. **Parliamentarian Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) reiterated the
16 voting process.

17 **Election Results: Parliamentarian Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) called on the
18 Recording Secretary to cast the vote for the Nominating Chairman. **“I, Michele**
19 **Camilleri, as Recording Secretary for the New York State Organization of Mothers**
20 **of Twins Clubs, and on behalf of the membership, cast one vote for Lisa**
21 **Vanderbrook for the office of Nominating Chairman.”** **Myriam Lavora** (MOTC
22 Queens) announced the results of the election for Nominating Committee: .Natalie Diaz
23 (Manhattan MOTC), Lori Connolly (Greater Rochester MOTC), Sarah Price (Chemung
24 Valley MOTC) and Marie Vito (MOTC Buffalo). She then thanked the Tellers for their
25 help in the election process.

26 **President Joanne Czajkowski (TNT CNY) called a recess for the Lunch at 11:35**
27 **AM.**

28 **The Meeting was recalled to order by President Joanne Czajkowski (TNT of CNY)**
29 **at 1:55 PM**

30 **Chaplain: Barbi Cudney** (Genesee County MOTC) conducted the Memorial Service to
31 honor members who have passed away throughout the years.

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33 The Roll was called by **Recording Secretary Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens).
34 Present were: Elected and Appointed Officers: **President Joanne Czajkowski (TNT of**
35 **CNY), Vice President Kathy Brousseau (Schenectady MOTC), Treasurer Glenda**
36 **Chappell (TNT of CNY), Recording Secretary Michele Camilleri (MOTC Queens),**
37 **Advisor Ruth Barone (Greater Rochester MOTC), Parliamentarian Myriam Lavora**
38 **(MOTC Queens).** Past Presidents: **Nita Landes (Westside Suburban MOTC), Ann**
39 **O’Gorman (Westside Suburban MOTC), Myriam Lavora (MOTC Queens) x2,**
40 **Sharon Witul (MOTC Buffalo), Michele Camilleri (MOTC Queens) x2, Ruth Barone**
41 **(Greater Rochester MOTC), and Linda Goldsworthy (POM of CNY).** Club
42 Delegates: **Chemung Valley MOTC: Sarah Price – 3, Genesee Country MOTC:**
43 **Barbi Cudney – 3, Greater Rochester MOTC: Lorena Cutt – 1, Lori Connolly – 1,**
44 **Michele Szatkowski – 1, Kins of Twins: Lenore Ecker – 3, Manhattan MOTC –**

1 **Natalie Diaz – 3, MOTC Buffalo: Lisa Vanderbrook – 1, Marie Vito – 1, Paula**
2 **Goetzmann – 1, MOTC Queens: Michele Camilleri – 1, Myriam Lavora – 2, MOTC**
3 **Suffolk: Lesley Longmcleod – 2, Laura Ulrich – 1, Nassau County MOTC: Mary**
4 **Grace Roach – 3, Orange County POMC – Julie Ardito – 3, POM of CNY: Peggy**
5 **Fiorini – 1, Lisa Cartini – 1, Linda Goldsworthy – 1, Schenectady MOTC: Holly**
6 **Shear – 1, Erin Adams – 1, Jackie Lotano – 1, Southern Tier MOTC: Janet Hranek**
7 **– 1, Diane Councilman – 2, TNT of CNY: Glenda Chappell – 1, Nancy Converse – 1,**
8 **Nancy McPeak – 1, Westside Suburban MOTC: Karyn Audycki – 1, Nita Landes –**
9 **1, Cindy Sanger – 1.**

10 **Vice President Kathy Brousseau** (Schenectady MOTC) presented **President Joanne**
11 **Czajkowski** with her certificate of service for the 2008 – 2009 year.

12 **Vice President Kathy Brousseau** (Schenectady MOTC) read the report prepared by
13 the **Midterm Meeting Chairman: Shirley Savage** (Southern Tier MOTC). 2009
14 Midterm will be held on October 17, 2009 at the Owego Treadway. Registration is \$30
15 and checks are made payable to NYSOMOTC. The fee and registration form are due
16 by October 1, 2009 and must be mailed to Shirley Savage at 191 Colesville Road,
17 Binghamton, NY 13904. Room Rates are \$89.95 plus tax and reservations must be
18 made directly with the hotel by September 1, 2009. The Owego Treadway's phone
19 number is (607) 687 – 4500.

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21 represented with 3 votes each, 6 officers and 7 Past Presidents with 9 votes, equals 60
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23 needed for a 2/3 vote.

24 **Marie Simmons Scholarship Awards Presentation: Chairman Lesley Longmcleod**
25 (MOTC Suffolk) reported that 2 moms and 5 children returned applications for
26 consideration by the Marie Simmons Scholarship Committee. She introduced and
27 thanked her committee: **Nancy Converse** (TNT of CNY), **Lisa Cartini** (POM of CNY),
28 **Peggy Fiorini** (POM of CNY), **Rose LoCascio** (Nassau County MOTC), **Kelly Wood-**
29 **Linn** (Capital District MOT), **Kathy Lyman** (Schenectady MOTC), **Lisa Vanderbrook**
30 (MOTC Buffalo) and **Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens). This year's recipients are:
31 **Amanda Coyle**, a mother of multiples, **Allison McPeak** daughter of Nancy McPeak a
32 member of TNT of CNY and **Michael Roff** son of Debra Roff, a member of MOTC
33 Suffolk.

34 **Marie Simmons Scholarship Procedural Guidelines: Vice Chairman Michele**
35 **Camilleri** (MOTC Queens) informed the membership that local clubs were mailed the
36 proposed changes in February and asked if there were any questions or comments on
37 the revisions. The proposal is attached. **"I, Marie Vito, a member of MOTC Buffalo, at**
38 **this NYSOMOTC Annual State Meeting, move to accept the changes made to the**
39 **Marie Simmons Scholarship Committee Procedural Guidelines as presented."**
40 The motion was seconded by Mary Grace Roach (Nassau County MOTC). All
41 Delegates were in favor. **Motion passed.**

Marie Simmons Calendar Raffle: presented by **Marie Simmons Scholarship Fundraiser: Nancy Converse** (TNT of CNY). She reported that of the 24 calendars mailed 20 were returned. All the dates sold. Total money collected was \$1,702.00, \$276.00 of which was collected this weekend. The winning date was December 22 and the lucky winners were **Erin Adams** (Schenectady MOTC) and **Melissa Sainsburg** sold by Multiple Moms Mingle. They each received \$250.

2011 State Meeting Bid: President Joanne Czajkowski (TNT of CNY) asked for any bids for the 2011 State Meeting - April 28, 29, 30, 2011 will be the projected dates. No one came forward to put in a bid. A five minute break was given to the membership to discuss the idea of a club putting forth a bid. We will come back to this issue later in the meeting.

2010 State Meeting Invitation Skit: Presented by Past Presidents of the NYSOMOTC Co-Chairmen **Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens), **Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) and **Shirley Savage** (Southern Tier MOTC); Michele and Myriam discussed the plans for the 45th Annual State Meeting **"The Journey Continues"** in 2010 which will be held at the Owego Treadway in Owego, April 22 – 25, 2010. They requested that local clubs submit a digital group photo of their local club as an email attachment by June 30, 2009 for inclusion in project that will be presented at the State Meeting. They drew the winners of their raffle prizes. **Dawn McDonald** (MOTC Buffalo) was the winner of the Room Raffle and **Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens) won the 50-50. Her prize was \$126 of which she donated \$63 back to the 2010 State Meeting Fund.

Membership Pins Presentation: Glenda Chappell (TNT of CNY) presented Membership Pins in 5 year increments for attendance at State Meetings. 5 Year Recipients: **Heidi Barker** (Westside Suburban MOTC), **Sheree Bodary** (WOW Moms) not in attendance, **Jodi Lederer** (Nassau County MOTC) and **Linda Willey** (WOW Moms) not in attendance. 10 Year Recipients: **Marie Agosh** (POM of CNY), Kim Kiehl (MOTC Buffalo), **Holly Litz** (Schenectady MOTC) and **Lisa Wootan** (Schenectady MOTC). 15 Year Recipients: **Margaret Fiorini** (POM of CNY) – consecutive, **Diane Hennessy** (MOTC Buffalo), **Ann Kroll** (MOTC Buffalo), **Nancy McPeak** (TNT of CNY) – consecutive, **Linda Redmond** (TNT of CNY) –consecutive, **Pam Reussow** (Greater Rochester MOTC) and **Michele Szatkowski** (Greater Rochester MOTC) – consecutive. 20 Year Recipients: **Debi Feary** (MOTC Buffalo) – consecutive, **Julie Ketterl** (MOTC Buffalo), **Cindy Merrow** (Greater Rochester MOTC) and **Janet Shay** (MOTC Buffalo) – consecutive. 25 Year Recipients: **Theresia Carpenter** (Westside Suburban MOTC) and **Shirley Emmons** (TNT of CNY). 30 Year Recipient: **Andrea Irizarry** (MOTC Queens). 35 Year Recipient: **Ann O’Gorman** (Westside Suburban MOTC).

Introduction of State Reps and the Super State Rep Award: Vice President Kathy Brousseau (Schenectady MOTC) called forward all state reps and presented them with a certificate of appreciation. The Super State Reps were: **Patty Basset** (Chemung Valley MOTC), **Michele Szatkowski** (Greater Rochester MOTC), **Lenore Ecker** (Kins of Twins), **Lisa Vanderbrook** (MOTC of Buffalo), **Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) and **Peggy Fiorini** (POM of CNY). They were presented with a Super State Rep Bar and a certificate.

Club Banner Contest Results: Karen Garner (Kins of Twins) reported 5 entry forms were received. The theme was “A Blast from the Past.” 2 banners were sent from Kins of Twins and Schenectady MOTC for judging. The 2nd place winner was **Schenectady MOTC**, and the 1st winner was **Kins of Twins**. Member’s Choice winner was **Kins of Twins**. **President Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY) congratulated the winners.

Newsletter Contest Results: Pam Reussow (Greater Rochester MOTC) presented participation certificates to the clubs that submitted their newsletters for judging. There were 5 Small clubs that participated. In 3rd place was **Westside Suburban MOTC**, 2nd place went to **Kins of Twins** and the 1st place winner was **Chemung Valley MOTC**. There were 5 Medium sized clubs that participated. In 3rd place was **Multiple Moms Mingle**, 2nd place went to **MOTC Suffolk** and the 1st place winner was **Orange County POM**. 4 Large clubs participated. 3rd place went to **Manhattan MOTC**, 2nd place was **Nassau County MOTC**, and 1st place was **Greater Rochester MOTC**. Congratulations were extended to all the clubs that participated.

Door Sign Contest Results: Jennifer Dolgos (Greater Rochester MOTC) informed the membership that the theme this year was “Fashion Through the Decades.” The winners were: Funniest: Room 333, Most Creative: Room 675 MOTC of Suffolk, Best overall: Room 539 POM of CNY, and People’s Choice: Room 675 MOTC Suffolk.

Old Business:

President Joanne Czajkowski (TNT of CNY) once again asked for a club to come forward with a bid for the 2011 State Meeting. There was no bid presented at this time.

Guidelines for Usage of the State Logo: Myriam Lavora (MOTC Queens) presented the procedures for Usage of the State Logo as it will appear in the NYSOMOTC Procedure Manual. The usage must be approved by the Executive Board. The logo must be used as is and cannot be altered or combined with another logo to create a new logo. The request must be made at an Executive Board Meeting. Board Members from the club making the request must recuse themselves from the voting process. The State President will inform the requesting club via regular mail with Return Receipt Requested. There will be a \$25 charge per type of item requested for usage. The fees collected will be acknowledged as Ways and Means Income. **Linda Goldsworthy** (POM of CNY) endorsed the proposal. These procedures were discussed by the Executive Board. We as the Executive Board understand that local clubs wish to use this logo to promote the State Organization on their fundraising items.

New Business:

President Joanne Czajkowski (TNT of CNY) asked for **Marie Simmons Scholarship Fundraising ideas:** **MSS Treasurer/Vice Chairman Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens) reported that the fund is dwindling and that we now need new ways to bring in more money during each year to continue this fund that has been giving out scholarships since 1996. **Marie Simmons Scholarship Chairman Lesley Longmcleod** (MOTC Suffolk) was able to arrange our participation in selling at a concession stand at the 2008 Belmont Stakes. Through this endeavor, we were able to

1 raise \$755 for the fund. A percentage of the total income at the concession stand is
2 donated back to the Not for Profit organization that works at the event. Each club should
3 check into doing this in their local area. We ask if you, the members, have any ideas to
4 help support and continue this scholarship program. We ask for your ideas on
5 fundraising. **Lisa Cartini** (POM of CNY) suggested that each member donate a scratch
6 off lottery ticket and we could make a basket and raffle them off. **Mamie Hoag** (Greater
7 Rochester MOTC) suggested lowering the prize of the Calendar Raffle to \$100. **Linda**
8 **Goldsworthy** (POM of CNY) suggested raising the membership charge on the dues per
9 club per member and the increase would be for the Marie Simmons Scholarship.
10 **Michele Szatkowski** (Greater Rochester MOTC) suggested coming up with different
11 incentive prizes instead of money. **Sarah Price** (Chemung Valley MOTC) asked what
12 we did before the calendar raffle. She suggested having local clubs charge a cover
13 charge to events and donating that to the scholarship fund. **President Joanne**
14 **Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY) suggested that each local club do a fundraiser for the
15 scholarship fund. **Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens) answered we used to do a lottery
16 program based on the state lottery number system but we cannot do that because it is
17 not allowed by New York State. The Marie Simmons Scholarship Committee started
18 fundraising in the early 1980's and we did not give away scholarships until 1996. That
19 gave us years to build up the fund. **Wendy Landolina** (Orange County POMC)
20 suggested that each local club do something such as a coin drive and bring fundraising
21 to their local areas and make everyone aware of this program. **Natalie Diaz** (Manhattan
22 MOTC) suggested Marie Simmons Scholarship Awareness Month. Have a raffle at the
23 local level and donate money. The Presidential Papers could have advertisers and the
24 money could go to the fund. **Linda Goldsworthy** (POM of CNY) stated that we give out
25 1 award to a mother perhaps we should cut the moms scholarship and just have the two
26 for the children. **President Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY) stated that all these
27 great suggestions would be taken under advisement and the Executive Board would
28 discuss this matter and report back to the membership.

29 **Procedure Manual Chairman Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) informed the State
30 Reps that the State Rep Packet is posted on line and they can download and access all
31 information on the Website. State Reps will also receive it attached to an email after the
32 meeting Visit our website at www.nysomotoc.org to access the members only section:
33 Login: user name: just4us password: 0102. You can also access the Procedure Manual
34 on the website. She would appreciate any feedback you may have on this new system.
35 Email her at Mim248@aol.com.

36 **President Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY) stated that positions are available on the
37 board; please see the **Nominating Chairman Nancy McPeak** (TNT of CNY) for the list
38 of the positions still open.

39 **President Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY) again asked if any club or clubs would be
40 putting forth a bid to host the 2011 State Meeting. No bid was offered. This matter was
41 postponed until Midterm 2009.

42 **Installation Ceremony: Nominating Chairman Nancy McPeak** (TNT of CNY)
43 conducted the ceremony installing the new officers for the 2009 – 2010 year. **Chaplain**
44 **Barbi Cudney** (Genesee Country MOTC) read a prayer that is part of the ceremony.

After the ceremony **President Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY) thanked everyone for their faith and support and stated she was honored to serve this wonderful organization.

Announcements: President Joanne Czajkowski (TNT of CNY) stated that Sunday's Executive Board Meeting begins at 8:00 AM. All Board Members must attend. Those Board Members not continuing on in their current position must return all files, manual and badges. Delegates/Alternates please return plastic pouches to Parliamentarian **Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens). All Club Presidents and State Reps are invited to attend the Midterm Meeting.

Final Words from 2009 State Meeting: Chairman: Michele Szatkowski (Greater Rochester MOTC) and **Co-Chairman Lorena Cutt** (Greater Rochester MOTC) thanked everyone for coming and hoped that everyone had a good time. They stated that raffles were to be picked up in the Raffle Room after the meeting. They asked that everyone submit their evaluation forms. They also asked that contributors to the Moms Information Center to please pick up their signs in the Hospitality Room. **Pam Reussow** (Greater Rochester MOTC) thanked Michele and Renie for all the work they did as Chairmen and presented them with flowers on behalf of Greater Rochester MOTC.

Advisor Ruth Barone (Greater Rochester MOTC) stated that the Past Presidents' picture was to be taken right after the close of the meeting.

Closing Reflection: Chaplain Barbi Cudney (Genesee Country MOTC) read an inspirational reading and wished everyone safe travels home.

President Joanne Czajkowski (TNT of CNY) **adjourned the 44th Annual State Meeting of the New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs meeting at 4:10 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Camilleri – Recording Secretary

Minutes Approval:

_____ **Sarah Price** (Chemung Valley MOTC)

_____ **Lisa Vanderbrook** (MOTC Buffalo)