

New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs

2009 Sunday Executive Board Meeting - April 26, 2009

Woodcliff Hotel and Spa, Fairport, NY

The 2009 Sunday Executive Board Meeting was called to order at 8:20 AM by President Joanne Czajkowski (TNT of CNY). All discussions will be timed to a limit of 10 minutes.

Chaplain: Barbi Cudney (Genesee Country MOTC) gave an inspirational welcome.

President Joanne Czajkowski (TNT of CNY) appointed **Linda Goldsworthy** (POM of CNY) and **Nita Landes** (Westside Suburban MOTC) to the **Minutes Approval Committee**.

Appointment of Officers: **Advisor Ruth Barone** (Greater Rochester MOTC) and **Parliamentarian Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens).

Recording Secretary Michele Camilleri (MOTC Queens) called the roll. PRESENT: 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), Archivist Michele Camilleri (MOTC Queens), Calligraphy Nita Landes (Westside Suburban MOTC), Chaplain Barbi Cudney (Genesee Country MOTC), Club Banner Contest Chairman Linda Gettings (Greater Rochester MOTC), Membership Pins Chairman Glenda Chappell (TNT of CNY), Marie Simmons Scholarship Committee Chairman Michele Camilleri (MOTC Queens), 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, Marie Simmons Scholarship Committee Fundraiser Nancy Converse (TNT of CNY), Newsletter Contest Chairman Pam Reussow (Greater Rochester MOTC), Newsletter Editor Michele Szatkowski (Greater Rochester MOTC), Nominating Committee Chairman Lisa Vanderbrook (Buffalo MOTC), Nominating Committee Member Natalie Diaz (Manhattan MOTC), Nominating Committee Member Lori Connolly (Greater Rochester MOTC), Procedure Manual Chairman Myriam Lavora (MOTC Queens), Publicity Chairman Janet Hranek (Southern Tier MOTC), State Meeting Co-Liaison Michele Szatkowski (Greater Rochester MOTC), State Meeting Co-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), Unity Project Coordinator Mamie Hoag (Greater Rochester MOTC), Twin Photo Registry Barbi Cudney (Genesee Country MOTC), Ways and Means Co-Chairman Nancy McPeak (TNT of CNY), Ways and Means Co-Chairman Nancy Converse and Website Committee Michele Szatkowski (Greater Rochester MOTC). PAST PRESIDENTS: Nita Landes (Westside Suburban MOTC), Myriam Lavora (MOTC

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1 **Queens) 2x, Michele Camilleri (MOTC Queens) 2x, Ruth Barone (Greater**
2 **Rochester MOTC), Linda Goldsworthy (POM of CNY).**

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4 **President Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY) stated that the Address Roster and
5 Equipment List were being passed around. Please write in your information and return
6 them to the president.

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8 **Procedure Manual Chairman Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) passed around the
9 Manual and Badge list and asked that it be returned to her when completed.

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11 **Editor: Michele Szatkowski** (Greater Rochester MOTC) Calendar of Events will be
12 published in the next Presidential Papers. The deadline for articles is May 2nd.

13 **President Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY) asked that all Officers submit articles for
14 each edition and all committee chairmen should also submit articles for the Presidential
15 Papers.

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17 **Treasurer Glenda Chappell** (TNT of CNY) distributed the Proposed Budget and asked
18 if anyone had any questions or concerns. **Nancy McPeak** (TNT of CNY) asked about
19 the expense of purchasing new tickets for Ways and Means; there is no allotment.
20 **Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens) stated that Ways and Means expenses are
21 deducted against any income. **Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) asked if we had
22 received the income from the 2009 Chinese Auction. **Lori Connolly** (Greater
23 Rochester MOTC) stated the Ways and Means people put the money in the safe. They
24 were attempting to retrieve it at the time of the meeting. **Myriam Lavora** (MOTC
25 Queens) stated that we need to have the Ways And Means Chairmen turn over their
26 files and the money collected. She also noted that we should contact the immediate
27 Past Marie Simmons Scholarship Chairman **Lesley Longmcleod** (MOTC Suffolk) and
28 the Historian **Diane Donovan-Campisi** (MOTC Suffolk) because they need to turn over
29 the files and have not done so. **President Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY) donated
30 all expenses. **Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens) stated that the Year End Report for
31 2008 - 2009 showed the expense and the donation. **"I, Pam Reussow, a member of**
32 **Greater Rochester MOTC, at this Executive Board Meeting, move to accept the**
33 **NYSOMOTC 2009 – 2010 proposed budget as presented."** The motion was
34 seconded by **Mamie Hoag** (Greater Rochester MOTC). All were in favor. **Motion**
35 **approved**

36 **Natalie Diaz:** (Manhattan MOTC) asked since her club is making a donation to the
37 Marie Simmons Scholarship Fund where should the check be sent. **President Joanne**
38 **Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY) stated that the check should be sent to the **Marie Simmons**
39 **Scholarship Treasurer/Vice Chairman Kathy Lyman** (Schenectady MOTC).

40 **Midterm Meeting Chairman: Shirley Savage** (Southern Tier MOTC) absent.
41 **President Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY) reiterated the information for the 2009
42 Midterm Board Meeting. The meeting is scheduled for October 17 at the Owego
43 Treadway. The registration fee is \$30. The Registration Form will be in the next
44 Presidential Papers. Please make checks payable to NYSOMOTC and mail the check

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and registration form to Shirley Savage at 191 Colesville Rd., Binghamton by October 1st. Make your hotel reservation directly with the Owego Treadway by September 1st.

2009 State Meeting Chairmen: Michele Szatkowski (Greater Rochester MOTC) and **Lorena Cutt** (Greater Rochester MOTC) hoped everyone had a good time. There were 147 registered attendees. The State Meeting Assessment fee was turned over at the Friday Executive Board Meeting along with the repayment of the State Meeting Loan. **Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) stated that Michele Szatkowski's sons were such a big help, very sweet and kind gentlemen.

2010 State Meeting Co-Chairmen: Michele Camilleri (MOTC Queens), **Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens), **Shirley Savage** (Southern Tier MOTC) 2nd call will be in the next Presidential Papers with updates sent every month to the committee.

2011 State Meeting Chairmen: Request for loan. No one has come forward yet. **Linda Goldsworthy** (POM of CNY) asked about the bid process. **Lisa Cartini** (POM of CNY) in cooperation with TNT of CNY will submit the bid for 2011 and we will continue to leave open the bid process until Midterm. **Lisa Cartini** (POM of CNY) will be the Chairman. **Linda Goldsworthy** (POM of CNY) will be the Co-Chairman. It was decided that we would hold off on voting on any bids until the Midterm Board Meeting. By leaving it open until Midterm, this would allow any other club that might be interested to submit their bid.

Procedure Manual Chairman: Myriam Lavora (MOTC Queens) asked that all Revisions and Transfer of Files be made to new board members. She asked that each Board Member remove all outdated pages and replace with the updated material. She also reminded everyone to visit the website to view the Procedure Manual for the Executive Board. **Natalie Diaz** (Manhattan MOTC) asked if there are two separate logins. **Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) answered they are: user name: stateboard password: 0910 and for the Club members' manual – user name: just4us, password: state0102. Every year the password will change for the Executive Board. The Logo Procedure will be posted on the website. The Past President procedures will also be posted. The State Rep Packet will be available on line at the website and will be sent as an attachment to an email.

Show and Sell Report: President Joanne Czajkowski (TNT of CNY) reported that **Sara LiPera** (Greater Rochester MOTC) sent her \$505 in checks which were deposited. There were 4 or 5 clubs and 17 outside vendors

Nita Landes (Westside Suburban MOTC) expressed concern about the Memorial Page, stating that there are three mistakes such as incorrect names. The names appear in the Memorial Book correctly. She thinks it would be more appropriate for her to do the Memorial Page for the Booklet. **Barbi Cudney** (Genesee Country MOTC) stated that she did not have a problem with **Nita Landes** (Westside Suburban MOTC) doing the page so that it could be more accurate. This will be a Procedure Manual change. **Glenda Chappell** (TNT of CNY) stated that the Chaplain can pass on the names to Nita and/or Nita could pass on names to the Chaplain. **President Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY) stated that she informs the Executive Board. **Ruth Barone**

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(Greater Rochester MOTC) suggested that each person go back to their local club and ask if everyone is included in the book. Let our **Chaplain Barbi Cudney** (Genesee Country MOTC) and **Nita Landes** (Westside Suburban MOTC) know so that they can add be added to the book. This should be standard operating procedure. **Ruth Barone** (Greater Rochester MOTC) stated that State Reps should put this list in the newsletter and ask people to help identify these individuals. This would help the State Reps understand. **Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) asked if Nita still had the list of names of people that need to be allocated to clubs. **Nita Landes** (Westside Suburban MOTC) will write an article with the names of deceased members asking for their club affiliation. She will also ask the State Reps to contact her as well as the Chaplain with names of any recently deceased members.

Chinese Auction Report: Wendy Landolina (Orange County POMC) and **Julie Ardito** (Orange County POMC) reported 17 clubs participated with 16 baskets. \$532 was the total income. There were no expenses. All files, badges and any other items will be transferred to the new Chairman.

Old Business:

A. **Quilt Stand: Ruth Barone** (Greater Rochester MOTC) stated she was not able to access the file on information on a less expensive stand. Two different ones were displayed. She will include the information on the pricing in the next Presidential Papers. If we are able to purchase another stand, the bigger one will allow us to display two quilts on the same stand. We will incur costs to add the sleeves so that they can be displayed. **Nita Landes** (Westside Suburban MOTC) stated the Quilt Stand was completely different than what she expected. This matter was tabled until Midterm.

B. **Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) stated a letter should be sent to the Marie Simmons Scholarship Recipients about their Responsibilities.

C. Room Buddies - **Kathy Brousseau** (Schenectady MOTC) will come up with more information.

D. **Ruth Barone** (Greater Rochester MOTC) will be the keeper of the 40th Anniversary Quilt and stand. This will be stated in the State Meeting Guidelines.

E. **Nita Landes** (Westside Suburban MOTC) concerned that the state workers were not acknowledged. She suggested they be introduced so that people know who they are. **Ruth Barone** (Greater Rochester MOTC) asked if she is speaking about the certificates that are usually presented at the Executive Board Meeting. **Nita Landes** (Westside Suburban MOTC) suggested that at some point during the state meeting the Board Members be acknowledged. **Nita Landes** (Westside Suburban MOTC) stated she had a concern about the wording of "required to attend" the Board Meeting and change it to "it is expected they will attend the ..." meeting. **Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) agreed it is a valid point but we need to stress the importance of the commitment to the position they have volunteered to undertake.

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1 F. **Nancy Converse** (TNT of CNY) asked if we are going to change the structure
2 of the \$500.00 award for the Marie Simons Scholarship Calendar Raffle and
3 discontinue the limit of sales of one name per day per club. **Myriam Lavora**
4 (MOTC Queens) stated she cannot make that change without the Fundraiser's
5 advice. This was a decision of the Executive Board but she could not make the
6 change to the Procedures without discussing it, seeing the impact of the changes
7 on the Calendar Raffle and without the final decision of the Board. **Mamie Hoag**
8 (Greater Rochester MOTC) stated if we were talking about the prize for the
9 Calendar Raffle then even \$100 or \$200 is enough of a prize. **Myriam Lavora**
10 (MOTC Queens) stated that we realize that we need to make a move. We went
11 from 50-50 to \$500. Some dates share multiple winners. We wanted to keep it
12 at a reasonable prize. \$100 divided amongst many winners diminishes the
13 incentive to purchase. In her opinion the \$500 amount is fair. **Julie Ardito**
14 (Orange County POMC) commented that it was a motivator to say the prize is
15 \$500. **Natalie Diaz** (Manhattan MOTC) stated that we should leave the prize at
16 \$500 for this year and see what happens. **Nita Landes** (Westside Suburban
17 MOTC) asked if more people could purchase more dates. **Nancy Converse**
18 (TNT of CNY) stated it was determined at Midterm that you could have multiple
19 purchases for the same within the same club. **Nancy Converse** (TNT of CNY)
20 stated that she should have been informed of the purposed change before hand
21 and she could have been prepared. **Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) stated that
22 the change at Midterm in the handling of the Marie Simons Scholarship
23 Calendar Raffle was not planned but it was an evolution of the discussion at the
24 meeting. **Natalie Diaz** (Manhattan MOTC) questioned if we could have donators
25 advertise. **Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens) stated that we operate as a not-
26 for-profit organization but we are not recognized as such and therefore are
27 unable to issue IRS accepted receipts of donations. She continued the
28 advertiser could purchase space instead of making a donation. **Natalie Diaz**
29 (Manhattan MOTC) stated that advertising in our newsletter may also be a new
30 way for the companies to reach new customers. They could spend \$500 to put
31 their advertisement in front of 1700 people. **Mamie Hoag** (Greater Rochester
32 MOTC) said that we need to realize the economy will have an impact on potential
33 advertisers. **Natalie Diaz** (Manhattan MOTC) stated that it was true that the
34 state of the economy would have some impact, but we are still a potential
35 market. **Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) asked how we would go about setting
36 something like this up. We would need to make it clear that this is not a donation.
37 **Natalie Diaz** (Manhattan MOTC) asked if there is a central person to help us run
38 this. **Kathy Brousseau** (Schenectady MOTC) stated that we would make it very
39 clear to the potential advertisers that they are purchasing advertising space not
40 making a donation. **Glenda Chappell** (TNT of CNY) instead of an advertiser on
41 the calendar what about an advertiser on the newsletter. The money could be
42 earmarked for the Marie Simons Scholarship. **Natalie Diaz** (Manhattan
43 MOTC) felt companies would jump at the opportunity. **President Joanne**
44 **Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY) tabled the issue until midterm.

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1 New Business:

2 A. The Club Banner Plaque was turned over to the new Club Banner Contest
3 Chairman, **Linda Gettings** (Greater Rochester MOTC). She will have the name
4 of the winning club engraved.

5 **B. National Convention Booklet Ad:** President Joanne Czajkowski (TNT of
6 CNY) will contact State/National Liaison MaryLou Surmik (Southern Tier MOTC).
7 **"I, Lisa Cartini, a member of POM of CNY at this Executive Board Meeting,**
8 **move we buy a full page ad in the NOMOTC Convention Booklet for \$45."**
9 **Nancy McPeak** (TNT of CNY) seconded the motion. All were in favor. The
10 Motion was approved.

11 **C. President Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY) asked for volunteers to take the
12 various positions still available. She will include this info in the Presidential
13 Papers.

14 **D. President Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY) stated that blank certificates
15 were found in the archives and she asked if anyone had a use for them. **Nita**
16 **Landes** (Westside Suburban MOTC) pointed out that she creates all certificates.
17 All names should be sent to her in advance. **Barbi Cudney** (Genesee Country
18 MOTC) suggested listing all the positions on one certificate instead of multiple
19 certificates. **Pam Reussow** (Greater Rochester MOTC) asked if she gives the
20 Calligrapher a list and she will then create the appropriate certificates. **Ruth**
21 **Barone** (Greater Rochester MOTC) asked if this is what it states in the
22 Procedure Manual under each chairman. This is a conflict in the positions of
23 Calligrapher and the contest chairman. **Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) will
24 change the procedure to reflect that the Calligrapher creates all certificates.
25 **Linda Goldsworthy** (POM of CNY) stated that at some point it was previously
26 discussed that there were some certificates that were created by the contest
27 chairman. **Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) stated the contest chairmen will set
28 them up and the Calligrapher will put the names on them. **Nita Landes**
29 (Westside Suburban MOTC) stated that she could create the certificates along
30 with adding the names. **Pam Reussow** (Greater Rochester MOTC) asked if she
31 should send the names and Nita will create them. **President Joanne**
32 **Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY) stated this matter will be finalized at Midterm.

33 **E. Natalie Diaz** (Manhattan MOTC) asked if the newsletter contest could be
34 restructured to include a separate category for an electronic form of a newsletter.
35 **Ruth Barone** (Greater Rochester MOTC) asked if the Manhattan MOTC
36 Newsletter could be sent as a PDF. **Natalie Diaz** (Manhattan MOTC) stated that
37 the newsletter is created on the website and therefore, the format is for reading
38 on the web. **Michele Szatkowski** (Greater Rochester MOTC) asked how it is
39 viewed. **Natalie Diaz** (Manhattan MOTC) stated her newsletter is viewed as a
40 regular web page. **Michele Szatkowski** (Greater Rochester MOTC) pointed out
41 that this discussion has come up before. **President Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT
42 of CNY) asked the Newsletter Chairman to please begin investigating this matter.
43 She should be prepared to discuss this matter at the Midterm Board Meeting.

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1 **Pam Reussow** (Greater Rochester MOTC) asked if it would be appropriate to
2 discuss this with the clubs through the newsletter. **President Joanne**
3 **Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY) stated that would be the best forum to open a
4 discussion with the local clubs. **Natalie Diaz** (Manhattan MOTC) stated that
5 there is more information in an online newsletter than a regular newsletter.

6 **F. Website: Linda Goldsworthy** (POM of CNY) stated we need to update our
7 website; there is a great deal of potential that is not being taken advantage of.
8 The woman from Big Tent was here this weekend and she is willing and able to
9 help local clubs and the State Organization with websites. She commented that
10 she was disappointed that the webmaster was not here and this is her home
11 town. **President Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY) stated that originally **Gloria**
12 **Thomas** (Greater Rochester MOTC) was going to attend but that changed.
13 **Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) commented that we did not even receive a
14 report. She added that she had been working with Gloria and they had discussed
15 her report and attendance. **Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens) agreed that the
16 website has the potential to increase awareness of what we do and to reach
17 more mothers of multiples. It does however need to be updated. **Michele**
18 **Szatkowski** (Greater Rochester MOTC) stated she has passed along
19 suggestions to Gloria but has not heard much from her. **Natalie Diaz** (Manhattan
20 MOTC) suggested that we contact Big Tent and invite them to give us more
21 information. **President Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY) asked **Natalie Diaz**
22 (Manhattan MOTC) if she could look into this and create a recommendation as to
23 how we can accomplish this. **Kathy Brousseau** (Schenectady MOTC) stated
24 that you need a lot more information and ability than we currently have. It is a
25 very good idea to have a professional create and maintain our website. **Natalie**
26 **Diaz** (Manhattan MOTC) will gather info and meet with the Website Committee.
27 **Ruth Barone** (Greater Rochester MOTC) suggested Natalie meet with the
28 Website Committee and present their findings at the Midterm Meeting. **Natalie**
29 **Diaz** (Manhattan MOTC) suggested inviting the Big Tent representative to come
30 to the Midterm Meeting and present their ideas for the website along with pricing
31 and operation. **President Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY) will contact Gloria
32 and she will be included in this conversation. Could the Big Tent
33 Representative be invited to come to our next meeting? **Pam Reussow** (Greater
34 Rochester MOTC) suggested that the Greater Rochester Webmaster be included
35 in the conversation since she met with the representative. **Myriam Lavora**
36 (MOTC Queens) pointed out that this could be useful information to local clubs
37 and might entice them into coming to the Midterm Meeting to gather information
38 about website creation and maintenance for their local club. **Lisa Vanderbrook**
39 (MOTC Buffalo) asked if there was some way to have a workshop for club
40 editor's discussing websites. **Ruth Barone** (Greater Rochester MOTC) stated
41 that might be a good idea for a state meeting as a workshop. **Michele**
42 **Szatkowski** (Greater Rochester MOTC) stated that the Big Tent person (Dawn)
43 only came for Show and Sell. She felt she would come back because she had
44 such a good time with all that she participated in.

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1 **G. Show and Sell Refund issue:** **Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) stated we
2 need to change the procedure for establishing the criteria for allowing or not
3 allowing refunds when vendors cancel out of Show and Sell. We will need to add
4 a line to the contract clearly stating our policy. **Michele Szatkowski** (Greater
5 Rochester MOTC) explained what she did to handle these two cancellations.
6 She went to each of them and explained how she was going to handle the matter
7 of the refund. **Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) stated we do not have a refund
8 policy and a committee should review and determine how best to handle this
9 matter. **Ruth Barone** (Greater Rochester MOTC) stated we need to have an
10 officer as the final contact person. The Vice President should be the contact
11 person. **Procedure Manual Chairman Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) will
12 prepare a refund proposal which will be presented at midterm.

13 **H. Nominations: Parliamentarian Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) stated she
14 will work on a proposal to add an amendment to the By Laws to allow for
15 reopening nominations once they have been closed.

16 I. Marie Simmons Scholarship Fundraising ideas will be discussed at Midterm.

17 **Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) stated that we do have a Hotmail account that allows
18 those who visit our website to contact specific State board members. The address is:
19 www.nysomotc@hotmail.com. The password is: 2001president.

20 **J. Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) addressed her concern of Board Members
21 not bringing a written activity report to the meetings. All board Members must
22 write a report and need only to have 8 copies to give out to the Officers and the
23 Minutes Approval Committee. This requirement is stated in the Procedure
24 Manual.

25 **K. Linda Goldsworthy** (POM of CNY) stated that there are clubs that have
26 always come to convention but do not come to any of the meetings and do not
27 send delegates to the Saturday General Meeting but they participate in Show
28 and Sell. She felt that we were used. **Michele Szatkowski** (Greater Rochester
29 MOTC) agreed with Linda. She felt that there are clubs that do not participate in
30 the General Meeting but participate in the contests and all the party events.
31 **Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens) concurred and pointed out that this also
32 affects the Executive Board in the lack of attendance of some of the Board
33 Members. **Michele Szatkowski** (Greater Rochester MOTC) stated that this lack
34 of participation or attendance had an impact on their numbers for the counts on
35 meals. **Nita Landes** (Westside Suburban MOTC) asked about getting people to
36 attend the Luncheon. **Renie Cutt** (Greater Rochester MOTC) agreed with all the
37 comments. She stated that when they were planning The State Meeting, they
38 had hoped for full participation but they were disappointed about attendance at
39 the events. **Michele Szatkowski** (Greater Rochester MOTC) suggested a
40 weekend package deal. **Linda Goldsworthy** (POM of CNY) commented that
41 many people come and want to see the town and it may be cheaper and they
42 might receive a better deal outside of the convention. They also want to get out
43 of the hotel and enjoy some of the day. **Lisa Vanderbrook** (MOTC Buffalo)

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1 some people come and want to support the hosting club and some want to come
2 and have fun. A package deal might work. **Michele Szatkowski** (Greater
3 Rochester MOTC) stated that many don't go to all events but everyone comes to
4 Saturday Night. **Mamie Hoag** (Greater Rochester MOTC) made a
5 recommendation to reach out to the State Reps and inform them of our concerns.
6 **President Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY) said that it is the State Rep's job
7 to show their members what is going on at the State Meeting and with the
8 Organization. **Ruth Barone** (Greater Rochester MOTC) stated that the Vice
9 President should reach out to the State Reps and explain our concerns. **Kathy**
10 **Brousseau** (Schenectady MOTC) stated that the survey (Attendance at the
11 State Meeting) had clear comments on lack of attendance such as the cost or the
12 length of the meeting. **Mamie Hoag** (Greater Rochester MOTC) commented that
13 in the morning session attendance is down. **Ruth Barone** (Greater Rochester
14 MOTC) stated that the suggestion of moving the awards to the luncheon might
15 be incentive to have members attend the luncheon. **Myriam Lavora** (MOTC
16 Queens) spoke as Parliamentarian about this matter. Attendance at convention
17 versus registered delegates shows a disparity. She felt that many State Reps
18 are not taking their responsibilities seriously. They are not fulfilling their
19 commitment to our organization. **Lisa Cartini** (POM of CNY) asked if we can
20 make it mandatory that if your club participates in events you must come to the
21 general meeting; if not, then you cannot participate in other activities. **Myriam**
22 **Lavora** (MOTC Queens) agreed but she added we are limited by our By Laws
23 and Procedures; until we as an organization do this as a rule there is no way to
24 enforce this proposed practice. **Glenda Chappell** (TNT of CNY) asked if this
25 would be a bylaw change and a procedural guideline change. If you do not
26 register to attend you cannot participate in the weekend's activities. She
27 suggested that a proposal be prepared for the Midterm Meeting. **Michele**
28 **Szatkowski** (Greater Rochester MOTC) asked what the wording would be. **Ruth**
29 **Barone** (Greater Rochester MOTC) suggested "if you are not exercising your
30 right to vote you will be unable to participate in any of the events of the
31 weekend." **President Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY) stated that this matter
32 was tabled until Midterm. **Ruth Barone** (Greater Rochester MOTC) added that
33 the Vice President should reach out to the State Reps and inform them of the
34 concerns we have over why they are not attending the Saturday General
35 Meeting. **Kathy Brousseau** (Schenectady MOTC) asked if clubs indicated why
36 they were not attending. **Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) answered that one of
37 the State Reps indicated that she was not able to attend and no one wished to
38 help her.

39 **Janet Hranek** (Southern Tier MOTC) stated that she sent out press releases and asked
40 if any were published.

41 Unclaimed raffles for the 2009 State Meeting were raffled off.

42 **President Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY) asked if any new members of the Board
43 had any questions. **Mamie Hoag** (Greater Rochester MOTC) asked what does the job
44 entail and how does she recruit items. **Barbi Cudney** (Genesee Country MOTC)

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1 answered that the Unity Project is for the members by the members. She suggested
2 that articles requesting items be run in each Presidential Papers.

3 **Linda Goldsworthy** (POM of CNY) asked what the dates of the 2011 State Meeting
4 should be. **Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens) answered April 28, 29 and 30, 2011. This
5 includes the last Saturday in April per the Bylaws.

6 **Editor Michele Szatkowski** (Greater Rochester MOTC) asked that everyone please
7 write their own articles. She can not write them for anyone otherwise she would be
8 writing the entire newsletter.

9 **President Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY) made the following announcements:

10 A. Please read the Procedure Manual for your current Board Position. If you have
11 any questions, please see the President, the previous chairman or any of the
12 Officers.

13 B. Always use the NYSOMOTC in your subject line when emailing.
14 Answer all mail within 7 days. **Nita Landes** (Westside Suburban MOTC) left the
15 room.

16 C. All chairmen should copy the President and Vice President on all
17 communications.

18 D. **Sarah Price's** (Chemung Valley MOTC) daughter was taken to the hospital
19 with sun poisoning. The Chaplain will send a card. **Michele Szatkowski**
20 (Greater Rochester MOTC) asked that everyone use their directories, both of
21 which are published in the Presidential Papers.

22 E. **Janet Hranek** (Southern Tier MOTC) asked that everyone send a get well
23 card to **Rosemarie Stevens** (Southern Tier MOTC) she is in the hospital with a
24 bleeding ulcer. **Michele Szatkowski** (Greater Rochester MOTC) asked do we
25 issue a refund with regard to Rosemarie Stevens. **Michele Camilleri** (MOTC
26 Queens) stated that the Registration Fee is not refundable; all other fees may be
27 refunded at the discretion of the State Meeting Chairman.

28 **2008 – 2009 Marie Simmons Scholarship Chairman Lesley Longmcleod** (MOTC
29 Suffolk) and **Historian Diana Donovan-Campisi** (MOTC Suffolk) still had not arrived.

30 **Chaplain: Barbi Cudney** (Genesee Country MOTC) gave a Farewell Reflection about
31 the value of a mother.

32 **Meeting Adjourned at 11:10 AM by President Joanne Czajkowski (TNT of CNY).**

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34 Respectfully Submitted,

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36 **Michele Camilleri – Recording Secretary**

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1 Minutes Approval:

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3 _____ **Linda Goldsworthy** (POM of CNY)

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5 _____ **Nita Landes** (Westside Suburban MOTC)