

New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs  
2010 Mid Term Executive Board Meeting  
October 16, 2010  
Owego Treadway Inn and Suites, Owego, NY

**The 2010 Midterm Executive Board Meeting was called to order at 8:40 am by President Glenda Chappell.**

**Chaplain Barbi Cudney** welcomed members to the meeting and said an uplifting prayer opening the meeting.

**President Glenda Chappell** stated that Joanne Czajkowski, Advisor and Ruth Barone, Parliamentarian were absent due to illness. President Chappell asked for an approval of the appointment of Myriam Lavora as the temporary Parliamentarian. **Myriam** was approved by the executive board.

**President Glenda Chappell** asked that all discussion be kept to 10 minutes.

**President Glenda Chappell** appointed the Minutes Approval Committee of **Michele Camilleri** and **Barbi Cudney**.

**Recording Secretary Sarah Price** called the roll: **PRESENT: President Glenda Chappell** (TNT of CNY), **Vice President Mary Grace Roach** (Nassau Co MOTC), **Treasurer Lorena Cutt** (Greater Rochester MOTC), **Recording Secretary Sarah Price** (Chemung Valley MOTC), **Archivist Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens), **Chaplain Barbi Cudney** (Genesee Country MOTC), **Club Banner Contest Linda Gettings** (Greater Rochester MOTC), **Librarian Kathlene Lyman** (Schenectady MOTC), **Membership Pins Pam Reussow** (Greater Rochester MOTC), **Midterm Meeting Chairmen Rae Willette** (Chemung Valley MOTC), **Marie Simmons Scholarship Committee Lorena Cutt** (Greater Rochester MOTC), **Marie Simmons Scholarship Committee Lisa Cartini** (POM of CNY), **Marie Simmons Scholarship Committee Karen Nichols** (Madison-Oneida MOTC), **Marie Simmons Scholarship Committee Alternate Barbi Cudney** (Genesee Country MOTC), **Marie Simmons Scholarship Fundraiser Chairman Nancy Converse** (TNT of CNY), **Marie Simmons Scholarship Treasurer/Vice Chairman Kathlene Lyman** (Schenectady MOTC), **Newsletter Contest Chairman Lindsay Corrigan** (Greater Rochester MOTC), **Newsletter Editor Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens), **Nominating Chairman Lisa Vanderbrook** (MOTC Buffalo), **Nominating Committee Katrina Smith** (Chemung Valley MOTC), **Nominating Committee Lori Connolly** (Greater Rochester MOTC), **Nominating Committee Marie Vito** (MOTC Buffalo), **Photographer Sara LiPera** (Greater Rochester MOTC), **Procedural Manual Chairman Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens), **Publicity Janet Hranek** (Southern Tier MOTC), **State Meeting Liaison Co-Chairman Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens), **State Meeting Liaison Co-Chairman Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens), **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** (Genesee Country MOTC/Southern Tier MOTC), **2011 State Meeting Chairman Lisa Cartini** (POM of CNY), **2012 State Meeting Chairman Mary Grace Roach** (Nassau Co MOTC), **2012 State Meeting Co-Chairman Colleen Byrne** (Nassau Co MOTC), **Unity Project Coordinator Shirley Savage** (Genesee Country MOTC/Southern Tier MOTC), **Twin Photo Registry Barbi Cudney** (Genesee Country MOTC). PAST PRESIDENTS: **Myriam Lavora, Shirley Savage, Michele Camilleri, Appointed Parliamentarian Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens).

Officers Reports:

**President Glenda Chappell** gave a report of her duties to date including contact with members by phone or email, submitted articles to the newsletter, prepared the Executive Board Member Directory and the Emergency Telephone/Email list and today's agenda. The President's Procedural Manual was also updated. If there are any corrections to the Telephone/Email List please state them now. **Pam Reussow** noted that her last name was spelled incorrectly. **Lisa Vanderbrook** noted that her email address is spelled with a small "b". **Michele Camilleri** suggested eliminating the Emergency Telephone Tree list because everyone is on email and the president would only need to contact the 3 past presidents by phone that do not have internet access. **President Glenda Chappell** asked if everyone had received notice of Marie Simmons's passing by email and if everyone was in agreement with this change. **Myriam Lavora** stated that the Executive Member Directory is kept current and that the Telephone/Email list was an extra piece of paper or list to be prepared that was not necessary. In the old days, there were callers that were in charge of this list and now that is no longer necessary because of email. **President Glenda Chappell** asked, by a show of hands all that were in favor of doing away with the Telephone/Email list. **Myriam Lavora** suggested a trial of 1 year to see if the list was missed.

**Vice President Mary Grace Roach** stated that it was a pleasure being Vice President. Since April, she has been in contact with 23 clubs regarding dues and membership to the State Organization. 21 out of 23 clubs have renewed their membership for the 2010-2011 year. She has submitted "Turtle Talk" articles to the newsletter that contain news from the clubs. She enjoys receiving the newsletters and she gets many ideas to bring back to her local club, Nassau County. She has kept in contact with all the Executive Board Members when necessary and has compiled an alphabetical list of the clubs and officers.

**President Glenda Chappell** stated that the 2009 Friday Board Meeting Minutes were not approved. She called for a motion to be made and seconded by a person who attended that meeting. **"I, Pam Reussow, a member of Greater Rochester MOTC, at this New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs Executive Board Meeting, move we accept the Minutes of the 2009 Midterm Board Meeting as corrected."** The motion was seconded by Marie Vito. Motion Carried.

**Recording Secretary Sarah Price** reported that she emailed the corrected minutes for the 2010 Friday Executive Board Minutes, 2010 Saturday General Board Meeting

1 Minutes and the 2010 Sunday Executive Board Meeting Minutes to the Executive Board  
2 Members. She has also submitted articles to the Presidential Papers and has responded to  
3 all emails and communications as needed. She also purchased a pack of recording tape  
4 cassettes for the meeting. She then asked for corrections to the 2010 Friday Executive  
5 Board Meeting Minutes. No corrections were addressed.

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7 **President Glenda Chappell** asked for a motion to approve the 2010 Friday Executive  
8 Board Meeting Minutes as presented. **“I, Kathlene Lyman, a member of Schenectady**  
9 **MOTC, at this New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs Executive**  
10 **Board Meeting, move to accept the 2010 Friday Executive Board Meeting Minutes**  
11 **as presented.”** The motion was seconded by Pam Reussow. **Motion Carried.**

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13 **Recording Secretary Sarah Price** asked for corrections for the 2010 Sunday Executive  
14 Board Meeting Minutes. **Mary Grace Roach** asked that on page 8, line 46 the word  
15 “my” be changed to “by”. **Michele Camilleri** stated that page 12 was missing the  
16 Minutes Approval Signature lines as well as the Recording Secretary Signature Line.  
17 **Mary Grace Roach** asked if Myriam Lavora used the phrase on Page 9, Line 31 “The  
18 general thought”. The Recording Secretary was asked to check the tape and confirm the  
19 words. **Mary Grace Roach** asked what the protocol was for the wording of the minutes.  
20 Should the words be changed for understanding or do they have to reflect the actual  
21 words that were stated? **Myriam Lavora** stated that the minutes have to reflect the  
22 wording that was used. Approval was tabled to the afternoon session.

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24 **Recording Secretary Sarah Price** stated that the 2010 Sunday Executive Board Meeting  
25 Minutes tape was damaged in the transcriber and the tape is unable to be used. She is  
26 continuing to look for a person who is able to fix the tape.

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28 **Recording Secretary Sarah Price** asked for corrections for the 2010 Saturday General  
29 Board Meeting Minutes. **Myriam Lavora** asked for a correction that had already been  
30 made to the date in the heading of the minutes. **Myriam Lavora** asked for a correction  
31 on Page 5, Line 38 that the word “to” be changed to “too”. The change had already been  
32 corrected. **Kathlene Lyman** asked for correction of Page 8, Line 5 “beet” changed to  
33 “meet”. **Lenore Ecker** asked for correction on Page 6, Line 25 “a” be removed from the  
34 sentence. **Mary Grace Roach** asked for correction on Page 9, Line 34 “the” be removed.  
35 **Kathlene Lyman** asked for correction on Page 10, Line 33. She asked that “lovely” be  
36 removed because it was an interpretative word. **Michele Camilleri** agreed that she had  
37 added an interpretative word and that it needed to be removed. **Sarah Price** asked for  
38 correction on Page 10 Line 39 “Basset” change to “Bassett”. **Mary Grace Roach** asked  
39 for correction on Page 11 Line 23 to remove the “-“from “weekend”. **Kathleen Lyman**  
40 asked for correction on Page 12 Line 4 remove “she”. **Mary Grace Roach** asked for  
41 correction on Page 12 Line 5 place period at the end of London and capitalize the A on  
42 “after”.

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44 **President Glenda Chappell** asked for approval to present the 2010 Saturday General  
45 Meeting Minutes to the general membership. **“I, Kathlene Lyman, a member of**  
46 **Schenectady MOTC, at this New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins**

1 **Clubs Executive Board Meeting, move that the corrected 2010 Saturday General**  
2 **Meeting Minutes be presented to the membership for approval at the 2011 Saturday**  
3 **General Meeting.” The motion was seconded by Katrina Smith. Motion carried.**  
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5 **Treasurer:**

6 **Lorena Cutt** reported that 21 clubs had renewed their membership totaling \$935.00. The  
7 Eleanor Siegel Memorial Fund had income of \$1,400.00, which included the repayment  
8 of the 2010 State Meeting Loan, balance of \$2,737.36. The General Fund has an opening  
9 balance of \$4,132.88 and to date a Total Income of \$1,765.00 and Total Expenses of  
10 \$708.62 for a Closing Balance at this time of \$5,189.26. She then asked for any questions  
11 regarding the report. **Myriam Lavora** asked where the fee, from Nassau County MOTC,  
12 for using the state logo was. **Lorena Cutt** stated that she had not received a fee. **Mary**  
13 **Grace Roach** said that the fee had been paid. **Myriam Lavora** stated “Nassau County  
14 had offered requested the use of the logo for the beautiful t-shirts that they sold at our  
15 convention. The procedures that, I believe let me just refresh my mind, but there is a 25,  
16 we decided that we would not receive a percentage of their sales.”  
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18 Parliamentarian Ruth Barone was absent. **President Glenda Chappell** read Ruth’s  
19 report. Since April, she had prepared 2 newsletter reports, answered any emails, provided  
20 the motions made to the Recording Secretary for correct incorporation in the Saturday  
21 and Sunday General Meeting minutes and reviewed the by-laws, standing rules and  
22 procedure manual for the word “member” and other iterations of the word “members”.  
23 As requested, she reviewed the documents and reported that the word choice needs to be  
24 consistent and there are two alternatives: Go through and use one consistent term-  
25 member clubs would be my choice or create an amendment to the by-laws which defines  
26 what we mean when we use these terms. She asks for direction from the Board Members  
27 how to proceed. **Myriam Lavora** stated that she had taken the liberty of reviewing the  
28 bylaws and standing rules and the usage of the terms membership, members and member  
29 clubs. She also had checked on the usage in the National Club. To give credit to those  
30 founding members, those words were used correctly. National club uses a variety of these  
31 words with how they are used with the By Laws. Myriam stated that she is not sure how  
32 to make the terms make sense within the context of the bylaws. She recommended that  
33 the review be limited to the bylaws and standing rules and see which terms need to be  
34 changed and where. **Myriam Lavora** stated that we do not need to define the membership  
35 terms. Membership refers to member clubs which are the most important terms used and  
36 member clubs refers to the clubs in the state club. She felt that we do not need to define  
37 those terms. **Susan Venditti** (POM of CNY) stated that in legal documents it uses, for  
38 example, POM of CNY hereto referred to as member club or in the amendment page it  
39 could state the definition. **Michele Camilleri** said “sometimes the wording means  
40 “member club” for example the “member club receives the newsletter” not the  
41 membership. There are times that we need the specific term. I agree that I like the idea  
42 but sometimes we have too much information and that common sense should prevail. It is  
43 common sense what the meanings are”. **Shirley Savage** stated that if there is a situation  
44 in our bylaws where the term is misused then that term should be corrected and the rest of  
45 this should be set aside. There is no reason to make a massive change to the bylaws to  
46 add Member club. The manual is used by our organization and to be used by our member

clubs and unless someone has a certain place that is a concern we should address that situation. **President Glenda Chappell** asked for a show of hands of who agreed with stated opinions to leave things as they are and move on. All were in agreement.

**President Glenda Chappell** stated that Advisor Joanne Czajkowski was absent but sent in her report. Her report gives all the results of the evaluation sheets from the 2010 State Meeting. Please take a few minutes to go over the pages and we can take a few minutes to discuss them if needed. There were no questions or comments.

#### **Standing Committee Reports:**

**Archivist Michele Camilleri** stated articles were submitted for the newsletter. She created a Memorial Photo Album of Marie Simmons and emailed it to the Executive Board. Please turn over all files older than two years to her so that they can be archived. Everything is in order with the files at this time. Please contact her if any information is needed.

**President Glenda Chappell** stated that because Ruth Barone was unable to attend the meeting, Calligrapher Nita Landes was also unable to attend.

**Chaplain Barbi Cudney** stated that Nita Landes had tried to call her and was unable to contact her back for a ride. She thanked everyone for keeping her informed of the events occurring in your clubs and with your members so that she can properly respond as the Chaplain. She thanked those that contributed information and pictures to the Memorial Article, Glenda Chappell, Michele Camilleri, Myriam Lavora, Shirley Savage and Marylou Surmik. There was a good representation of our club and it made the family happy to see how much she was loved by this organization. She received many good reports from the service. She will do a memorial for her at the State Meeting. She will be remembered. Anyone who has pictures or information about Marie, please get it to her so that they can be included in the Memorial Board. Please keep her informed of happy events also.

**Twin Photo Registry Barbi Cudney** stated that she is not receiving many entries and that it is a great way to share information about your families. A question was asked about the format for the book and **Barbi Cudney** answered that it was a 12 by 12 format. We would love to see that registry grow.

**President Glenda Chappell** stated that the \$25 fee from Nassau Country is reflected in the Treasurer's Report in the General Fund from the time period of April 24, 2009 to April 17, 2010.

**President Glenda Chappell** stated that Nita Landes has moved and she has a new address for her and that will be given out after lunch.

**Club Banner Contest Linda Gettings** announced that she had become a Grandma, her granddaughter Hannah, was born on 8/9/10 and was breech and resulted in a C-section. She gets to watch her one day a week and is very excited. She stated that we are trying

1 again to switch up the contest. It has had very little participation in the last few years.  
2 Taking the ideas from the members, we are going to have clubs submit 12 by 12  
3 scrapbook pages, based on this year's theme "Turtles Just Wanna Have Fun" of the  
4 club's activities. These pages will then be entered into the Twin Photo Registry.  
5 Information will be in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Call.  
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7 **Librarian Kathlene Lyman** reported that articles were submitted to the newsletter. She  
8 continues to search for resource information and has retained the current list of resources.  
9 She stated that at some point the job might become obsolete because when she needs  
10 information she uses Google.  
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12 **10 Minute Break called by President Glenda Chappell at 10:00 AM.**  
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14 **Meeting Called to order at 10:11AM by President Glenda Chappell.**  
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16 **Membership Pins Chairman Pam Reussow** reported that she had received all the files,  
17 the Procedure Manual and pins from the previous chairman. She has reviewed the  
18 information and is ready to proceed with her duties once she has received the list of  
19 attendees to attend the 2011 Convention in Syracuse.  
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21 **President Glenda Chappell** stated that Nita Landes new address is 10A Allendale Dr  
22 Rochester, NY 14614. Her phone number is 315-283-8892.  
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24 **Marie Simmons Scholarship Committee Report written by Linda Goldsworthy,**  
25 **read by Kathlene Lyman.**

26 Linda was involved in the NYC Avon Walk during this weekend. Linda held a  
27 conference call on September 30, 2010 that was attended by Lisa Cartini, Erin Adams,  
28 Judy Tennenbaum, Nancy Converse, and Karen Nichols. 9 applications to date had been  
29 sent. "A suggestion had been emailed to the MSS Chairman that we should open the  
30 scholarship to High School seniors, in order to broaden the pool of applicants." The  
31 committee discussed the suggestion and voted that it was in the best interest of the  
32 scholarship and its committee to keep the scholarship as is. The committee is suggesting  
33 that the application guideline #8 letter A be changed to "The Applicant must be an  
34 unmarried child of a woman who is a mother of multiples. Both Mother and child must  
35 have been a permanent residence in New York State for the past five years as well as at  
36 the time of the application". **Kathlene Lyman** asked for comments to be taken back to  
37 Linda. **Michele Camilleri** asked if it was the intention that now "the offspring" has to  
38 live in New York for five years? She added when a child goes off to college they still call  
39 the parents house home. **Kathlene Lyman** stated that she thinks that where it says must  
40 live at home doesn't necessarily mean living at home. **Michele Camilleri** stated living at  
41 home means were you call home. Even if student changes their home address to the  
42 college address it is understood that they are now residing at school, but the home address  
43 always stays the same. **Kathlene Lyman** stated that is was confusing because you could  
44 have 2 addresses. **Michele Camilleri** stated that on the application it states home address  
45 and college address. **Michele Camilleri** added that we have never had the requirement  
46 that the child lived at home. Their residency was never called into question. Before the

1 mother's residency was a requirement. If you are going to change that it would have to be  
2 taken to the membership because not only does the mother have to live in New York  
3 State but now we are requiring the child live in New York State. For example, a divorced  
4 couple, the father lives in California and 3 months out of the year the child lives in  
5 California. They are not living at home with the mother. So technically, the child lives  
6 with the mother at home but visits with the father in California for 3 months. So it's the  
7 mother's residency that is the requirement because there are times that the children  
8 leave." **Karen Nichols** says that it's dumb to have "offspring" in part A because you can  
9 bring in step-children then the step-children living in the father's home. **Kathlene**  
10 **Lyman** stated that this needs some work. **Michele Camilleri** stated that there is an  
11 updated version in May on the website that needs to be reviewed. If we are going to  
12 change the requirements it has to be brought before the membership. **Barbi Cudney**  
13 asked do we need to state that she is a "woman who is a mother of multiples". We don't  
14 need woman in there. **Mary Grace Roach** questioned a deceased mother who is no  
15 longer living and should it instead say "parent". **Michele Camilleri** stated that there was  
16 a discussion about children of gay males and that it was stated that this was a Mothers of  
17 Twins Club and that we were giving the scholarship to children of Mothers of multiples  
18 and we do not give it to children of Fathers. Thankfully we have not had a deceased  
19 mother come up yet. **Lisa Cartini** said that it was her understanding that they did not  
20 need to be current members of the organization. **Kathlene Lyman** stated that was  
21 correct. **Myriam Lavora** added for the benefit of those members who were not here in  
22 the early 90's when this group of us formed this committee, the lawyers, back then were  
23 very specific in advising us that the specifics of this could not be changed once they  
24 approved it, any change would have to be taken back to a lawyer because it would  
25 involve the IRS conditions as well. She stated while the intention is good to focus on the  
26 applicants, by changing the residence from the mother, who was always the most  
27 important element, to the child and taking the mother out of the equation. We are  
28 changing the essence that we are trying to protect. If we feel that this needs to be  
29 changed, it would need to be taken to a lawyer that works on scholarships in New York  
30 State. So that we make sure that anything changed is in accordance with the laws of New  
31 York State. At the 2010 Saturday General Meeting, it was approved to eliminate the  
32 mother of multiples as an applicant to receive an award. That was all that was approved.  
33 We did not approve to reword letter A. Since this happened under Michele's term, she  
34 removed the wording mothers of multiples wherever it referred to the applicant. But to  
35 change the entire essence, we need to be very cautious. **Kathlene Lyman** stated that she  
36 would bring all these comments back to Linda Goldsworthy. **Marie Vito** asked how to  
37 request an application. **Nancy Converse** stated that each mother is to request her own  
38 application. **Michele Camilleri** stated committee members are not to be approached by  
39 applicants for an application, as it is a blind selection process so there is totally neutral  
40 judging.

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42 **Marie Simmons Scholarship Fundraiser Nancy Converse** reported that the calendar  
43 made \$1,358.00 and all the dates were sold. The winning date was August 23. There was  
44 one winner and it was Kathlene Lyman from Schenectady MOTC. She received \$500.00.  
45 She received 250 Lottery Tickets for the Scratch off Lottery Raffle. They were broken up  
46 into 5 baskets of 50 each. The Lottery Raffle made \$505.00 for the Scholarship Program

1 Fund. The total of the two fundraisers was \$1,863.00. The five winners of the Lottery  
2 tickets were Glenda Chappell of TNT of CNY, Michele Szatkowski from Greater  
3 Rochester MOTC, Marie Smith from TNT of CNY, Rae Willette of Chemung Valley  
4 MOTC, and Linda Redmond from TNT of CNY. This year she has emailed all of the  
5 calendars to the clubs. She has heard from all clubs but 5 that they had received it and  
6 one club asked for a printed copy.

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8 **Marie Simmons Scholarship Treasurer/Vice Chairman Kathlene Lyman** reported an  
9 Opening Balance of \$7, 259.04 on April 24, 2010. There was an income from the  
10 Calendar Raffle of \$126 and the Lottery Raffle of \$505. There were donations from 4  
11 clubs leaving a Total Income of \$1,781. The Expenses were the two scholarships and the  
12 raffle winner for a Total Expense of \$2,500. Today she received two \$100 donations  
13 which will be added to the income. **Nancy Converse** reported that in the past there had  
14 been an expense of \$70 to print and mail the calendars and so far this year by emailing  
15 the calendars there has been no expense. **Kathlene Lyman** reported there was a Closing  
16 Balance of \$6,540.04.

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18 **Midterm Meeting Chairman: Rae Willette** thanked **Shirley Savage** for being  
19 implemental in the success of the meeting. The first registration that was received was  
20 from Nita Landes, the second from Michele Camilleri and third from Myriam Lavora.  
21 Total of 30 members in attendance and the highest number of attendees from one club  
22 was Greater Rochester with 6 members and the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest was from POM of CNY with  
23 5. Two members were unable to attend because of illness and one lacked transportation.  
24 There were a total of 33 registered and 30 in attendance. The cost of the meeting was less  
25 than the total of registration, and would like to recommend that the registration fees be  
26 returned to the members unable to attend. She also recommended that there be a way to  
27 confirm when the checks come in to the chairmen from the registrants. **Myriam Lavora**  
28 said that she would think that a reminder email needs to come from the Midterm  
29 Chairman a week, week and a half prior to the meeting to the executive board and state  
30 reps as to who was coming and who felt they had already completed that process. So that  
31 gives you a week period if someone says that they sent a check that you may not have  
32 received. **Michele Camilleri** stated that Registration Fees are non-refundable according  
33 to the By Law Article 9 #3. Under Standing Rules #5E, the increases applies to both the  
34 Midterm Meeting and the Annual State Meeting, so if we are going to refund them,  
35 because we have it, and they have very good reasons for not being here we need to make  
36 a motion. **Myriam Lavora** agreed. **Rae Willette** stated that even by returning the fees to  
37 those 3 members the state would be seeing a profit. **President Glenda Chappell** asked  
38 for a motion. **I, Michele Camilleri, a member of MOTC Queens, at this New York**  
39 **State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs Executive Board Meeting, move that**  
40 **we return the Registration Fee of \$30 to each of the members who were unable to**  
41 **attend due to illness.” The motion was seconded by Sarah Price. Motion Carried.**  
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43 **Newsletter Contest Chairman Lindsay Corrigan** reported that it has been discussed  
44 that changing the newsletter contest to a different format for the contest in 2011. Some  
45 negative comments being the length of time it takes for judges to read the newsletters, it  
46 is a lot of work for the editors to put the newsletters together for the contest, and it is



possibly hard to judge the newsletters because they vary per club and size. Some thoughts she and her group had come up were to make the contest less work, more interesting/fun and enable more members to be represented by medium that is judged. Her recommendations were to pick one general theme each year for the contest, showcase each club by write up and pictures of theme/event, clubs could email report in PDF format and pictures as well as have hard copy for judges to peruse, each club would need at least 2 pages, 3 categories of clubs for judging divided by size as has been done in the past and awards given out for the first and second places in each category. **Sarah Price** commented that it was not the intention to completely change the newsletter contest; we wanted to be able to submit the newsletter by email in PDF format instead of making hard copies of the newsletters. Some bigger clubs have their newsletters in a website format and have been unable to participate because they do not have a hard copy format and also the cost involved in printing and mailing the hard copies is expensive. **Michele Camilleri** added that we were thinking about adding a contest on the club websites. She added Manhattan MOTC has a 32 page newsletter that is online and when printed it leaves the newsletter incomplete which the judges were commenting on. We need to expand on the newsletter contest and not change it to how the club is helping the community contest. **Pam Reussow** commented that we need to be careful about making the newsletter chairman responsible for printing and copying the newsletter as it could be costly and lengthy. She also stated that the chairman would have to find judges with computers and internet access and also that it could be a burden to the judges to have to judge both internet sites and hard copies. We have asked for advice by email from the editors and no responses or suggestions were received. **Lindsay Corrigan** commented that Sarah Price had responded to that email. **Mary Grace Roach** said that she cared about the contest and apologized for not responding to the email. She thinks that we should expand on the contest but also keep the option to send in hard copies of the letter. She was editor for 4 years in her club and it was a tremendous amount of work but it was rewarding. She likes the contest and would like to be able to still hand in the hard copy. **Lindsay Corrigan** asked if it was possible to have laptops at the state meetings for the other members to view the submitted newsletters/websites. **Sarah Price** responded that she had responded to the email that was sent out and that her idea had been included in Lindsey's report. She also said that it is not necessary for the newsletter chairman to have to print hard copies of the newsletter to mail to judges. In this day, a computer and Internet access is required of the judges we would want to be judging our newsletters. Teachers, journalists have the ability to receive PDF files and website address to look up and judge. The communication is there and we don't need to be spending money printing off hard copies especially if we are going to be judging online newsletters and websites. **Michele Camilleri** agreed with **Sarah Price** and added that laptops wouldn't be needed at convention for judges or anyone to look at. **Lindsay Corrigan** asked if she would need a committee to judge the newsletters. **Michele Camilleri** stated no the newsletters are still being sent to outside judges (teachers, editors) not judged in house. They should be willing to look online or receive an email. There should still be one hard copy at convention so that everyone can see his or her newsletter. **Suzie Venditti** (POM of CNY) stated that there are rules that go along with the contest. It says that 4 copies of the October newsletter and 4 copies of a newsletter of your choice need to be sent to the chairman. **Michele Camilleri** and **Sarah Price** agreed that we were trying to change

1 those rules. **Susie Venditti** (POM of CNY) asked if a small club does not have a website  
2 how would they be judged. **Michele Camilleri** said that the website is an option. The  
3 newsletters would still be accepted and the websites would be a separate category. You  
4 would not be judged because you did not have a website. **Myriam Lavora** suggested it  
5 would be since the procedure can not be immediately changed because it needs to be  
6 looked at and tweaked. Since we all agree that we aren't going to replace the newsletters  
7 with something else. It's a matter of sitting down and coming with a proposal for what  
8 the procedure is going to be. It is too late to incorporate this into 2011. So it is a financial  
9 burden to provide 4 sets of 2 newsletters each. Because of the availability of the website  
10 and Internet, we can provide a newsletter that is much expanded than what it was years  
11 ago. Our procedures no longer apply anyways. It is very costly to mail the newsletter and  
12 it's financially expensive for the chairman. So, we know that this process is not working.  
13 We need to move on with the sign of the times and the sign of the times is all virtual,  
14 internet. We need to keep the procedure as is and come up with a proposal for the Friday  
15 Executive Board Meeting. We can work together and come up with a proposal to be  
16 presented to that Board. It will then be in place for 2012." **Shirley Savage** commented  
17 that this proposal needs to be taken before the general membership; it is not something  
18 that board can sanction on its own because each club is not represented by the board.  
19 **Myriam Lavora** agreed. **Pam Reussow** asked for support for Lindsay Corrigan as she  
20 works on the proposal during the year. **Myriam Lavora** and **Sarah Price** said that they  
21 would be willing to help. **Lindsay Corrigan** asked if she could get emails from the club  
22 reps as to where they are at technology-wise. **Sarah Price** said that if she put something  
23 in the State Newsletter asking for state reps to send her the information, she would get the  
24 responses she was looking for.

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26 **Newsletter Editor Michele Camilleri** created the newsletter format that we now have.  
27 She printed the 3 newsletters we have had this year. Whenever she receives an article or  
28 is missing an article she thinks we should have, she sends an email with reminders and  
29 gives them a deadline. The newsletter deadlines are posted. Please don't miss it. She  
30 hoped everyone is enjoying the graphics. She asked everyone to send "What's  
31 Happenings" photos or what's going on in your club articles. She knows Mary Grace  
32 does "Turtle Talks" but she would like to add some photos as it makes the newsletter  
33 more personable. Anniversaries, camping photos, please send them in! She created the  
34 Executive Board Directory with the help of Glenda. Instead of attaching it to the  
35 newsletter she created it as a separate document and forwarded that to you. Since Nita has  
36 a new address you will see a new directory emailed to you next month. There are some  
37 corrections to the state directory, which she creates with the Stat Forms sent by Mary  
38 Grace, you are going to receive a brand new member club directory. But there are email  
39 corrections that need to go into the minutes: Capitol District-Co-President Paula Taylor is  
40 [pjs712@ncap.rr.com](mailto:pjs712@ncap.rr.com) , Duchess Country-President Jeanine Divine [jad27@cornell.edu](mailto:jad27@cornell.edu),  
41 MOTC Suffolk-President Lisa Galby's husbands name is Eduardo not Edward. The next  
42 deadline is October 19<sup>th</sup>. Please get all your articles to her. She will only accept emailed  
43 articles so do not hand me a paper after this meeting. Do not format, underline, and  
44 capitalize your articles. She has created the labels contact her if you need labels for any  
45 mailing you need to do. She asked that the treasurers do not use Excel when sending her  
46 their information. It's easier for her to format. She added that her name is Michele with 1

1 “L”. She asked if there were any more corrections to the directory. She will mail out the  
2 new directory and thanked everyone so much for their cooperation.

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4 **Nominating Chairman Lisa Vanderbrook** put out a report for each member. She  
5 submitted articles for the newsletter, mailed out resumes to each past member of the  
6 Executive Board and Past Presidents. See her if you did not send those back. She  
7 prepared a list of those eligible to run for the office of President. She prepared a list of  
8 those eligible to run for Nominating Chairman. Please let her know if there are any  
9 mistakes, there may be someone not on there who should be included. She prepared a list  
10 of resumes on file. She communicated with the nominating committee members by email  
11 as needed. She made copies of the resume forms and submitted vouchers as necessary to  
12 the President. She thanked everyone.

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14 **Photographer Sara LiPera** brought her camera and took some pictures. She was happy  
15 to be here. She was unable to be at the convention in the spring but her club members  
16 took some photos. She will have something put together.

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18 **Procedure Manual Chairman Myriam Lavora** reported that it was a pleasure to be  
19 here. She was able to join Past Presidents Michele Camilleri, Shirley Savage and Lois  
20 Elliot along with Mary Lou Surmik of Southern Tier MOTC and a member of MOTC  
21 Queens Evelyn Welby to represent the State Organization at the funeral services of our  
22 Co-Founder, Marie Simmons, on July 1, 2010. She also arranged for the delivery of 36  
23 red roses that were absolutely beautiful on behalf of this organization to the Simmons  
24 Family Residence. These flowers were sent to the residence because we felt that we  
25 wanted them to enjoy them in private there. Since Marie was not viewed in a funeral  
26 home but in a church that she attended, they placed these flowers by the casket.  
27 As Procedural Chairman she emailed the State Rep Packet to the State Reps and posted  
28 on the website. She did not hear from any state reps that they had not received the packet.  
29 She worked with the Webmaster to add updates to the website. She submitted articles to  
30 each issue of Presidential Papers. The 2010-11 Manual Revisions being prepared include  
31 Bylaws/Standing Rules, Advisor, MSS Procedural Procedure Guidelines-review wording  
32 of 8.A and 9.A, MSS Fundraiser Chairman, Nomination Chairman-Installation  
33 Procedures/Ceremony-add following wording: *to the outgoing Officers: Will the retiring*  
34 *officers please stand? On behalf of the New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins*  
35 *Club, I extend to each of you our heartfelt gratitude for the leadership and commitment*  
36 *you have demonstrated. You have fulfilled your duties and obligations as expected during*  
37 *your term of office and are now ready to assist those who will be entrusted to serve as*  
38 *Officers, with your wisdom, guidance and understanding. We all thank you. Please be*  
39 *seated.* She asked if anyone had a comments or suggestions. **Shirley Savage** asked if  
40 after that statement someone still needs to declare the offices vacant. **Myriam Lavora**  
41 confirmed that after the statement “the offices are now vacant” are added. **Lisa**  
42 **Vanderbrook** said that neither the old or new version had this writing in it. She asked if  
43 she would receive a copy of this wording. **Myriam Lavora** confirmed she would be the  
44 first to receive the statement. Please remove any old paperwork. She stated we also need  
45 to clarify how the Nominating Committee receives and notifies the President of  
46 resignations; also the State Meeting Liaison Evaluations and the State Meeting

1 Guidelines need to be made current in regards to Marie Simmons as well as remove her  
2 from the roll that is read at State Meetings. Also review the mailings of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Call to  
3 revise it to emailing. It still needs to be mailed as the procedure calls for, but now we can  
4 also email that. In regards to the Club Banner title, it needs to be changed since it no  
5 longer a club banner contest. **Linda Gettings** stated that in her manual it states "Club  
6 Exhibit". **Myriam Lavora** says the manual needs to be updated. It hadn't been called that  
7 in 55 years. The person who had that manual before her didn't update the manual. We  
8 need to tidy up and refer to that as the Scrapbook Contest. As State Meeting Liaison I  
9 corrected the 3rd Call draft for the 2011 State Meeting. **Michele Camilleri** stated **Linda**  
10 **Gettings** needs to put the revised title in the article for the newsletter as well as the 3<sup>rd</sup>  
11 Call. **Myriam Lavora** asked that she and **Linda Gettings** work on a procedure for the  
12 new contest. Myriam has also communicated via email with the 2011 and 2012 State  
13 Meeting Chairwomen and reviewed and corrected the 3<sup>rd</sup> Call draft for the 2011 State  
14 Meeting. Stephanie Simmons asked for Myriam to prepare words on behalf of the group.  
15 This is what was read at Marie Simmons Funeral Service: Dated July 1, 2010.

16 To Marie:

17 Some people come into our lives and quickly go.  
18 Some people move our soul to dance.  
19 They awaken us to new understanding,  
20 With the passing whisper of their wisdom.  
21 Some people make the sky more beautiful to gaze upon.  
22 They stay in our lives for a while,  
23 Leave footprints on our hearts,  
24 And we are never, ever the same.  
25 -Author unknown-

26  
27 To Our Friend Marie- You have left an indelible footprint that will remain forever as a  
28 legacy to all mothers of multiples who have been and will be members of the State  
29 Organization that you founded with your friend, Eleanor Siegel 45 years ago. On behalf  
30 of the membership, we salute you and bid you farewell. May you rest in the peace and  
31 comfort of the Lord.

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33 To the Simmons Family - we extend our heartfelt condolences and deepest sympathy on  
34 behalf of the membership of the New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins  
35 Clubs. You're in our thoughts and prayers. Please know how deeply your loss is felt by  
36 all.

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38 Myriam Lavora, Michele Camilleri, Shirley Savage, Lois Elliot, Mary Lou Surmik,  
39 Evelyn Welby.

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41 **President Glenda Chappell called for a moment of silence in honor of Marie**  
42 **Simmons.**

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44 **President Glenda Chappell called the lunch break at 11:31AM.**

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46 **President Glenda Chappell called the meeting back to order at 12:55 PM.**

1 **Recording Secretary Sarah Price** called the Roll Call. PRESENT: **President Glenda**  
2 **Chappell** (TNT of CNY), **Vice President Mary Grace Roach** (Nassau Co MOTC),  
3 **Treasurer Lorena Cutt** (Greater Rochester MOTC), **Recording Secretary Sarah Price**  
4 (Chemung Valley MOTC), **Archivist Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens), **Chaplain**  
5 **Barbi Cudney** (Genesee Country MOTC), **Club Banner Contest Linda Gettings**  
6 (Greater Rochester MOTC), **Librarian Kathlene Lyman** (Schenectady MOTC),  
7 **Membership Pins Pam Reussow** (Greater Rochester MOTC), **Midterm Meeting**  
8 **Chairmen Rae Willette** (Chemung Valley MOTC), **Marie Simmons Scholarship**  
9 **Committee Lorena Cutt** (Greater Rochester MOTC), **Marie Simmons Scholarship**  
10 **Committee Lisa Cartini** (POM of CNY), **Marie Simmons Scholarship Committee**  
11 **Karen Nichols** (Madison-Oneida MOTC), **Marie Simmons Scholarship Committee**  
12 **Alternate Barbi Cudney** (Genesee Country MOTC), **Marie Simmons Scholarship**  
13 **Fundraiser Chairman Nancy Converse** (TNT of CNY), **Marie Simmons Scholarship**  
14 **Treasurer/Vice Chairman Kathlene Lyman** (Schenectady MOTC), **Newsletter**  
15 **Contest Chairman Lindsay Corrigan** (Greater Rochester MOTC), **Newsletter Editor**  
16 **Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens), **Nominating Chairman Lisa Vanderbrook**  
17 (MOTC Buffalo), **Nominating Committee Katrina Smith** (Chemung Valley MOTC),  
18 **Nominating Committee Lori Connolly** (Greater Rochester MOTC), **Nominating**  
19 **Committee Marie Vito** (MOTC Buffalo), **Photographer Sara LiPera** (Greater  
20 Rochester MOTC), **Procedural Manual Chairman Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens),  
21 **Publicity Janet Hranek** (Southern Tier MOTC), **State Meeting Liaison Co-Chairman**  
22 **Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens), **State Meeting Liaison Co-Chairman Myriam**  
23 **Lavora** (MOTC Queens), **2010 State Meeting Co-Chairman Michele Camilleri**  
24 (MOTC Queens), **2010 State Meeting Co-Chairman Myriam Lavora** (MOTC  
25 Queens), **2010 State Meeting Co-Chairman Shirley Savage** (Genesee Country  
26 MOTC/Southern Tier MOTC), **2011 State Meeting Chairman Lisa Cartini** (POM of  
27 CNY), **2012 State Meeting Chairman Mary Grace Roach** (Nassau Co MOTC), **2012**  
28 **State Meeting Co-Chairman Colleen Byrne** (Nassau Co MOTC), **Unity Project**  
29 **Coordinator Shirley Savage** (Genesee Country MOTC/Southern Tier MOTC), **Twin**  
30 **Photo Registry Barbi Cudney** (Genesee Country MOTC). PAST PRESIDENTS:  
31 **Myriam Lavora, Shirley Savage, Michele Camilleri, Appointed Parliamentarian**  
32 **Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens).

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34 **Publicity Janet Hranek** reported that we needed to start saving to go to the convention.  
35 She asked for contacts for newspapers and other published papers in order to publicize  
36 our convention.

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38 **2010 State Meeting Michele Camilleri** reported the 2010 State Financial Report: There  
39 were 100 people registered \$100 was turned over to State as the meeting assessment. The  
40 State Meeting Loan was repaid. Total income of \$12,563.42, Total Expenses of  
41 \$12,105.89 and with an overage check for \$457.53 turned over to 2011. She informed us  
42 that 3 people paid and were not able to attend convention. They did not return their  
43 registration but they did return their other expenses to them. Total Refunds of \$192.00.  
44 Natalie Diaz wasn't able to attend the convention and her club paid for her to attend they  
45 asked that the money be given to the Marie Simmons Scholarship Fund. Michele turned

1 over a check for \$60.00 on behalf of Manhattan MOTC. She hoped everyone enjoyed  
2 reading the report and they have many memories to treasure.

3 **2011 State Meeting Chairman Lisa Cartini** raffled prizes towards the upcoming  
4 convention. The winner was Nancy Converse. Lisa reported that Embassy Suites has  
5 been secured for \$129 per night which includes suite rooms, hot breakfast buffet each  
6 morning and a free Manager's Cocktail reception each evening. Contracts have been  
7 signed for Friday Night's entertainment and the Saturday evening DJ. The menu is in  
8 order and workshops are being arranged. Raffles are coming together and the draft of the  
9 3<sup>rd</sup> call as been sent to the President as well as State Meeting Liaisons for their approval.

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11 **State/National Liaison Mary Lou Surmik report was given by President Glenda**  
12 **Chappell.** MaryLou Surmik, Shirley Savage and Lois Elliot attended the National  
13 Convention in Toledo where they celebrated 50 years. The convention was great and they  
14 truly enjoyed it. The next convention is 2011 in Chicago July 24-30, 2011 and 2012 in  
15 Charlotte, NC July 22-28, 2012. More information will be forthcoming. **Shirley Savage**  
16 added that she had a great time. They were there Thursday, Friday and Saturday. She  
17 informed us there isn't a hospitality room any more, due to some states and hotels not  
18 allowing food to be brought in. There were no greeters when they arrived on Wednesday.  
19 Registration included directions on where to go for the meetings and most of the  
20 meetings were in the convention center behind the hotel. The meetings themselves were  
21 on Wednesday. Decorations and meals were phenomenal and some ladies wore ball  
22 gowns. They did not attend any workshops because they were earlier in the week.

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24 **Web Master Michele Szatkowski's report was given by Lori Connelly**  
25 Everything that has been sent to Michele has been updated on the website.

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27 **Future Mid Term Meetings Shirley Savage** asked for a round of applause for the ladies  
28 doing the Midterm Meeting. She said that she had received permission from the President  
29 to arrange the contracts for the midterm meeting for 2012, 2013 and 2014. The former  
30 contract required an attendance of 20 people in order to hold these prices \$6.50 per  
31 person for breakfast, \$14.50 for luncheon, extra charges for the lemonade and ice tea  
32 were \$7 a gallon, and 18% service charge and 8% tax charge. In the past I had used  
33 Southern Tiers tax exemption and this year we were unable to use that. So, going forward  
34 we have to have an attendance of 30, it is still \$6.50 for the breakfast and \$13.50 for the  
35 luncheon and \$7 a piece for the gallons of ice tea and lemonade. She talked to Laura  
36 Costello of the Treadway and asked what happen if we did not have 30 in attendance?  
37 Shirley was informed there is a clause in the contract that if it is less than 30 it is \$1 more  
38 per person. She also has secured the free room for the President for the next 4 years and  
39 the room rates went up \$5 to \$94.95. **Linda Gettings** asked about the room rates for  
40 2011. **Shirley Savage** confirmed it would remain at \$94.95 for 2012, with \$15 for cots  
41 and the 15% tax. **Karen Nichols** asked if the registrations would remain at \$30 and  
42 **Shirley Savage** confirmed that it would. **President Glenda Chappell** asked for a motion  
43 to accept the contract as presented. **"I, Marie Vito, a member of MOTC Buffalo at this**  
44 **New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs Executive Board Meeting,**  
45 **move to accept the new contract for the Midterm Board Meeting as presented."**  
46 **The motion was seconded by Lisa Cartini. Motion carried.**

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2 **2012 State Meeting Co-Chairmen Mary Grace Roach** and **Colleen Byrne** reported  
3 that the theme for the 2012 State Meeting will be “Its Time to Renew in 2-0-1-2”. Dates  
4 are April 19-22, 2012 at the Holiday Inn in Westbury, NY. This hotel has a central  
5 location to the train station and also a mall down the street and had a better price. Some  
6 ideas they are working with are massages, mani - pedis, Yoga, wine & cheese, comedy,  
7 and a pajama-rama dance party. Room Rates are still under negotiation but are now \$139  
8 per night. They are looking for any help in organizing the convention as well as  
9 suggestions or advice.

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11 **Past Presidents:**

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13 **Michele Camilleri** reported that she had a nice trip down and enjoyed the changing  
14 colors of the leaves.

15 **Myriam Lavora** said that it was wonderful to be here and excited to see everyone.

16 **Shirley Savage** said that she was glad to be here.

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18 **Old Business**

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20 **Mary Grace Roach** stated that she made a request in the amount of \$1,400.00 and the  
21 treasurer cut her a check.

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23 **Michele Camilleri** reported that Nita Landes had the contact information for the 3  
24 vendors that would like to participate in the next convention. **President Glenda**  
25 **Chappell** suggested that the ladies of POM contact Nita for that information.

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27 **Nancy Converse** reported good feedback from clubs receiving their calendars early via  
28 email. She also reported good participation in the Lottery Ticket Raffle and is excited  
29 about this year’s participation. She continues to send out email reminders to each club.

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31 **President Glenda Chappell** reported that due to a miscommunication the Big Tent  
32 presentation did not happen. We will see what we can do for the State Meeting, possibly  
33 a workshop. She then suggested that Big Tent be brought up during the General State  
34 Meeting. **Michele Camilleri** said that she would not suggest doing this as it becomes a  
35 free commercial for Big Tent during a State Meeting. **Mary Grace Roach** suggested that  
36 Natalie Diaz do a workshop at the convention with regards to Big Tent. **President**  
37 **Glenda Chappell** reported that Natalie is already doing a workshop. **Pam Reussow**  
38 suggested that Laura Baker might be interested. **Lisa Cartini** said that there is time on  
39 Friday during the convention if we can decide on a time for them to do a presentation.

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41 **Myriam Lavora** reported that because this contest is covered under By-Law Article 8,  
42 State Committee, Section 2, Standing Committee Chairman, New Letter D. This change  
43 was approved by the general membership at the 2010 General Meeting and the change  
44 has been updated on the website. We need a motion to change the title from Club Banner  
45 Contest Chairman to Club Scrapbook Page Contest Chairman for the Parliamentarian to  
46 present at the 2011 Saturday General Meeting. **“I, Michele Camilleri, a member of**

1 **MOTC Queens, at this New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs**  
2 **Executive Board Meeting, move that we amend By Law Article VIII Section 2 (new)**  
3 **D Club Banner Contest Chairman to read D. Club Scrapbook Page Contest**  
4 **Chairman.” The motion was seconded by Sarah Price. Motion carried.**  
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6 **President Glenda Chappell** asked **Shirley Savage** if she had the books that were left  
7 from convention that needed to be distributed to the clubs. **Shirley Savage** reported that  
8 Sarah Perry had taken them home. **Myriam Lavora** said that we would need to go back  
9 to the minutes to see which clubs were represented and received books and which clubs  
10 were missing. **Nancy Converse** handed **President Glenda Chappell** a list of the clubs  
11 that were missing. **President Glenda Chappell** tabled the discussion to the Friday Board  
12 Meeting.  
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14 **President Glenda Chappell** stated that Nita Landes had asked about the Door Sign  
15 Contest. She wondered if this was a contest we should continue. **Michele Camilleri**  
16 stated that there is a cute design in mind for the upcoming convention and that we should  
17 continue this contest for another year. **President Glenda Chappell** tabled this discussion  
18 to the Friday Board Meeting.  
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20 **Lisa Vanderbrook** reported that there are no written instructions regarding the unity  
21 candle during the installation ceremony and she put it out late. She stated Barbi Cudney  
22 informed her on how to take care of the candle and when it should be displayed at the  
23 ceremony. **President Glenda Chappell** clarified that she wanted to submit a change to  
24 the procedural manual to include the instructions for the unity candle. **Shirley Savage**  
25 reported that the candle was purchased in memory of Louise O’Dell and is to be used  
26 during the installation ceremony and the memorial service. **Barbi Cudney** said that she  
27 was at a loss as to when the candle was to be displayed.  
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29 **Lisa Vanderbrook** reported that Joanne Czajkowski had sent her an email asking if there  
30 needed to be a change to the nomination letter. She replied that there were several letters  
31 and was unsure as to which letter she was referring to. **Michele Camilleri** stated the  
32 suggestion was there should be one uniform letter that everyone receives. **Lisa**  
33 **Vanderbrook** stated that in the procedural manual it states that she is to be in contact  
34 with her committee and that the committee is to introduce themselves to their district.  
35 One of the committee members had written a rather lengthy letter about themselves and  
36 had caused turmoil. **Lisa Vanderbrook** will work on a uniform letter with Joanne.  
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38 **President Glenda Chappell called for any other old business.**  
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40 **Michele Camilleri** wanted to encourage the Board by showing an article from a union  
41 newspaper regarding the I.B.E.W.’s review of the usage of their logo. She said that we  
42 are doing a great job having just updated the current use of the state logo and that we had  
43 done it before a nationally recognized union.  
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45 **Myriam Lavora** noted “at the last board meeting, someone had asked about allowing  
46 family members to work at the convention. She noted that we needed to check minutes of



1 the Kins of Twins State Meeting for the request to allow daughters to work, look for  
2 board decision on registration. She asked if anyone recalled. **President Glenda Chappell**  
3 said she remembers this coming up. **Myriam Lavora** said she did not know who brought  
4 it up but it needs to be addressed. **President Glenda Chappell** said she thought it came  
5 up during the discussion of club members that had come to a convention without  
6 registering. **Sarah Price** reported that Linda Goldsworthy had brought up that question,  
7 according to the minutes and that Shirley Savage replied that the discussion had been  
8 brought up and she had thought that they were registered. **Lenora Ecker** reported that all  
9 family members that came to work at the convention in question were all registered.  
10 **Shirley Savage** reported that when her club hosted a convention all the family members  
11 were also registered because that was how it was understood if anyone was working or  
12 attending the convention. **Michele Camilleri** clarified that it is different if someone is  
13 just coming and dropping something off. **President Glenda Chappell** agreed. **Myriam**  
14 **Lavora** stated that she checked the minutes and the discussion was at the 2005 - 2006  
15 Board Meeting but a motion was never made as an executive board to authorize this.  
16 **President Glenda Chappell** said now that there are people attending or working the  
17 convention, this needs to be motioned. **Myriam Lavora** agreed that this needs to be  
18 added into the guidelines as it seems to be the future procedure. As we lose women  
19 power hours, we will need to rely on other family members and future chairman need to  
20 know how to handle this. **Lenore Ecker** agreed with Myriam Lavora that this is the  
21 second time it has come up and that it needs to be stated somewhere that every person  
22 working or attending a convention must be registered. **Mary Grace Roach** stated that if  
23 people are going to be registered, they should be identified with a nametag. **Myriam**  
24 **Lavora** stated they would have a badge. This will be included in the Procedural Manual.

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26 **Myriam Lavora** said the next item to be discussed involved a member that comes to  
27 convention but has not paid registration, we need to revisit how this it to be handled. We  
28 were confronted with that unpleasant situation and it has happened in the past. Myriam  
29 had the duty as the co-chairman and in charge of registration. It is a very difficult  
30 situation to handle. Anyone who comes to a convention with the intention of working  
31 needs to be pay registration fee. **Shirley Savage** stated that it should be stressed in the  
32 state meeting procedure portion of the manual and also bolded in the 3<sup>rd</sup> call so that  
33 everyone understands that everyone must be registered. **Marie Vito** agreed with Shirley  
34 Savage. **Mary Grace Roach** asked if the Show N Sell portion of the convention was  
35 open to the public since it was held in the lobby this past year. **President Glenda**  
36 **Chappell** and **Michele Camilleri** said no, that only registered guests are to be shopping  
37 or attending or working the Show N Sell. **Myriam Lavora** stated that the member was  
38 not there to shop at convention she was there to work a table at convention. **Shirley**  
39 **Savage** suggested that there be a person designated to police the area to look for  
40 unregistered guests.

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42 **Myriam Lavora** stated that a motion needed to be presented to amend Standing Rule  
43 Letter D which states "the State Organization will be responsible for the co-founders  
44 registration and luncheon fees for the annual state meeting and will arrange for her to sit  
45 on the dais during lunch if she so desires". So the proposal for the motion is to remove  
46 the statement in its entirety. **"I, Michele Camilleri, a member of MOTC Queens, at**

1 **this New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs Executive Board**  
2 **Meeting, move we remove in its entirety Standing Rule Article 5 Section D.”**  
3 **The motion was seconded by Barbi Cudney. Motion carried.**

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5 **Marie Vito** asked if Marie Simmons name would also be removed from the roll call.  
6 **Shirley Savage** said that in the state meeting booklets we recognize all of the past  
7 presidents. Typically, we only include names on the roll call of people likely to attend.  
8 **Marie Vito** recognized that Sarah Price had called Marie Simmons name during today’s  
9 roll call. **President Glenda Chappell** stated that she used a roll call from the April  
10 meeting because the roll call was not available. The Parliamentarian was to prepare that  
11 and it slipped through the cracks. **Myriam Lavora** said it was a blessing in disguise  
12 because until we come together as a board and put it in the record it was the right thing to  
13 do to include her in the paperwork.

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15 **President Glenda Chappell** stated that the Sunday Executive Board Meeting Minutes  
16 that Sarah Price checked and rechecked that tape and Myriam Lavora said “the general  
17 thought seems to be”, and that is what Myriam had said and should remain as they are. So  
18 the motion needs to be made to approve the minutes as corrected. **“I, Michele Camilleri,**  
19 **a member of MOTC Queens, at this New York State Organization of Mothers of**  
20 **Twins Clubs Executive Board Meeting, move we accept the Minutes for the 2010**  
21 **Sunday Executive Board Meeting as corrected.” The motion was seconded by**  
22 **Karen Nichols. Motion carried.**

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24 **New Business:**

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26 **Shirley Savage** agreed in April to take on the Unity Project and stated that due to lack of  
27 interest she is suggesting that we stop the Unity Project. She does not believe it is  
28 working. There was 1 submittal this year and 2 the year before. **President Glenda**  
29 **Chappell** asked for an explanation of the unity project for the newer members. **Shirley**  
30 **Savage** replied that it is a photo album type of book containing photos and family trips  
31 and is displayed at State Meetings. **Michele Camilleri** suggested that articles be entered  
32 into the newsletter over the next few months containing excerpts from the Unity Book to  
33 see if it builds any more interest. It is a very nice thing that we do and there are some  
34 very sweet touching stories in the book. **Myriam Lavora** said that when the idea was  
35 originally created it was to provide an outlet for any individual to make a contribution to  
36 the book whether it was recipes, photos, articles all coming from moms. We gave it the  
37 Unity name because it was our way of reaching out to the membership to participate and  
38 unify the organization. **Barbi Cudney** agreed with Myriam and added that it also  
39 included anecdotal funny moments, poetry, and recipes. I think that people are so busy at  
40 convention they don’t have time to sit and look at the book. Maybe we can look through  
41 it during the meeting. **Myriam Lavora** added that the idea was also that the coordinator  
42 would use the submissions as the articles submitted to the newsletter from the book. Then  
43 you wouldn’t need to look at the book during convention because it was featured in the  
44 newsletter. It has been lost and gone to the wayside. **Barbi Cudney** stated that it was too  
45 soon to ditch the project. **Mary Grace Roach** added that her club has a similar section in  
46 their newsletter “Sunshine” where they include various poems, photos, diaper story. But

1 going along piggybacking that idea, can we mainstream the idea and add a section to the  
2 Presidential Papers called the Unity Page and that page can in turn be used in the book.  
3 **Peggy Fiorini** (POM of CNY) asked if those articles could be included on the website  
4 and have a link to access it. **Shirley Savage** stated that was the next thing she needed to  
5 discuss since the materials for presentation for the unity book, the booklet, and the  
6 display are not in her possession. Since she took on the project in April, she has not been  
7 given anything. **Sarah Price** said that she believed that those things could be included in  
8 the website because Michele Szatkowski has an open forum where we are suppose to be  
9 discussing things and she could use the unity project as a discussion topic to include  
10 those articles, etc. **Shirley Savage** said that she would continue the project until Friday of  
11 next year and she would write the articles though she didn't know what they would be  
12 based on. She would see if she could get hold of Mamie Hoag for the information.

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14 **Shirley Savage** presented the information she had gathered on ordering new motion  
15 forms. She asked which fund the motion forms are purchased with. **Myriam Lavora**  
16 stated that the Eleanor Siegel Fund would pay for the motion forms as it is considered  
17 equipment. **Shirley Savage** stated the quote as 200 forms for \$93.36 and 300 forms for  
18 \$103.06, 400 forms for \$109.98 or 500 are \$120.85 + 8% tax. Shirley will donate to the  
19 organization 500 forms because she does not want us to deplete the Eleanor Siegel Fund.  
20 **President Glenda Chappell** thanked **Shirley Savage** for her generosity.

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22 **President Glenda Chappell** read part of an email from Ruth Barone regarding this  
23 workshop. Ruth had a question based on an article of convention delegates from selection  
24 to voting in the Spring 2010 National Notebook. She asked if we have ever given any  
25 thought to including a by-law workshop on Friday afternoon for the delegates/alternates  
26 as they are picking up their voting credentials. **President Glenda Chappell** continued by  
27 referring to Myriam Lavora for her opinion as to whether to continue with this topic or  
28 wait until Ruth Barone is able to attend. **Myriam Lavora** replied that when she received  
29 this note from Ruth, her immediate thought was do we need to. She felt we are exposed  
30 to by-law information in the newsletter, at least twice before we come to convention. The  
31 Parliamentarian sends out the credential registration packet, she includes the packet of  
32 by-law amendments and standing rule amendments that the delegates and alternates are  
33 requested to review with their club prior to convention. They come to the  
34 Delegate/Alternate Meeting to pick up their credentials. This meeting is between 6 -7 and  
35 for those of us who have been involved in doing it, its always running to be on time for  
36 the Friday night event. So when you come to register as a Delegate, Officer, Past  
37 President or Alternate to the Delegate/Alternate meeting you receive your packet with all  
38 the materials: ballots, another set of by- law amendments and standing rules to be voted  
39 on Saturday. She felt there was no need to take an addition 30 minutes into an already  
40 packed schedule to discuss by-laws and standing rules. **President Glenda Chappell**  
41 asked if Myriam knew what she was referring to in the National Notebook article.  
42 **Myriam Lavora** said it was not included in the note she received. **Michele Camilleri**  
43 stated that as a past member of NOMOTC Board of Directors and that not everyone reads  
44 their by-laws, they are not as available to the members as ours are. When there is a  
45 change suggested to the National ByLaws they have a workshop to explain the current  
46 reading and the proposed change. Our by-laws are published and all the materials are out

1 there so it would be redundant. **Shirley Savage** raised a concern about “starting a  
2 discussion that late in the game about a by-law change it may be better to have that  
3 discussion in the open forum of the General meeting. If one person has that kind of issue  
4 or confusion about a change, there will probably be 2 or 3 more. She felt we should leave  
5 it the way have been doing this. **Myriam Lavora** stated the General Meeting Forum is  
6 where these questions need to be aired out so that the general membership also  
7 participates in any possible discussion. To overwhelm Friday, which is already  
8 overwhelming, especially now after so many years, people are used to only showing up  
9 for 30 minutes. It was her opinion and with all due respect to our Parliamentarian, it’s a  
10 good intention but the logistics of how it works within the very busy schedule is not  
11 practical. **President Glenda Chappell** concluded that it was not something we wanted to  
12 move forward with and that she would notify Ruth Barone. **Myriam Lavora** stated  
13 National has 7 days to do what we do in 2 days so they have a lot more time to fill with  
14 workshops. **Kathlene Lyman** agreed with Michele Camilleri that our by-laws our very  
15 accessible.

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17 **President Glenda Chappell** reported that Michele Szatkowski and Gloria Thomas had  
18 gotten together and it was thought that everything was transferred over to Michele  
19 Szatkowski’s name. However, the cost of the website and the domain name had not been  
20 transferred over to Michele. It has since been taken care of. But Gloria Thomas paid these  
21 things out of pocket and did not submit bills for these. **Michele Camilleri** stated when  
22 Gloria had spoken to her about this; Judy Tennenbaum’s husband donated the cost for us.  
23 Judy made the donation on behalf of her family for the first year of \$84.95. Michele was  
24 not sure about the second year. We did know there was a cost but Michele was not sure  
25 that Gloria personally donated it. When Gloria stopped making the payments Michele  
26 Szatkowski and Michele Camilleri started transferring things over but Gloria never let us  
27 know everything that needed to be transferred over to new credit cards. We should be  
28 prepared to pay that cost because it is our website. **President Glenda Chappell** asked if  
29 we wanted to use a state debit card to cover the cost. **Michele Camilleri** said no, it is an  
30 expense that the webmaster incurs just like everybody else. She should submit a voucher.  
31 The costs don’t hit all at the same time, as soon as she sees it on her credit card she  
32 submits the voucher and we pay her right away. The Recording Secretary in past has had  
33 to print the minutes at a cost of \$300 and mail the minutes at a cost of \$50 it was not  
34 given in advance. **Shirley Savage** asked what the cost of the website was. **President**  
35 **Glenda Chappell** reported the cost of the website is \$4.95 a month or \$59.40 a year and  
36 the domain name is \$9.00 per year or \$27.00 per year. **Shirley Savage** suggested that  
37 Gloria Thomas be contacted and asked if she would like to submit any vouchers for the  
38 costs that she has paid out of pocket. **Myriam Lavora** replied that it had been done  
39 already and we need to move on to the new webmaster. **President Glenda Chappell** said  
40 she would let Michele Szatkowski know.

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42 **President Glenda Chappell** asked if we wanted to keep the Librarian position. **Kathlene**  
43 **Lyman** stated that she was fine to continue to submit articles and maintaining, but not  
44 updating, the files. **Myriam Lavora** said that it was National that originated the  
45 Bibliography which Marcy adopted. **Marie Vito** asked if she could make books  
46 available in the Presidential Papers. **Kathlene Lyman** stated that she already does do that

1 for example picture books etc. **Marie Vito** commented that some clubs may be using  
2 those articles. **Kathlene Lyman** said that she had received a positive comment today  
3 that this person liked that type of thing. **Michele Camilleri** stated that she feels the  
4 Librarian position should remain. She gave the example: She and Myriam saw “Me  
5 Myself and I”. They had the opportunity to meet the director who wrote about twins.  
6 She suggested that maybe Kathy could do a little article about that play. Michele felt the  
7 information is out there. **Kathlene Lyman** said that even in schools they aren’t called  
8 librarians because they have media centers now. The Librarian position will remain.

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10 **Mary Grace Roach** suggested that the State Dues per member be raised. **Sarah Price**  
11 stated that many clubs are already struggling with money. She would not suggest raising  
12 it because we may end up losing registrations. Sarah stated that her club’s treasury went  
13 way down as a result of so many members attending this year’s convention and we are  
14 having a hard time raising enough money to fund this year’s convention and if we had to  
15 pay more money to be members of the State she didn’t think it would help us. **Myriam**  
16 **Lavora** added that this is a delicate and sensitive subject that we have visited before.  
17 Just as Sarah expressed, there is always a concern about the financial state of many  
18 groups which is more severe at this time than in past times when we have had this  
19 discussion. So, it’s a double-edged sword because we could benefit a little bit from  
20 increasing from \$.25 to \$.50 per member, Myriam would go for the \$1. But she added  
21 what Sarah brings up is a very valid, important point that we need to be sensitive to.  
22 While some of our clubs are in a comfortable financial state, a majority of the New York  
23 Clubs may not be in the financial state to support that increase. So I want to say yes, but I  
24 want to state that. **Lisa Vanderbrook** stated she agreed with Sarah and Myriam. She  
25 added her club used to have a lot of members and a few years ago they increased their  
26 dues and lost a lot of members over that increase. It was only \$3.00 but they live in the  
27 Buffalo area and a lot of people are hurting. Their membership went down to 20-  
28 something members. She knows it is only a few pennies but even the convention costs  
29 keeps going up and up and up. Money may be easier in Manhattan and New York City  
30 but where she lives it’s very difficult. **Mary Grace Roach** responded that she has  
31 members in her club that are also suffering but she thinks they could handle an extra \$.25.  
32 **Shirley Savage** stated that in order for state to raise the cost of membership it needs to be  
33 shown to the membership, why the increase is needed. **Mary Grace Roach** stated that  
34 she had been thinking about the MSS Scholarship fund and how it was being depleted  
35 and asked can’t we take some of the increased dues money and move it to the MSS fund.  
36 **President Glenda Chappell** answered “no, it’s a legal issue”. **Kathlene Lyman** stated  
37 that we can donate to the fund in Marie’s name and she has been putting it in the  
38 newsletter and some clubs have donated in her name. **Michele Camilleri** stated the cost  
39 of the Editor this year was \$40 where they used to be \$1500 or at least \$1000. She added  
40 if she submits one more round of ink cartridges it will be \$100. She has donated what she  
41 mails out. She continued Sarah, as Recording Secretary, is emailing her reports so there is  
42 another \$300-500 we are saving. She understands what is being said but with the state of  
43 the economy, we have already cut back on our budget by thousands, we should at this  
44 time leave it alone. **President Glenda Chappell** closed discussion.

#### 45 **Announcements**

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2 **President Glenda Chappell** stated that the name badges need to be returned to Rae  
3 Willette.

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5 **Michele Camilleri** announced that she and Myriam went and saw Dr Oz's Ultimate  
6 Countdown. **Myriam Lavora** added that she thinks you should be able to see them as 2  
7 players in the game were positioned right in front of them.

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9 **Barbi Cudney** stated that Mamie Hoag address would be included in the newsletter.  
10 Mamie Hoag 3273 Evergreen Circle Walworth, NY 14568. She is doing much better than  
11 she has been in the past and she was sure she'd love to hear from everyone.

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13 In her Closing Prayer **Barbi Cudney** asked us all to treasure our friendships as our lives  
14 are fast and fleeting. Have a safe trip and don't get too cold in the snowy winter,

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16 **President Glenda Chappell adjourned meeting at 2:52 PM.**

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18 Respectfully submitted by,

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21 Sarah Price  
22 Recording Secretary

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24 Minutes Approval:

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26 \_\_\_\_\_ Michele Camilleri

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29 \_\_\_\_\_ Barbi Cudney