

New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs  
Friday Executive Board Meeting - April 29, 2011  
Embassy Suites Hotel, Syracuse, NY

1 **Meeting was called to order at 8:45am by President Glenda Chappell**  
2 **Chaplain Barbi Cudney** welcomed everyone to the meeting. A prayer was given about never giving up  
3 and to continue to reach towards the goal.  
4 **President Glenda Chappell** welcomed everyone and said she was excited to be here. Discussion will be  
5 limited to 10 mins. Please turn off cell phones or put on vibrate. Minutes approval Committee was  
6 appointed; Myriam Lavora and Barbi Cudney.  
7 **Recording Secretary Sarah Price** did the Roll Call.  
8 **ROLL CALL: President Glenda Chappell (TNT of CNY), Vice President Mary Grace Roach (Nassau County**  
9 **MOTC), Treasurer Lorena Cutt (Greater Rochester MOTC), Recording Secretary Sarah Price (Chemung**  
10 **Valley MOTC),Advisor Joanne Czajkowski (TNT of CNY), Parliamentarian Michele Camilleri (MOTC**  
11 **Queens), Archivist Michele Camilleri (MOTC Queens), Calligraphy Nita Landes (Westside Suburban**  
12 **MOTC), Chaplain Barbi Cudney (Genesee Country MOTC), Club Banner Contest Chairman Linda**  
13 **Gettings (Greater Rochester MOTC), Librarian Kathlene Lyman (Schenectady MOTC), Membership Pins**  
14 **Chairman Pam Reussow (Greater Rochester MOTC), Marie Simmons Scholarship Chairman Lisa**  
15 **Goldsworthy (POM of CNY), Marie Simmons Scholarship Treasurer/Vice Chairman Kathlene Lyman**  
16 **(Schenectady MOTC), Marie Simmons Scholarship Committee Member Erin Adams (Schenectady**  
17 **MOTC),Marie Simmons Scholarship Committee Member Lisa Cartini (POM of CNY), Marie Simmons**  
18 **Scholarship Committee Member Lorena Cutt (Greater Rochester MOTC), Marie Simmons Scholarship**  
19 **Committee Member Karen Nichols (Madison-Oneida MOTC), Marie Simmons Scholarship Committee**  
20 **Alternate Barbi Cudney (Genesee Country MOTC), Marie Simmons Scholarship Fundraiser Chairman**  
21 **Nancy Converse (TNT of CNY),Newsletter Contest Chairman Lindsay Corrigan (Greater Rochester**  
22 **MOTC), Newsletter Editor Michele Camilleri (MOTC Queens), Nominating Chairman Lisa Vanderbrook**  
23 **(MOTC of Buffalo), Nominating Committee Member Lori Connolly (Greater Rochester MOTC),**  
24 **Nominating Committee Member Katrina Smith (Chemung Valley MOTC), Procedure Manual Chairman**  
25 **Myriam Lavora (MOTC Queens), Publicity Janet Hranek (Southern Tier MOTC), State Meeting Liaison**  
26 **Myriam Lavora (MOTC Queens), State Meeting Co-Liaison Michele Camilleri (MOTC Queens), 2011**  
27 **State Meeting Chairman Lisa Cartini (POM of CNY),2011 State Meeting Co-Chairman Linda**  
28 **Goldsworthy (POM of CNY), 2012 State Meeting Chairman Mary Grace Roach (Nassau County MOTC),**  
29 **Unity Project Coordinator Kathy Brousseau (Schenectady MOTC), Twin Photo Registry Barbi Cudney**  
30 **(Genesee Country MOTC), Ways and Means Chairman Erin Adams (Schenectady MOTC), Webmaster**  
31 **Michele Szatkowski (Greater Rochester MOTC), Website Committee Member Michele Camilleri**  
32 **(MOTC Queens), Website Committee Member Lori Connolly (Greater Rochester MOTC),Website**  
33 **Committee Member Lorena Cutt (Greater Rochester MOTC).**  
34  
35 **Past Presidents: Nita Landes, Myriam Lavora, Michele Camilleri, Ruth Barone, Linda Goldsworthy,**  
36 **Joanne Czajkowski**  
37  
38 **President Glenda Chappell** passed around an Equipment and Inventory List for everyone to fill out.  
39 **President Glenda Chappell** stated that the website has been and continues to be updated. The phone  
40 tree has been replaced by email notification. The Procedure Manual is now on-line. The Presidential  
41 Papers have been revised and the Club Banner Contest has been changed to Club Scrapbook Page  
42 Contest and the Newsletter Contest is now judged via the Internet. She believes she now holds the  
43 record for the shortest Midterm Board Meeting. She accepted the resignation of Ruth Barone as  
44 Parliamentarian and appointed Michele Camilleri. She accepted the resignation of Sarah LiPera as  
45 Photographer and Shirley Savage as Unity Project Chairman and Kathy Brousseau has taken over the  
46 position. It has been an honor to serve as President over the past year.



New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs  
Friday Executive Board Meeting - April 29, 2011  
Embassy Suites Hotel, Syracuse, NY

1 **Vice President Mary Grace Roach** said that the year had been rewarding and she thanked everyone for  
2 the opportunity. She has settled in nicely as Vice President thanks to the outline and timeline of  
3 responsibilities provided to her by former Vice President Kathy Brousseau. She offers sincere gratitude  
4 for that guidance as it proved extremely helpful. This year she received and enjoyed monthly club  
5 newsletter submissions and reported about them in the bi-monthly Turtle Talk column in the  
6 Presidential Papers. She also emailed individual Club Presidents and State Reps regarding dues and also  
7 received and reviewed club dues. She kept a log for clubs as they scored in for Super State Rep  
8 requirements. She also reported to the President, Parliamentarian and Calligrapher the names of  
9 individuals who achieved Super State Rep status. She also communicated via email with the President,  
10 Parliamentarian, Newsletter Editor, Webmaster, State Reps and Recording Secretary throughout the  
11 year as needed.

12 **Recording Secretary Sarah Price** reported that since the midterm meeting, she has corresponded with  
13 various members of the Executive Board. The Midterm Meeting Minutes were typed and corrected by  
14 Minutes Approval and the President and emailed to all Executive Board Members. She apologized for  
15 the Minutes being late. New tapes for the transcriber were purchased as well as butterfly clips and  
16 protective sleeves for the Minutes. All the items are in the tote for the new secretary. She announced  
17 she would not continue in the position due to various family reasons and a new baby.

18 **Recording Secretary Sarah Price** asked for corrections to the 2010 Midterm Meeting Minutes. Page 3  
19 Line 40 she added "a" to Mary Grace Roach asked for "a" correction. Page 12 Line 5 to place a period.  
20 Page 4 Line 14 added a slash between offer and requested. Page 5 Line 26 Marylou was corrected to  
21 Mary Lou. Page 6 Line 35, residence was changed to resident. Page 6 Line 41, were was changed to  
22 where. Page 6 Line \_\_\_ "the" student was added. Page 8 Line 38 quotation marks added before the  
23 quote. Page 8 Line 43 changed to "had been discussed to change the newsletter contest to a new format  
24 for 2011." Page 9 Line 2 added "with". Page 9 Line 3 added replaced "with" to "were". Page 9 Line 3  
25 replace "by" with "in". Page 9 Line 6 added "a" before hard copies, added a period and capitalized  
26 "Each". Page 9 Line 35 "address" was changed to "addresses". Page 9 Line 35 changed to "teachers and  
27 journalists". Page 10 Line 7 add "up" after coming. Page 10 Line 10 added "more" after much. Page 10  
28 Line 11 cross out the "s" on anyways. Page 10 Line 18 "the" added to "that board". Further corrections  
29 were asked for. There were no additional corrections.

30 President Glenda Chappell asked for a motion to accept the minutes as corrected.

31 **"I, Myriam Lavora, a member of MOTC Queens, at this NYSOMOTC Executive Board Meeting, move  
32 that the minutes of the 2010 Midterm/ Executive Board Meeting be accepted as corrected." Motion  
33 was seconded by Michele Szatkowski.**

34 **President Glenda Chappell** read the motion and asked for approval from the Executive Board. Motion  
35 was passed.

36 **Treasurer Lorena Cutt** provided everyone with a copy of the financial reports. No new clubs have paid  
37 dues since the midterm meeting. The count stands at 21 clubs with a total of 1,820 members and the  
38 dues total is \$935.00. For the General Fund, the opening balance was \$4,132.88 and there was an  
39 income of \$2,273.40. \$1,423.05 was the total for the expenses, which left a closing balance of  
40 \$4,983.23. For the Eleanor Siegel Memorial Fund opening balance was \$1,548.28. The quilt stand that  
41 was purchased last year and membership pins bring a total expense of \$1,640.07. The 2010 State  
42 Meeting Loan was repaid with the income amount of \$1,400.00. The closing balance was \$1,308.21. She  
43 also reported on the difference between the proposed budget of \$1,950.00 and the actual expenses of  
44 \$1,252.30 so there was a "profit" of \$697.70. **Ruth Barone** asked if the statement included all checks  
45 written up to the deadline. **Lorena Cutt** said it included all the checks written up to yesterday. She  
46 received some more this morning that were not included.



New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs  
Friday Executive Board Meeting - April 29, 2011  
Embassy Suites Hotel, Syracuse, NY

1 **President Glenda Chappell** asked for volunteers to perform an audit of the treasury. Kathy Brousseau  
2 and Lori Connolly volunteered for the Audit Committee. President Glenda Chappell confirmed that both  
3 ladies knew the procedure for performing the audit.

4 **Parliamentarian Michele Camilleri** reported that she was appointed with the approval of the executive  
5 board as the parliamentarian. All files were delivered to her. The Credential Packet mailing was sent out  
6 January 24, 2011. Included in the mailing were the proposed changes to the By Laws and the Standing  
7 Rules. The Voting Protocol was emailed to the 2011 Program Booklet Chairman for inclusion. Articles  
8 were submitted to the Editor for each of the Presidential Papers. The Nominating Chairman sent the  
9 Slate of Candidates for the 2011-2012 year and all ballots were created (the Elected Officers, State  
10 Meeting, Nominating Committee and Nominating Chairman). The badges, sign-in sheet and packets for  
11 the Delegates/Alternates at the 2011 State Meeting were created. With the President's input, she  
12 completed the Roll Calls for the 2011 Friday Executive Board, the 2011 Saturday General Meeting and  
13 the 2011 Sunday Executive Board Meeting. Copies of the proposed changes to the By Laws and Standing  
14 Rules will be available for the Saturday General Meeting and Delegates will receive their copies in the  
15 packet they pick up at the Delegates/Alternates Meeting. After reviewing the minutes, a list of items  
16 that needed to be added to the 2011 Friday Executive Board Meeting was forwarded to the President.  
17 Also, in her report, she included the proposed changes for consideration by the membership:  
18 Bylaw Article VIII, Section 2 Standing Committee Chairmen: Change letter D- Club Banner Contest to club  
19 Scrapbook Page Contest. Reasoning: the executive board agreed that the Banner Contest is no longer  
20 generating enough interest for clubs to participate. The scrapbook page is the updated version of the  
21 contest.

22 Remove letter F-Historian Reasoning: over the years, the Historian and Archivist positions have merged  
23 most of their respective duties, thereby making the historian's position obsolete. The Archivist is the  
24 primary keeper of the NYSOMOTC's historical data and old files.

25 Standing Rule I Meetings #5D Remove: "The State Organization will be responsible for the Co-founder's  
26 registration and luncheon fees for the annual state meeting and will arrange for her to sit on the dais  
27 during lunch, if she so desires." Reasoning: The Co-founder is deceased. If the above change is  
28 approved, #5E will become #5D.

29 **Advisor Joanne Czajkowski** reported that she had been in verbal and email communication with  
30 President Glenda Chappell during the year. She hopes that everyone was able to read the 2010  
31 Evaluations Report, part of which was in the last issue of the Presidential Papers. A rough draft of the  
32 Nominating Committee's letter of introduction had been started. She thanked everyone for affording  
33 her the opportunity to serve this wonderful organization as Advisor.

34 **Archivist Michele Camilleri** reported that articles were submitted to the newsletter. As always, you can  
35 turn over your files older than two years to her so that they can be archived. She does not need your  
36 copies of the minutes or Presidential Papers. The Recording Secretary and the Newsletter Editor give her  
37 the official copies for filing. You do need to keep those copies in your files but they can be destroyed  
38 after two years. **Michele Szatkowski** asked if Michele would like a binder full of the printed copies of the  
39 newsletter. **Michele Camilleri** replied that she would take the binder. **Michele Camilleri** reported that  
40 some photo albums are missing. Joanne Czajkowski will be giving her 2008- 2009. The missing albums  
41 are from years: 2003, 2002, 1999, 1984, 1972, 1971, 1970, 1969 and 1968. She has 25 tubs of  
42 information if you ever need anything. **Ruth Barone** stated that she still has the old typewriter in her  
43 attic and asked what to do with it. **Michele Camilleri** replied that she should see if there is a market to  
44 sell the typewriter and turn the money over to the state organization. She also has an old tape recorder  
45 that she would like permission to dispose of. **President Glenda Chappell** granted permission to dispose



New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs  
Friday Executive Board Meeting - April 29, 2011  
Embassy Suites Hotel, Syracuse, NY

1 of the tape recorder if it did not work. **Nita Landes** stated that her son has 40 typewriters that he cannot  
2 get rid of. **Ruth Barone** replied that she would look into the matter.

3 **2011 State Meeting Co-Chairmen Lisa Cartini and Linda Goldsworthy** reported that the convention had  
4 been reported in the local newspaper and on the radio. The paper was also sending a reporter by the  
5 hotel today to do another story. There are 112 attendees, 8 are guests, 7 are first-time attendees. 16  
6 clubs are in attendance and 1 member from former club Jefferson County MOTC. 2 people cancelled and  
7 were unable to attend. Sadly, one member, Marie Smith from Twins & Triplets of Central NY, passed  
8 away 2 weeks prior to convention. One of Marie's twins, Sharon, is attending in her place. 43 rooms  
9 were sold for Thursday night and a majority of the attendees arrived on Thursday. 49 rooms were sold  
10 for Friday Night and 44 rooms for Saturday night. 27 guests will not be attending the Friday Evening  
11 Event/Dinner, which is  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the attendees which future hosts need to think about as that event is  
12 depended on with the sale of the food, to help lower the costs of the hotel rooms and the other costs of  
13 the convention. Perhaps, people are using Friday night to visit the local town. There are 26 guests that  
14 will not be attending the Luncheon on Saturday. Again, that is a money maker for the convention that  
15 people are not choosing to attend. The workshop that most people signed up for was the Vitamins &  
16 Aging. They are very thrilled to be here. The Skin Care workshop was 2<sup>nd</sup> followed by the Psychic. Only 6  
17 clubs are participating in the newsletter contest and 9 in the scrapbook page contest. 8 member clubs  
18 are participating in Show & Sell and 5 outside vendors. 15 tables were sold (2 vendors bought 2 tables)  
19 bringing in \$295 to NYSOMOTC. There are 86 Raffle Baskets for prizes. **Linda Goldsworthy** stated that  
20 there are a lot of people in the hotel including women bowlers from all over the world and, who have  
21 brought their money. Because the Show & Sell tables are going to be set up throughout the gardens,  
22 Linda questioned if outside people could purchase items from our Show & Sell vendors. And if not, how  
23 will we prevent it? **Sarah Price** stated that this had come up at the last meeting, this issue had been  
24 discussed and it was determined that only registered members could attend and participate in Show &  
25 Sell. The only thing we could ask vendors to do would be to check customers for a badge. **Kathlene**  
26 **Lyman** replied that she remembered the conversation because the sale had been held in an enclosed  
27 room and outside people were coming in and shopping. **Sarah Price** replied that it had been Mary Grace  
28 Roach who asked the question because she asked about having Show & Sell in the lobby and having  
29 outside hotel guests purchasing items at the sale. **Kathlene Lyman** and **Michele Szatkowski** agreed and  
30 stated that they remembered the conversation. **Nita Landes** stated that she would like to open Show &  
31 Sell to everyone. **Michele Camilleri** stated that she found the conversation in the 2010 Midterm Board  
32 Meeting Minutes Page 17 Line 34.

33 **Mary Grace Roach** asked if the Show & Sell portion of the convention was open to the public since it  
34 was held in the lobby this past year. **President Glenda Chappell** and **Michele Camilleri** said that only  
35 registered members were to be shopping, working or attending the Show & Sell

36 **Myriam Lavora** stated that in this case Show & Sell is being held in a public place. In the past, we have  
37 had control over who came into our space. We had a way to check for members and other guests that  
38 came into our convention. Here, the only identifiable sign is our badge. **President Glenda Chappell**  
39 stated that if she remembered correctly the main problem we had was members working a table that  
40 hadn't registered rather than an outside hotel guest buying at the sale. **Myriam Lavora** agreed that this  
41 was the main issue. **Sarah Price** stated that her main concern would be that members would continue to  
42 believe that they do not have to pay registration fee to attend the Show & Sell portion of the convention  
43 and that we should continue to say that only members can attend, so that there aren't more problems  
44 with unregistered members. **Myriam Lavora** stated that this was a delicate issue. **Linda Goldsworthy**  
45 agreed but she feels that in this case, if we have an opportunity to raise funds for the member clubs and  
46 outside vendors, why not allow everyone to raise as much money as they can. We have a hard time



New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs  
Friday Executive Board Meeting - April 29, 2011  
Embassy Suites Hotel, Syracuse, NY

1 getting outside vendors to attend because it's only 2 hours and if we say that for 2 hours anyone in the  
2 hotel can shop the sale, it will be more beneficial. Also for member clubs, they have the potential to  
3 make more money. **Barbi Cudney** said she sees a difference between registered members working the  
4 sale and hotel guests shopping the sale and we are lumping them into one. She agrees with Linda that  
5 they should be allowed to sell and benefit from the hotel guests. **Michele Szatkowski** suggested that we  
6 state that this is an exception for this year to allow outside guests to shop the sale so that next year, it  
7 does not create a problem where people are coming in just to shop the sale. **Linda Gettings** stated that  
8 the way the State Organization membership has plummeted; perhaps we would be able to use the Show  
9 & Sell as publicity for the Organization to other moms of twins. **Ruth Barone** asked what National does.  
10 She stated that at the convention in St. Louis, they did not disallow anyone. She recommended that this  
11 be added in the Procedure Manual for the Chairman because it is part of their job to sell tables at  
12 convention, to say that while we prefer to be in a private room that only allows registered members,  
13 there may be a year when one is not available, in that case, you (the host club) must come to the board  
14 and ask for approval to open the sale to the public. She did not know if that is a procedure change or if  
15 it's acceptable to this group, but it would be a solution prior to Friday morning. She agreed that we  
16 should open it up to hotel guests. We have to give these chairmen some flexibility; we have to believe  
17 that they are doing the best for this organization and the member clubs. The member clubs aren't going  
18 to think we are doing what is best for them if we restrict them so hard that they ask, why should I  
19 bother to buy a table at Show & Sell? **Linda Goldsworthy** stated that we need to consider the situation.  
20 **Natalie Diaz** stated the last three non-NYSOMOTC conventions she attended were all held in public  
21 spaces. **Linda Goldsworthy** stated before we make a procedure change, we need to consider if this is an  
22 opportunity. People are not going to come from outside the hotel to shop our Show & Sell. **Michele**  
23 **Camilleri** stated that she agreed it was a great idea to open it up for outside guests. The only problem  
24 comes in when in the future, the sale is held in a private room. The public no longer knows we are there,  
25 and you are using it as a selling point, so you are limiting the clubs. The only option would be to ask  
26 hosting clubs to make it possible that the sale always be held in a public lobby. When the chairman  
27 makes the arrangements with the hotel, let them know about the sale so the hotel can give permission  
28 for the sale to be held in the lobby so all the hotel guests can participate. That way the vendors can  
29 benefit each year not just these last few years. **Nita Landes** asked the Parliamentarian if it was ok to call  
30 for a vote. **Michele Camilleri** replied if no one else has their hand up. **Mary Grace Roach** added that at  
31 the next convention, in Nassau County, the lobby is not available for Show & Sell and questioned the  
32 benefit of having it for "members-only" **Michele Szatkowski** stated that in the past the membership was  
33 bigger but now that it is smaller it needs to be revisited because the income isn't there. **Myriam Lavora**  
34 added that in the past because the state meetings were well attended, the membership supported the  
35 privacy of the Show & Sell. To add to Michele, because of the facilities that each hotel offers and their  
36 rules and regulations, we have to expect that in this case we can do it in the garden but next year at the  
37 Holiday Inn it will be in a private room. So, we have to consider all those points that will change year to  
38 year. **Lisa Cartini** stated Karen Nichols made a good point to her that this is a unique situation where  
39 there are women here that have the desire and money to shop at their own convention. If she and her  
40 best friend went to a hotel with a convention, they wouldn't be so interested to shop, but these women  
41 are. This has never happened at a convention she had been to. **Michele Szatkowski** said we are leaning  
42 towards a change so how about at next year's convention they make a poster advertising the Show &  
43 Sell to the hotel guests. **President Glenda Chappell** concluded that the Show & Sell would be open to  
44 the public buying items but only paid registered members can work the sale. Then it can be revisited on  
45 Sunday to make a more permanent or formal change in the procedure. She then asked for a motion to  
46 be made.





New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs  
Friday Executive Board Meeting - April 29, 2011  
Embassy Suites Hotel, Syracuse, NY

1 **"I, Nita Landes, a member of Westside Suburban MOTC, at this NYSOMOTC Executive Board Meeting.**  
2 **Move that for this State Meeting only, we open Show and Sell to the Public". Seconded by Lori**  
3 **Connolly.**  
4 **President Glenda Chappell** read the motion and asked for any further discussion. There was no further  
5 discussion. Motion was passed.  
6 **Linda Goldsworthy** repaid the loan of \$1400 and the Assessment Fee of \$112 (\$1 per attendee).  
7 **Calligrapher Nita Landes** reported that she sent a list of deceased members for the State Meeting  
8 booklet. 41 certificates were completed and will be presented to the President. The Memorial Booklet  
9 that is used at the State Meeting is up to date. Lastly, someone picked up several packages of blank  
10 certificates but she doesn't remember who. Also, if you need a certificate written, she needs more than  
11 2 days to complete it. **President Glenda Chappell** asked if she remembered when that was. **Nita Landes**  
12 replied that it was at the last convention. **Michele Camilleri** replied she remembered the certificates  
13 being in the archivist files and it wouldn't be in the minutes. **Nita Landes** stated that she did not have  
14 them and if we don't find them, she would use blank ones not used in a store. There were at least 4  
15 packets that you can buy at Staples that someone has. **Ruth Barone** confirmed that they were not in  
16 Nita's files. **Michele Szatkowski** said she did not have them. **President Glenda Chappell** confirmed that  
17 Nita Landes still had some blank certificates left.  
18 **Chaplain Barbi Cudney** reported that the organization has suffered the loss of 2 members in our local  
19 clubs. The appropriate cards were sent and their families remembered. Mamie Hoag is doing well; she is  
20 still receiving treatments but has begun suffering back spasms. Her family is very happy and her  
21 daughter is getting married June 4. Her other daughter is going back to college in the fall. Her son has a  
22 good job in Rochester. Her husband is also doing well with his heart condition. She has made plans to  
23 get together soon. She has retired and Karen Nichols attended her "roast" as the NYSOMOTC  
24 representative. Please continue to inform her us events and news. **Mary Grace Roach** reported that  
25 Mary Elizabeth Brennan is doing well and making progress. She and her husband faithfully attend  
26 meetings. She is in a wheelchair and offered their home for the family picnic. Mary Elizabeth was  
27 walking the last time we saw her.  
28 **Twin Photo Registry Barbi Cudney** reported that she is excited to enter into another season of photo  
29 ops and adding the new contest's Scrapbook Pages into her album. Please continue to submit your  
30 12x12 pages for our book. This is a great way for members to meet other members. **Mary Grace Roach**  
31 commented that it is a great example of good decisions made by the board, seeing many clubs  
32 participating in this contest this year.  
33 **Marie Simmons Scholarship Chairman Linda Goldsworthy** reported that this was her first year as  
34 Chairman but has served on the committee in the past. The Committee has met twice during the year-  
35 once via teleconference and here at convention on Thursday night. They decided not to make any  
36 changes to 8A and would like to leave the procedure as is. This year 19 applications were mailed out, 2  
37 applications needed to be resent. Only 2 applications were returned. The applications were sent to the  
38 judges, detailed in the procedures, they were scored and 2 winners were chosen. Due to the fact that  
39 only 2 applications were returned, the committee had discussed possible changes in procedure  
40 regarding the scoring process and going forward. The committee proposed to the board minimum  
41 criteria. Currently, the application is worth 5 points, the resume is worth 10 points, transcripts are 5  
42 points and the essay is broken into 3 parts: 80 points total-60 for content, 10 for spelling and 10 for  
43 grammar. The committee suggests establishing minimum criteria to protect the integrity of the  
44 scholarship. What if only one person sends in the application, do they automatically get the scholarship  
45 even if they score low? Or if there are 2 applicants, what if one is stellar and the other is only mediocre?  
46 Do we want to continue to give the scholarship to anyone who applies or create criteria of a minimum of



New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs  
Friday Executive Board Meeting - April 29, 2011  
Embassy Suites Hotel, Syracuse, NY

1 75 points? The committee agreed this was a generous criterion. Considering the fact that we are  
2 receiving fewer applications and we have less money to give, they thought it was a good idea. **Lisa**  
3 **Vanderbrook** asked if someone submitted an application one year and did not win the award, can they  
4 try again next year. **Linda Goldsworthy** replied that they could. **Lisa Vanderbrook** stated that some  
5 people don't know that. She said that she had judged previously and had received some wonderful  
6 applications that didn't win and maybe they would have resubmitted if they had known. **Linda**  
7 **Goldsworthy** said that it is in the paperwork that they may reapply for the scholarship. **Lisa**  
8 **Vanderbrook** commented that maybe people forget. **Michele Camilleri** stated that "there is a minimum  
9 standard stipulated in the Procedural Guidelines. Those are the minimum standards that must be met in  
10 order to be judged. The next phase has been kept very vague because Marie Simmons never intended it  
11 to be given to only the best and the brightest. It was meant to be a financial award only. When it was set  
12 it up, it was about helping mothers of multiples by helping our children financially, not about awarding  
13 the smartest student. It was giving it to the person who needed it the most financially. We have moved  
14 away from that over the years and we are now giving it to the best that are applying. Now, if the person  
15 that applies only scores a 60 and that is their best than they should be entitled to the award. In the past  
16 we've given it to trade school students and they are not traditionally the best in their school, I'm not  
17 saying they aren't bright but they may not be the best in their school class. We have also set it up so that  
18 disabled children or special needs children can apply. We do not want to discourage those children from  
19 applying for the scholarship. The applications are judged, you judge one way and I'll judge another and  
20 someone over here has a child that has a disability and they are going to judge even more fairly because  
21 they have a different standard than someone who has a child in advance placement classes. 75 points is  
22 a lot and I think we would be discouraging too many people from applying. When we have this limited  
23 pool, we should let as many people apply that can. Some years we will have 5 applicants that all score  
24 100 but some years we will have scores that are lower. I believe the Marie Simmons judged the  
25 applications in the very beginning, and she was the harshest judge there was, everyone received in the  
26 70's that she judged. So, the judging process is to wean out different people, but now we have a  
27 minimum standard but now we are adding another minimum standard." **Mary Grace Roach** asked her  
28 opinion about only 2 people applying. **Michele Camilleri** commented that the applicants have gone  
29 down; that is because we no longer allow high school students to apply and they are the ones that are  
30 applying for scholarships. She thinks we need to revisit that in an email to the committee. Her daughter  
31 received a scholarship in high school that she could not receive until she completed one year of college.  
32 It was her duty to go to her school and get the transcripts, take them to the committee, present her  
33 transcripts and get the scholarship. She stated that we should consider something like that. Then  
34 everyone can still apply but that is where our problem is. Last year, as chairman, she sent out over 20  
35 applications and received 5 back, 2 of which were still high school students and had to be thrown out.  
36 **Linda Vanderbrook** said that she appreciated the history behind the scholarship and that we are still  
37 judging them and the scores of a disabled child may still fall to the bottom of the pile. So maybe we  
38 need to consider if the idea is that, because we are still scoring them. So to have a minimum standard  
39 we would still be eliminating some of the applicants. We can talk about it again. **Michele Szatkowski**  
40 asked if it says anywhere that disabled children can apply. **Lisa Vanderbrook** replied that you can't  
41 because it is discrimination. **Michele Szatkowski** agreed that is was discrimination but she is thinking  
42 about her boys who are dyslexic, and she would love for them to apply but they have no chance of  
43 receiving the scholarship. She said she's not the only parent who thinks that because it's not being  
44 looked at as who deserves it the most, it's about who scores the best. She added that might be reluctant  
45 to encourage her boys because of the scores she's seen go through. **Linda Gettings** stated that her  
46 children applied when they were in college and it was very difficult for them to apply. It would have



New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs  
Friday Executive Board Meeting - April 29, 2011  
Embassy Suites Hotel, Syracuse, NY

1 been much easier for them to have done it in high school because they would not have needed to do so  
2 much running back and forth trying to get all the paperwork from different schools. They went to  
3 college and they graduated, so it could have waited for the money. She asked if this is just for  
4 undergraduate studies or also for graduate students. **Michele Camilleri** replied that it is for any  
5 accredited secondary education as long as they live at home and are unmarried. Going back to the 75  
6 points, we are going to send out the procedural guidelines and then state that on top of all this; you  
7 have to score at least 75 points during the judging process. We are going to discourage people from  
8 applying, because you have to let people know what the judging criteria is. It is very subjective and it  
9 already weans out the applicants. **Linda Gettings** wondered if high school students were ever allowed to  
10 apply. **President Glenda Chappell** replied that it was to ensure that the scholarship money was used for  
11 college. **Linda Goldsworthy** stated that she would like to take this information back to the committee.  
12 **President Glenda Chappell** said that the issue would be tabled until Sunday so she could discuss the info  
13 with the committee. **Ruth Barone** asked if she would have enough time to meet with the committee  
14 before Sunday or if we should table the discussion until midterm. **Linda Goldsworthy** agreed to table the  
15 discussion to midterm.

16 **President Glenda Chappell** called for a 5 minute break at \_\_\_\_ A.M.

17 **Meeting resumed at \_\_\_\_ A.M.**

18 **Linda Goldsworthy** continued her MSS Committee Report. She said that they had discussed opening the  
19 scholarship back up to high school students but they didn't believe it was in the best interest of the  
20 scholarship. We did have a pool of people interested, just not which interested in applying. It isn't a lot  
21 of work and it's worth the effort to apply. She then presented a check for \$1000, donated by Manhattan  
22 MOTC

23 **Club Scrapbook Page Contest Chairman Linda Gettings** is very excited about the 9 entries as there was  
24 1 entry last year and 1 winner. She's thrilled and likes that the pages will have a purpose. Maybe every  
25 club will participate next year. **Lorena Cutt** asked if the pages were going to be kept and included in the  
26 photo albums. **Linda Gettings** confirmed that they would be.

27 **Librarian Kathlene Lyman** reported that she maintained the files and wrote articles for the Presidential  
28 Papers. She researched some current resources of interest to mothers of twins/multiples. She offered  
29 research assistance to member clubs. She also sought and received input to help clearly define/redefine  
30 the role of the Librarian in the State Organization.

31 **Membership Pins Chairman Pam Reussow** reported that she took over this position from our President.  
32 She received all the files, procedural manual, badge and pins from her. During the year, she has updated  
33 the procedure manual and reviewed her duties. She obtained a list of members attending the  
34 convention from the Convention Co-Chair. She contacted members that were receiving a pin for  
35 attending 20 or more conventions and they supplied her with a story about their experiences. She  
36 supplied a page for the convention booklet of those members receiving pins and purchased more pins  
37 since our supply was exhausted. She updated the spreadsheet with current information for all members  
38 attending the convention, supplied articles to the Presidential Papers and has enjoyed this position.

39 **Midterm Meeting Co-Chairman Rae Willette and Lisa Cobb** – Absent; report read by Katrina Smith.

40 The 2010 Midterm Executive Board meeting was held on Saturday October 16, 2010 at the Owego  
41 Treadway Inn. The meeting had 31 member attending, including 22 Executive Board Members, 6 local  
42 member club presidents, 8 state reps and 11 member clubs were represented with a tie between POM  
43 of CNY and Greater Rochester with the most attendees. Nita Landes from Westside Suburban was the  
44 first registration received. Shirley Savage set up the contracts for the Midterm Meeting for the years  
45 2012, 2013 and 2014 and had a few changes. The hotel rates will rise from \$89.95 to \$94.95 and the  
46 guarantee of 20 people will change to 30 with a \$1 additional charge to each person less than that.





New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs  
Friday Executive Board Meeting - April 29, 2011  
Embassy Suites Hotel, Syracuse, NY

1 Friday night, Lisa and Rae held a group dinner at the hotel which 16-20 members attended. The 2011  
2 Midterm Board Meeting is planned for October 15, 2011. Hotel rates are \$94.95 (single, double triple or  
3 quad) Room registrations must be made at the Owego Treadway Inn by October 1. The registration form  
4 needs to be filled out along with a \$30 non-refundable check to NYSOMOTC and sent to Rae Willette.  
5 Pam Reussow asked that an email be sent out about the group dinner on Friday night with more  
6 information.

7 **Marie Simmons Scholarship Treasurer/Vice Chairman Kathlene Lyman** reported an opening balance of  
8 \$7,259.04. The income reflected last year's remaining Calendar raffle of \$126 and Lottery Raffle of \$505.  
9 There were several club donations made in Marie Simmons name when she passé, for a total income  
10 amount of \$4,161.00 The expenses included the 2010 Raffle Winnings of \$500 and the two scholarships  
11 to Horowitz and Bodary of \$1000 each, for a total expense of \$2,500. There was a closing balance of  
12 \$8,920.04. **Ruth Barone** asked if we could use "fundraiser" instead of "raffle" in case of an audit.

13 **Kathlene Lyman** agreed to the change.

14 **Marie Simmons Scholarship Fundraiser Chairman Nancy Converse** – report read by President Glenda  
15 Chappell. 21 Calendars were sent out, 20 by email and 1 mailed. She received 18 calendars back. She  
16 received 160 Lottery tickets for the raffle, only 13 clubs participated in the lottery ticket raffle. She  
17 received \$1,020 by March 15, 2011 and her expenses was \$14.94 which she donated and there were  
18 open dates left on the calendar raffle which she will be offering at the fundraising table.

19 **Newsletter Contest Chairman Lindsay Corrigan** reported that this was her first year with the position. 6  
20 clubs participated in the contest this year. The club categories no longer apply to the current  
21 membership so she used the same categories that were used last year. She carried out the following  
22 duties: submitting articles to the Presidential Papers including deadlines for the clubs to enter their  
23 newsletter, contacted 3 judges to judge the newsletter which included a former newspaper editor, a  
24 children's librarian and an author, had the plaques engraved and is currently working on submitting the  
25 expenses. She also stated that having the clubs submit their newsletters by email was much easier and  
26 not a lot of paperwork. There was minimal expense. The judges enjoyed simply filling out the score  
27 sheets and emailing them back to her. President Glenda Chappell commented that the new procedure  
28 seemed to work out well.

29 Newsletter Editor Michele Camilleri reported that she has enjoyed the newsletter and she particularly  
30 enjoyed her "Around New York State" article. She has spoken with the Archivist and she will be writing  
31 an article highlighting previous conventions. She spoke to the Vice President and she will be writing a  
32 new article called "Spotlight On" highlighting a specific club. She is introducing a few new articles  
33 "Health Notes" and "Greening New York" and also "May I Recommend". The November/December,  
34 January/February, and March/April Presidential Papers were published. Reminders were sent to the  
35 Board Members asking for articles if they missed the deadlines. She moved the publication date to the  
36 first of each edition month. The Presidential Papers and all other items were mailed to the individuals  
37 who do not have e-mail. Expenses were \$84.99. She wished that they could receive the newsletter in  
38 color but the cost of printing them in color is very expensive. **Ruth Barone** replied that she can copy  
39 them at her workplace for no cost. **Michele Camilleri** continued her report asking clubs to send photos  
40 of clubs happenings, please send them as attachments. The Executive Board Directory was updated as  
41 necessary. Revised copies were emailed or mailed. Each time the Directory was sent, it was noted as  
42 revised. The Member Club Directory was updated and sent out. The deadline for the next Presidential  
43 Papers is May 6, 2011. All outgoing and incoming Board Members should write an article. Please e-mail  
44 your articles to her. Please do not format your articles.

45 Nominating Chairman Lisa Vanderbrook reported that she submitted articles for the Presidential Papers.  
46 She mailed out Resume Forms to each member of the Executive Board and Past Presidents. She



New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs  
Friday Executive Board Meeting - April 29, 2011  
Embassy Suites Hotel, Syracuse, NY

1 prepared a list of those members eligible to run for the office of President and the Nominating  
2 Chairman. She prepared a list of resumes on file and those interested in committees. She communicated  
3 with the Nominating Committee Members by email or phone as needed. She attended the Midterm  
4 Meeting in October and made a report. She notified each candidate of their acceptance to run for each  
5 of the individual officer positions. She notified the Parliamentarian, Advisor, Vice President and  
6 President of the Slate Officers for 2011-2012. She contacted the Co-Chairman of the State Meeting of  
7 the need for materials (dry-erase board or pad and table) for the Saturday Meeting and Installation  
8 Ceremony. She checked the candles and ribbons for the Installation Ceremony. She made copies of the  
9 resume forms and submitted vouchers as necessary to the President. She also communicated with  
10 Advisor Joanne Czajkowski about creating a uniform letter (of introduction) for the nominating  
11 committee members. She also contacted the Procedure Manual Chairman Myriam Lavora about revising  
12 the Installation Ceremony procedures. She and Joanne communicated about and created the letter (of  
13 introduction) for the nominating committee members to send out to their districts. At the convention  
14 last year there were some issues with the Installation Ceremony, with the help of Myriam Lavora, the  
15 guidelines were revised so that should not be repeated.

16 **President Glenda Chappell** reported that the Photographer Sara LiPera has stepped down from the  
17 position. Sara did send the photos taken at the last state meeting and copies were made. Michele has  
18 them now as the Archivist. **Nancy Converse** has expressed interest in the position for next year. **Myriam**  
19 **Lavora** asked if there was a photographer for this convention. **President Glenda Chappell** said there was  
20 not an official photographer and asked for a volunteer to accept the appointment. **Myriam Lavora**  
21 stated that there is a list of important photos that need to be taken. **Linda Gettings** accepted the  
22 appointment of Photographer. **Nita Landes** stated that she has an album of photos from last year's  
23 convention. **Ruth Barone** asked where the photos were from last year. **President Glenda Chappell**  
24 replied that she was given two CD's full of photos and she did not print all of them. **Michele Camilleri**  
25 stated that there is an album on display in the MOMs Information Center that Myriam had made for her  
26 as a gift. But she will make an album of these photos to display.

27 **Procedure Manual Chairman Myriam Lavora** reported that she prepared 33 packets of manual revisions  
28 which include: Table of Contents, Bylaws/Standing Rules, Introductions, General Procedures, Treasurer,  
29 Advisor, Parliamentarian, Archivist, Club Scrapbook Page Contest, MSS Procedural Guidelines,  
30 Membership Pins, Minutes Approval, Newsletter Editor, Nominating Committee, Publicity, State  
31 Meeting Guidelines, State Meeting Liaison, Board Positions Summary. She updated the State Rep Packet  
32 which is available on the website and emailed to the State Reps (21 member clubs). She provided  
33 updates to the webmaster to post on the website and purchased the Super State Rep pins for the Vice  
34 President. She submitted articles for each issue of Presidential Papers. The revision packet will be  
35 handed out at the Sunday Executive Board Meeting, Please add them to your procedural manual. If  
36 anyone is not planning on remaining on the Executive Board, please return to her all the file boxes,  
37 equipment, manuals and badges so she can give them to the person taking over the position on Sunday.  
38 She looks forward to continuing in this position.

39 **Publicity Janet Hranek** reported that she had forwarded a copy of the press release to President Glenda  
40 Chappell who made corrections and it was then sent to Lisa Cartini who passed it on to the local  
41 newspaper and radio stations. She was happy to see that it was in the newspaper.

42 **President Glenda Chappell** stated that Research/Twin Data Registry Chairman Dessie Holliday was not in  
43 attendance. **Ruth Barone** asked if Dessie Holliday was attending. **President Glenda Chappell** replied she  
44 was not attending. **Ruth Barone** asked if she sent a report to the President. **President Glenda Chappell**  
45 replied that she had not. **Ruth Barone** asked for clarification on if that was a standing report at the



New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs  
Friday Executive Board Meeting - April 29, 2011  
Embassy Suites Hotel, Syracuse, NY

1 Saturday General Meeting. **Michele Szatkowski** asked if the statistics can be read off the website.  
2 **Michele Camilleri** said the survey was in the newsletter but her report was not.  
3 **State Meeting Liaison Co-Chairman Michele Camilleri and Myriam Lavora** reported that they had been  
4 in contact with the 2011 and 2012 State Meeting Hosting Committee to offer guidance on planning their  
5 events.  
6 **2012 State Meeting Chairman Mary Grace Roach** reported that their plans were moving along well. The  
7 theme is "Time to Renew in 2-0-1-2." They are working on their workshop and are well on their way for  
8 fundraising. Their room rates are \$129.00. The dates are April 26-28, 2012. **Myriam Lavora** asked if they  
9 were prepared to do a skit. **Mary Grace Roach** confirmed that they were ready.  
10 **State/National Liaison Mary Lou Surmik** sent her report to President Glenda Chappell. The next 3  
11 National Conventions are "Sweet Home Chicago" July 24-30, 2011, "Life in the Fast Lane" July 22-28,  
12 2012 and "Relax, Refresh, Renew Phoenix" July 21-27, 2013.  
13 **Unity Project Coordinator Kathy Brousseau** reported that she looks forward to learning this position.  
14 **Ways & Means Coordinator Erin Adams** report was read by President Glenda Chappell. She submitted  
15 articles for the Presidential Papers. The theme for the 2011 State Meeting was "Fun in the...." She made  
16 labels for those clubs who submitted their themes ahead of time and had blank ones available for those  
17 that did not. She got change to be used at the raffle tables. She expects no expenses as she has plenty of  
18 tickets and paper bags for the State Meeting. **Kathlene Lyman** stated that Erin Adams and Nancy  
19 Converse need to have a support for their positions as they are both sitting at the tables for the whole  
20 afternoon. There used to be a committee and there is now only one person doing the job. **President**  
21 **Glenda Chappell** said that it is a reasonable request to ask one person from each club to help man a  
22 table for 30 minutes or an hour. **Michele Szatkowski** agreed that people should be willing to help but  
23 that the responsibility should fall on the Executive Board first as it is our fundraiser. **Ruth Barone** asked  
24 if an email was sent asking for help. **Michele Camilleri** stated that it was in the Presidential Papers. **Ruth**  
25 **Barone** stated that a personal email would have gotten a response from her personally as she does not  
26 have time to read the Presidential Papers. **Michele Camilleri** agreed that it's better to send a personal  
27 note asking for help. It's harder to say no to a one on one email. **Michele Szatkowski** added that the  
28 State Reps ask their clubs for help. **Myriam Lavora** commented that in an ideal world, this position has  
29 normally been co-chaired or there has been a committee so it was comfortably shared. Nancy's position  
30 is different as it should be the MSS Committee supporting her position and fundraiser. Ideally, it would  
31 be nice to have more people interested in helping. **Lisa Vanderbrook** stated that she has the resumes ,  
32 that states what positions they are interested. However, not many of them get back to her on time  
33 before the convention and there are a lot of openings because people didn't write it down. The  
34 Nominating Chairman should know this information but she didn't get the information. She added that  
35 she would like to help Erin do this position next year. Perhaps this should be a reminder to members  
36 that the resumes are important. **Pam Reussow** added that they asked their club members to help them  
37 when she shared the position. Secondly, they found while they were selling the tickets, people did not  
38 come until the afternoon and they didn't want to put their tickets in when there could be more baskets  
39 coming in. She suggests that the time be moved to start at noon and not earlier. **President Glenda**  
40 **Chappell** asked if there was a guideline with the times for the Fundraiser. **Myriam Lavora** answered that  
41 there was not and it was determined by the Chairman. This is an excellent idea as some baskets do not  
42 arrive until later in the day. **Kathlene Lyman** is happy that she spoke up for Erin and she's happy about  
43 the amount of response saying they would help. When she was on the committee, she believes there  
44 were 5 people. Erin has relied on some of her club members to help her. **Mary Grace Roach** stated that  
45 their club has 7 members attending and she is sure one of them would be willing to help. **Myriam**  
46 **Lavora** replied that she is grateful to the volunteers but it needs to be said that the Chairman is



New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs  
Friday Executive Board Meeting - April 29, 2011  
Embassy Suites Hotel, Syracuse, NY

1 ultimately responsible for the funds that are collected. So while she needs time out away from the  
2 fundraiser, she still needs to oversee the process.

3 **Webmaster Michele Szatkowski** reported that she has made many updates to the website over the last  
4 few months including: updating the Calendar of Events and the 2011 State Meeting Page, added a page  
5 for the 2012 State Meeting, updated the middle bar on the home page, updated the Procedural Manual  
6 under both the Board and Club links, removed the 2010 State Meeting link, updated the Contests of the  
7 weekend, Local Club lists, MSS Scholarship, Children with Special Needs, the Turtle Column, Board of  
8 Directory, Presidential Papers, updated the meeting minutes, the Past State Meeting/Hosting Clubs,  
9 Contests and Chinese Auction pages. There are still a few things left to be updated with current  
10 information. Please let her know if you see something out of date. All mail that came into the Hotmail  
11 account was forwarded to the President, Vice President, MSS Chairman or Webmaster. The account was  
12 checked weekly and every 3 days once the MSS was available. We are considering creating a new  
13 website. She purchased Web Easy 8 Professional software. Along with Lori and Renie, she started  
14 playing with it but there are still many challenges that are still unknown. She talked with a father within  
15 her club that has offered his assistance. She has received a quote as a not-for-profit organization but the  
16 for-profit rates will be higher. **President Glenda Chappell** asked why we had gone from a not-for-profit  
17 to a for-profit organization. **Michele Szatkowski** replied that the organization is a for-profit organization.  
18 **Michele Camilleri** replied that the state organization operates as a not-for-profit organization. The IRS  
19 has deemed us as such. We aren't 5013C which is official but we are 501F. We have the IRS letter, we do  
20 pay tax but we operate under the not-for-profit charter. That status is that we are a social welfare  
21 organization. **Michele Szatkowski** stated that she needs a copy of this letter. **Michele Camilleri** will get  
22 her the letter. **Michele Szatkowski** said the rates would still be similar. She does not get a bill or receipt,  
23 proposed that the charges be directly taken out of the state account. She only gets the charges on her  
24 bank statements and then has to black out her entire statement in order to have a receipt showing the  
25 charges to give to the Treasury. Privacy wise, someone in the future may have a problem with that.  
26 **Michele Camilleri** said there is an email that she forwards her that states when the bill is due. She may  
27 be able to request a receipt when she pays it. **Michele Szatkowski** said no that there is only the line on  
28 her bank statement that proves it was paid. The website doesn't send her a receipt showing it was paid.  
29 **Michele Camilleri** said the only reason she questions this is because once they have access to your  
30 information they can take out however much money they deem that you owe. If they raise the rates,  
31 the treasurer wouldn't know. It makes the treasurer responsible for that money. You aren't controlling  
32 the amount of money that goes out, they are. **Michele Szatkowski** questions that it's better to take out  
33 the money from a person instead of it happening to the state? That's not fair. **Kathy Brousseau** asked  
34 what the charges were for. **Michele Szatkowski** clarified that twice a month there are charges for the  
35 domain name and hosting site. There is also another yearly charge. Gloria has paid the domain name up  
36 until 2012 and she pays it every 3 years because it was easier. It's minimal money but for her to give a  
37 receipt she has to black it all out because she's not giving out her account numbers. She has not  
38 submitted the accounts yet. **Michele Camilleri** said if you can just black out your account number and  
39 want to remain private, no one can have it. **Michele Szatkowski** stated that they are the only  
40 committee that has a consistent charge and thought it should come right out of the state account.  
41 **Lorena Cutt** asked, if we go to a new host, could it be set up as a yearly charge. It may not be an issue  
42 going forward if we are paying him a yearly fee and able to do it by a state check. **Lori Connolly** stated  
43 that their club pays him yearly to do their clubs website. **Michele Szatkowski** said she just wants to get  
44 an understanding of what is going on, why does it matter how it's getting paid. **Michele Camilleri** stated  
45 that it's because it is our money. And now we've given you options. We don't want them going into our  
46 accounts or anyone's personal account, that is the goal. So if this new server will accept a check then it



New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs  
Friday Executive Board Meeting - April 29, 2011  
Embassy Suites Hotel, Syracuse, NY

1 solves this problem. **Michele Szatkowski** stated that she does not like that it comes out of her accounts.  
2 **Michele Camilleri** stated that Gloria charged it on a credit card. Why isn't now? **Kathy Brousseau** stated  
3 that she would be willing to work on the website with Michele as she is a programmer by trade.  
4 **President Glenda Chappell** approved Kathy Brousseau to be added to the Website Committee. **Michele**  
5 **Szatkowski** said that right now she is overwhelmed by the information. **Kathy Brousseau** stated that it  
6 sounded like she needed a technical person and she can help. **Lorena Cutt** said that she received a  
7 donation for the webmaster but she is not sure how to funnel the expense to her. **President Glenda**  
8 **Chappell** stated that she should be given a check. **Lorena Cutt** verified that she still needs  
9 documentation to verify the expense. **President Glenda Chappell** confirmed that statement. Myriam  
10 Lavora noticed that there was an expense for the purchase of the Easy 8 software and asked if an  
11 expense voucher was submitted. We really need to support paper to see the expense. **Michele**  
12 **Szatkowski** replied that she wasn't sure if this program was going to work and didn't want the State  
13 paying for software that the state isn't able to use. **Myriam Lavora** asked if this was a recent purchase  
14 and if it was working for the state website. **Michele Szatkowski** replied that it is still foreign and they are  
15 figuring it out. **President Glenda Chappell** stated that if this is a more technical program, maybe working  
16 together with Kathy will help. It sounds like we are on the right path and it just needs tweaking. She  
17 then asked Kathy Brousseau if she'd be able to help with the monetary problem. Kathy Brousseau said  
18 she would help. **President Glenda Chappell** confirmed that they would come to midterm with a plan or  
19 solution to these issues. **Michele Szatkowski** said that the website is much more work than she had  
20 originally anticipated and there are numerous steps to putting things on the website. Having the  
21 committee is great but she still has to do a majority of the work on her own because of the way the site  
22 is set up. **President Glenda Chappell** confirmed she would present more options at midterm regarding  
23 the website.  
24 **Ruth Barone** announced an update concerning Dessie Holliday's Twin Data Report. She now has the  
25 report on her zip drive and will have it for tomorrow's meeting  
26 **Past Presidents**  
27 **Nita Landes** is happy to be here.  
28 **Myriam Lavora** is happy happy, delighted delighted!  
29 **Michele Camilleri** stated that they had a nice drive up except for the crazy teenagers that were playing  
30 dodge the traffic on Route 81 at 65 MPH.  
31 **Ruth Barone** stated she was happy to be here. Her father is terminal but he is doing well for right now. It  
32 is very hard having a parent come to live with you. He'll be 83 on Monday. She has a new  
33 granddaughter, Ella and she was able to have family pictures at Christmas.  
34 **Joanne Czajkowski** stated she was happy to be here.  
35 **Old Business**  
36 **Browne Books: President Glenda Chappell** asked if anyone from Staten Island, Dutchess County, Suffolk  
37 County, Tri County, Capital District, Orange, Multiple Moms Mingle, Western Ontario, Rockland and Kins  
38 of Twins please take the books with **them**. This request will be repeated tomorrow. If these clubs do not  
39 collect these books, we need to decide what to do with them. They were donated to State for moms of  
40 multiples. **Ruth Barone** asked how many books there are. **Joanne Czajkowski** showed a bag of books  
41 with one set and stated that the books are heavy. **Sarah Price** recommended the State keep one set and  
42 maybe local clubs would like to donate a set of books to their local library and promote their group.  
43 **Barbi Cudney** suggested keeping one set in the MOMS information center and she would transport the  
44 books. **President Glenda Chappell** stated there are 10 sets of books.  
45 **Newsletter Contest update: Lindsay Corrigan** recommends adding the emailing of the newsletters into  
46 the guidelines as it seemed to work great. **Myriam Lavora** requested that Lindsay send her the proposed





New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs  
Friday Executive Board Meeting - April 29, 2011  
Embassy Suites Hotel, Syracuse, NY

1 changes so they can be presented at the midterm meeting for approval. **Pam Reussow** suggested that  
2 the size categories be revised. Perhaps add an Extra-Large category. **President Glenda Chappell** asked if  
3 Lindsay could present that at the midterm meeting also. Lindsay replied that there has not been a lot of  
4 entries and said that she can do this if it's worth it. **Sarah Price** asked if adding the website category  
5 which had been previously discussed would be easier than trying to reorganize the current categories.  
6 **Lori Connolly** noticed that there is only 1 for small and only 1 for large and also noticed the size issue.  
7 **Michele Szatkowski** stated the only problem with adding the website category is that the clubs are on  
8 Big Tent and they would have to give the chairman access to their website. **Lindsay Corrigan** said that  
9 the information she has is actually not correct; that it was changed a few years ago but maybe it needs  
10 to be changed again. **President Glenda Chappell** asked if Small, Medium, Large and Extra Large would  
11 work. **Myriam Lavora** said that this still needs to be conscientiously looked at. It has not been done in a  
12 number of years when the membership was higher. Once we come with a fair distribution it will also  
13 affect the membership dues. We cannot have an arbitrary number for a contest, and have that be a  
14 different from our dues. The change affects both the newsletter contest and Mary Grace Roach's area  
15 as well, as she is in charge of membership. **President Glenda Chappell** asked how to proceed with this.  
16 **Mary Grace Roach** commented that we are also talking about receiving less money in dues. **Myriam**  
17 **Lavora** said we need to determine what we consider as large. This year her club has 32 members, but  
18 last year we had 20-something and we were in the small/medium category. **Now** that we are over the  
19 30 cut off, we are lumped in with clubs that have over 200 members. That is off balance. **President**  
20 **Glenda Chappell** asked who makes the proposal. **Myriam Lavora** said she would work on the committee  
21 as this is a procedural matter as well. This affects the Newsletter Contest and the Membership Dues.  
22 **President Glenda Chappell** asked those 3 ladies to come up with a proposal for midterm. **Myriam**  
23 **Lavora** asked each lady to send her their proposal and she would come up with an average. **Mary Grace**  
24 **Roach** said that she would send out an email asking State Reps for the most current information  
25 regarding the club membership. **Myriam Lavora** agreed that would be the first step and once she  
26 received the current information she would send back to them the averages, review the proposal and  
27 bring it to midterm. Lindsay Corrigan stated the sizes she currently has. **Myriam Lavora** stated that  
28 adding the Extra-large category is an excellent idea. However, it was a sensitive subject when it was  
29 determined years ago and we need to bite the bullet and revisit.  
30 **Telephone Tree: President Glenda Chappell** stated that over the summer when Marie Simmons passed,  
31 emails were sent out. She asked if anyone had a problem with using that type of notification versus  
32 phone, or should the Telephone Tree be kept. **Michele Szatkowski** asked when the last time the phone  
33 tree was actually used. **Ruth Barone** replied that there was a motion we had to pass over the phone and  
34 it was many years ago. We need to move into the electronic age; don't know how many people do not  
35 have email. **President Glenda Chappell** said the only issue she had was incorrect addresses. She asked  
36 that email addresses be printed clearly. The Telephone Tree will no longer be used.  
37 **Unity Candle: Lisa Vanderbrook** stated that there was never anything written about the candle. It was  
38 put out during the installation ceremony. She said that it was supposed to be out during the memorial  
39 service and during the installation ceremony. She asked when would be the best time to put the (Unity)  
40 candle out so something can be written up for the new person. **Myriam Lavora** answered that the  
41 candle should be on the table before the meeting begins. Ideally, before the meeting begins, the candle  
42 should be on the table. The candle was originally donated in honor of Moonyeen Orzel, a former State  
43 President, by Shirley Savage and her club, Southern Tier and has special meaning. We need to confirm  
44 that information. Nita Landes stated that she puts out the Memorial Book at the beginning of the  
45 meeting. **Myriam Lavora** added that the candle does not need to be lit until the service and it should be  
46 extinguished as soon as the ceremony is over. Do not let it burn between services. **President Glenda**



New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs  
Friday Executive Board Meeting - April 29, 2011  
Embassy Suites Hotel, Syracuse, NY

1 **Chappell** said that this procedure should be added to the procedure manual. **Myriam Lavora** said that  
2 there is a procedure that is in the revisions for this year addressing this issue. **Nita Landes** asked if the  
3 Memorial Book should be included in the procedures. **Myriam Lavora** said she would check.  
4 **Librarian: President Glenda Chappell** asked if it was determined that we would keep the position.  
5 **Kathlene Lyman** said yes, she believes it was decided to keep the position.  
6 **Michele Szatkowski** said the candle was covered under the Chaplain. So if Nita has the Memorial Book  
7 she should work with the Chaplain. So it should be added to this spot. **Michele Camilleri** stated it says  
8 under Calligrapher, Eleanor Siegel Memorial Book, the memorial book is to be displayed at the state  
9 meeting. So it is under Calligraphy. It was revised in 2009. Myriam Lavora said she remembers having  
10 this conversation and knew it was written somewhere that it was to be displayed by the person  
11 responsible for it. **Nita Landes** replied that she was reading it but it isn't the same thing. This (shows a  
12 book) is the Memorial Booklet but it is not the Eleanor Siegel Memorial Book. **Myriam Lavora** said that  
13 perhaps years ago it was referred to as the Eleanor Siegel Book. When a donation was made in the  
14 memory of a deceased member it was recorded in that book. The name now has been changed. **Nita**  
15 **Landes** replied that there are two different books. **Michele Szatkowski** stated that it needs to be  
16 restated that the Memorial Booklet be added so that it is displayed with the Eleanor Siegel Memorial  
17 Book. **Myriam Lavora** stated that it would be corrected. **Michele Camilleri** said there is some confusion  
18 in Calligraphy - under files. So at some point she must have made reference to the change that we did  
19 not pick up. **Nita Landes** stated she has two books, one is the Eleanor Siegel Book that has the funds for  
20 the year. **Myriam Lavora** said she'll contact Nita and talk.  
21 **President Glenda Chappell** asked for any other old business  
22 **Myriam Lavora** asked who was doing the state workshops. **President Glenda Chappell** answered Mary  
23 Grace Roach and Joanne Czajkowski are doing the State Rep and Club President. Pam Reussow is doing  
24 the First Time Attendees workshop.  
25 **Ruth Barone** wanted to clarify the conversation at midterm about having a workshop speaking with  
26 state reps and delegates about the motions being brought to the floor also to have a time to answer  
27 questions prior to the meeting. It was her impression that many clubs do not know why we use Robert's  
28 Rule of Order or how the rules work. It was her thought that we add something to the meeting to talk  
29 about the motions at the State Rep/Club President meeting. We had this problem with Greater  
30 Rochester as to why we follow these rules. She did not want this to be a discussion but just  
31 communicate what she wanted to add, and perhaps talk about it at midterm. She had been doing the  
32 workshop for the past few years and if we had 6 people in the room, we were fortunate. She said she  
33 didn't know if it's a way to get them to come, but when they come to those meetings, there is no  
34 conversation with the Parliamentarian at the delegate meeting about the motion. The clubs are coming  
35 to the meeting unprepared for the business. Michele Camilleri stated she would attend the meeting and  
36 discuss the motions, and that we should put in an itinerary what we will discuss next year and also  
37 topics you would like to talk to about. We could also do it in the March/April Newsletter. **President**  
38 **Glenda Chappell** asked that the chairmen also be notified so it would be put in the 3<sup>rd</sup> call. **Ruth Barone**  
39 added that it would be good to have it in the booklet. **Mary Grace Roach** said she loved that idea  
40 because she got nothing out of last year's workshop and people are making the meetings way to long  
41 because they are unprepared.  
42 **New Business**  
43 **Photographer: Myriam Lavora** suggested we consider purchasing a State digital camera and a 1 GIG  
44 card. At the end of the meeting, the camera would go back to the Archivist and she would have the job  
45 of securing the paper photos and archiving the memory card. But still create a visual compilation of  
46 photos. **Linda Gettings** agreed that it was a good idea to do this so there is no confusion as to who has



New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs  
Friday Executive Board Meeting - April 29, 2011  
Embassy Suites Hotel, Syracuse, NY

1 the photos. **Katrina Smith** suggested that instead of storing the memory card, she has the printed  
2 photos on a CD made and store the CD rather than have a memory card stored that may eventually not  
3 fit into any reader. The Memory Card can then be reused. **Michele Camilleri** stated that we should  
4 consider buying a camera. We used to have a state camera and digital cameras are very affordable these  
5 days. It will eventually save us money and we can pick and chose which pictures to print. **Linda Gettings**  
6 stated her plan was to take the pictures and put them on a CD and turn them over to Michele. **Myriam**  
7 **Lavora** suggested unless we have a photographer for the next year, the archivist should get the photos.  
8 If there is a photographer, it becomes her responsibility to print the pictures and bring them to the  
9 midterm meeting. **Michele Szatkowski** clarified that Linda Gettings will make a CD before she leaves  
10 convention. **Mary Grace Roach** stated that she has a digital camera she can donate to the organization.  
11 **President Glenda Chappell** thanked her for her donation.

12 **Michele Camilleri** suggested buying a new digital recorder for the Recording Secretary position and it  
13 holds up to 23 hours of clarified recordings. It is able to be downloaded to a computer and played while  
14 the secretary is typing. The current recorder was \$100, it is older and already out of date. It can also be  
15 downloaded onto discs for archiving. Sarah Price agreed it would be fabulous considering she has little  
16 kids and 2 tapes have been damaged because they pushed buttons when she was trying to work.  
17 Myriam Lavora said that in the event that we buy this, would we need a 2<sup>nd</sup> device for the incoming  
18 secretary. Michele Camilleri stated that the files can be uploaded at convention on their computer and  
19 the recorder is no longer needed. Then they also get downloaded to the CD and automatically go to the  
20 archivist. **President Glenda Chappell** clarified that it gets loaded as a voice file. Myriam Lavora said that  
21 we need to be realistic that we do not all have the same technology at home. The secretary needs to  
22 have the ability to upload information. **Ruth Barone** asked the topic be moved to Sunday because they  
23 needed the room.

24 **Announcements**

25 **President Glenda Chappell** announced that she has certificates to hand out. Please get them before you  
26 leave.

27 **President Glenda Chappell** adjourned the meeting at 12:44 pm.

28

29 Respectfully,

30

31 Sarah Price  
32 Recording Secretary

33

34 Minutes Approval

35

36 Myriam Lavora

37

38 Barbi Cudney

