

**New York State Organization Mothers of Twins Club
Executive Board Meeting – May 3, 2013
Sheraton At The Falls, Niagara Falls, New York**

The **Executive Board Meeting** was called to order at 8:46 A.M. by **President Mary Grace Roach**.

Chaplain Nita Landes gave an opening reflection.

Welcome by President Mary Grace Roach: Comments: Discussions will be timed with a 10 minute limit; she thanked MOTC Buffalo for their efforts and reported on her daughter's condition while asking for continued prayers.

Appointment of Minutes Approval Committee: Myriam Lavora and Kathy Brousseau

Roll Call – Recording Secretary Barbi Cudney. Officers: President Mary Grace Roach, (Nassau County MOTC), Vice President Lorena Cutt (Greater Rochester MOTC), Treasurer Lori Connolly (Greater Rochester MOTC), Recording Secretary Barbi Cudney (Genesee Country MOTC), Advisor Glenda Chappell (TNT of CNY), Parliamentarian Michele Camilleri (MOTC Queens), Archivist Michele Camilleri (MOTC Queens) Calligraphy Nita Landes (Westside Suburban MOTC), Chaplain Nita Landes (Westside Suburban MOTC), Club Scrapbook Page Chair Linda Gettings (Greater Rochester MOTC), Membership Meeting Chair Pam Reussow (Greater Rochester MOTC), Midterm Meeting Chair Karen Nichols (Madison Oneida MOTC), MS Scholarship Chair Linda Goldsworthy (POM of CNY), MSS Treasurer/Vice Chairman Kathlene Lyman (Schenectady MOTC), MSS Committee Member Lorena Cutt (Greater Rochester MOTC), MSS Committee Member Nancy Converse (TNT of CNY), MSS Committee Member Karen Nichols (Madison Oneida MOTC), MSS Committee Alternate Barbi Cudney (Genesee Country MOTC), Newsletter Contest Chair Ruth Barone (Greater Rochester MOTC), Newsletter Editor Michele Camilleri (MOTC Queens), Nominating Chairman Lisa Cartini (POM of CNY), Nominating Committee Member Lindsay Corrigan (Greater Rochester MOTC), Nominating Committee Member Joanne Czajkowski (TNT of CNY), Nominating Committee Member Natalie Diaz (Manhattan MOTC), Nominating Committee Member Katrina Smith (Chemung Valley MOTC) Photographer Michele Szatkowski (Greater Rochester MOTC), Procedure Manual Chairman Myriam Lavora (MOTC Queens), Publicity Janet Hranek (Southern Tier MOTC), Research/Twin Data Registry Lindsay Corrigan (Greater Rochester MOTC), State Meeting Liaison Mary Grace Roach (Nassau County MOTC), 2013 State Meeting Chairman Sharon Atti (MOTC Buffalo), 2013 State Meeting Co-Chairman Sharon Wetzel (MOTC Buffalo), 2014 State Meeting Chairman Barbi Cudney (Genesee Country MOTC), State/National Liaison Mary Lou Surmik (Southern Tier MOTC), Unity Project Coordinator Kathy Brousseau (Schenectady MOTC), Twin Photo Registry Barbi Cudney (Genesee Country MOTC), Ways and Means Committee Erin Adams (Schenectady MOTC), Ways and Means Committee Peggy Fiorini (POM of CNY), Webmaster Michele Szatkowski (Greater Rochester MOTC), Website Committee Kathy Brousseau (Schenectady MOTC), Website Committee Michele Camilleri (MOTC Queens), Website Committee Lori Connolly (Greater Rochester MOTC), Website Committee Lorena Cutt (Greater Rochester MOTC)
Past Presidents: Nita Landes, Myriam Lavora (x2), Shirley Savage, Michele Camilleri (x2), Ruth Barone, Linda Goldsworthy, Joanne Czajkowski, Glenda Chappell.

President Mary Grace Roach offered a brief story and recommended we use regular sized Tri-folds for the **Moms Information Center**, report attached.

Vice President Lorena Cutt presented President Mary Grace Roach with a Certificate of Appreciation for her year as President; she gave her report; attached.

Recording Secretary Barbi Cudney gave her report and made corrections to the **10-2012 Midterm Board Meeting Minutes**. No corrections. "If there are no objections I, President Mary Grace Roach will

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accept the 10-20-12 Midterm Board Meeting Minutes as presented on this day, May 3, 2013.”
Report attached.

Audit Committee: Kathy Brousseau and Natalie Diaz were appointed by President Mary Grace Roach.

President Mary Grace Roach requested that someone volunteer for the vacant Recording Secretary position.

Treasurer Lori Connolly gave her report; attached. Opening balance: \$5273.39
Closing balance: \$6214.27

Parliamentarian Michele Camilleri gave her report; attached.

Advisor Glenda Chappell gave her report; attached. She has also researched the possibility of using a projector and a screen for our meetings. **Michele Szatkowski** indicated she now borrows a projector from school for her presentation; she cannot buy one even though the school is not using them as they are obsolete.

Archivist Michele Camilleri gave her report; attached. She requested that all files or materials over 2 years old be passed to her.

Calligrapher Nita Landes gave her report; attached.

Chaplain Nita Landes gave her report; attached.

Club Scrapbook Page Contest Chair Linda Gettings gave her report; attached.

President Mary Grace Roach announced a 5 Minute Break: 9:30 A.M. to 9:35 A.M.

9:30 A.M. Karen Nichols left the room.

Librarian Marie Vito was not present; **President Mary Grace Roach** read her report. Marie Vito would like to continue in this position. **Natalie Diaz** indicated that she has a list of all current books about twins and is willing to help Marie in this position; she also suggested to add a link on the website to the Amazon store and offered to take over this position. **President Mary Grace Roach** suggested that Natalie Diaz speak with Marie Vito this weekend.

Membership Pins Committee Chair Pam Reussow gave her report; attached.

Marie Simmons Scholarship Chair Linda Goldsworthy gave her report; attached.

Marie Simmons Scholarship Fundraiser Holly Shear was not present. **Kathy Lyman** gave her report; attached. 11 member clubs participated this year. \$906 was raised. 22 dates are open. 4 clubs donated a total of 75 Scratch-Offs for the raffle. 2 clubs sent donation checks.

Marie Simmons Scholarship Treasurer/Vice Chairman Kathy Lyman gave the MSS Financial report; attached. Opening Balance: \$9859.95 Closing Balance: \$10,142.95.



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Some members indicated that they had not received the calendar for fundraising. The response was that it is on the website.

Midterm Board Meeting Chair Karen Nichols is not present. **President Mary Grace Roach** read her report; attached. The next Midterm Board meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 19, 2013 at the Owego Treadway Inn. The room rates will remain at \$94.95 through 2014.

Newsletter Contest Chairman Ruth Barone gave her report; attached. **Ruth Barone** asked what remuneration to give the newsletter contest judges. **Lindsay Corrigan** responded that it was \$10.

Newsletter Editor Michele Camilleri gave her report; attached. She indicated that we need more pictures. Deadline for the next articles due is May 8th.

10 A.M. Karen Nichols entered the room.

Janet Hranek passed around a book to sign for Jeanne Washburn, since she is facing impending blindness and can no longer attend our meetings.

Nominating Chairman Lisa Cartini gave report; attached. **Michele Szatkowski** pointed out that the list is available of who is eligible to run for president and recording secretary.

Photographer Michele Szatkowski stated she has no report to give. No hard copy submitted. She has given a few pictures to Michele Camilleri..

President Mary Grace Roach announced a break from 10:15 to 10:25 A.M.

Procedure Manual Chair Myriam Lavora thanked both Sharons for the great weekend and weather; she also thanked Sharon Witul for her help with the packets. **Myriam Lavora** gave her report; attached.

Publicity Chair Janet Hranek gave her report verbally as well as a written copy of the Publicity Release Form.

Research/Twin Data Registry Lindsay Corrigan and Katrina Smith; Lindsay Corrigan gave her report; attached. The question was raised as to whether we could give an incentive to have club members complete the forms; response was that the form is not for incentive purposes. The question is whether we are going to continue using the form. Our research is supposed to be helping answer questions that perhaps doctors could use to help them. This issue was revisited recently and had been tabled. Many clubs are not using the form. Upstate Medical Center was contacted and stated they could not use the form; they need a controlled study. It was decided to continue this discussion under Old Business later.

State Meeting Liaison Mary Grace Roach gave her report; attached. It was suggested that we put the materials for the State Meeting Guidelines in a timeline; they are already in a binder and in the Procedure Manual. There was a discussion on the State Meeting Planner. The MOTC Buffalo was commended on this convention.

2013 State Meeting Co-Chairs Sharon Atti, Sharon Wetzel: Sharon Atti gave her report; attached. **Ruth Barone** stated Sharon Atti has to write a check today for the State Meeting Assessment. **Parliamentarian Michele Camilleri** verified this in the manual. **Shirley Savage** and **Mary Lou Surmik** thanked



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Sharon Atti for all the fun things they were able to do.

2014 State Meeting Chair and Co-Chair Barbi Cudney introduced her Co-Chair **Debby Barton** and gave a report on the 2014 State Meeting including the location at the Clarion Hotel in Batavia, New York, the theme is “The Disney Dream of Twenty Fourteen” and the room rates of \$99 for a Standard room and \$119 for a suite. The hotel amenities were mentioned as well as the Palm Island Water Park within the hotel.

State/National Liaison Mary Lou Surmik gave her report; two flyers were attached.

Twin Photo Registry Barbi Cudney gave her report; attached.

Unity Project Chairman Kathy Brousseau gave her report. No hard copy submitted.

Ways & Means Committee Chair Lisa Vanderbrook was absent. **President Mary Grace Roach** read her report; attached.

Webmaster Michele Szatkowski gave her report; no hard copy submitted. **Kathy Brousseau** offered to help with these duties after the Webmaster stated she was a bit overwhelmed with the job as webmaster. The question was raised as to whether the log in and password had changed ;response was “no”.

Username: boardmembers Password: oneteam

Members only: username: clubmembers Password: turtlesrus

Michele Szatkowski stated, Michele Camilleri is doing a great job on the Facebook account. **Michele Camilleri** reported that we have 118 friends on Facebook. A discussion ensued. On April 10th we had 475 hits; the week of 3-27 we had over 4000 hits on Facebook.

Past Presidents

Nita Landes spoke

The idea of skyping with Jeanne Washburn was raised. **Janet Hranek** offered to talk with her about it.

Myriam Lavora, Shirley Savage, Michele Camilleri and **Ruth Barone** all spoke. **Linda Goldsworthy** read a verse which will be in the newsletter. **Joanne Czajkowski** and **Glenda Chappell** also spoke.

Old Business:

Evaluations Forms: **President Mary Grace Roach** initiated a discussion of completing the evaluation forms by the membership. MOTC Buffalo attached a raffle ticket to the evaluation form. Several suggestions were made: attendees drop off the forms in a basket at check out; do a drawing using the evaluation form on Saturday night and win a prize; complete the evaluation on line after convention; include the form with an envelope addressed to the Advisor, in the Third Call packet. Only 2 forms were received last year; we will evaluate how we do this year. If we explain why the evaluation forms are so important it may help with compliance in completing them.

Twin Data Form: Items discussed: the data form is useless and no longer affiliated with research; to change the title and keep the data for other purposes; different topics are more pertinent now but are not reflected on the forms. National is more research-oriented than we are. **Lindsay Corrigan** is willing to contact them and get information. **President Mary Grace Roach** stated that we should do research on issues relevant to the demographics of the organization. **Myriam Lavora** suggested that we archive all the non-current twin data files, as we are no longer collecting new information. We should focus more on the annual research surveys we should be doing. **Lindsay Corrigan** stated that we move forward on research and will work on surveys related to School Placement and one geared for a different age group.



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Unity Project - Status on scanning articles into the computer was already covered in that report.

Tax Status Change: Natalie Diaz presented her report which generated much discussion. There was no written report or hard copy submitted. Concerns expressed included not being part of National, the research and cost to change our tax status to a 501 3(c), and the involvement of changing our bylaws and titles, among other things. The resolution was to form a committee entitled "The Investigation of 501 3 (c)" consisting of: Kathy Brousseau, Mary Grace Roach, Michele Camilleri, Lori Connolly, Natalie Diaz, and Linda Goldsworthy. The committee should gather all pertinent information and be prepared to discuss this topic at our 2013 Midterm Board Meeting. It was suggested we should be well informed especially as to how these changes might impact or affect the MS Scholarship Project. We will need to seek legal advice since we are a non-profit organization. Manhattan MOTC was questioned about their offer to pay our fees; the reply was that State would file themselves and Manhattan MOTC would help State. This committee should meet sometime this weekend. It was further requested that this discussion/topic not be brought to the floor at our Saturday General Meeting.

Power Point Presentation at Meetings/Cost of Purchasing Equipment: Glenda Chappell gave her report. After a discussion it was determined that we needed to purchase equipment.

"I, Ruth Barone, of Greater Rochester MOTC at this NYSOMOTC Executive Board Meeting, move approximately \$500 from the Eleanor Siegel Memorial Fund to be used to purchase an LED projector, tripod and extended warranty." Seconded by Nita Landes. Motion passed, 1 Abstention.

"I, Linda Goldsworthy, a member of Parents of Multiples of CNY at this NYSOMOTC Executive Board Meeting, move we move \$1,000 from the General Fund to Eleanor Siegel Fund to Purchase equipment as needed". Seconded by Lisa Cartini. Motion passed. This equipment is authorized for purchase:

12:34 PM Vice President Lorena Cutt left the room.

New Business: None

Announcements: Pam Krell, NOMOTC President will be the guest speaker at the Saturday General Meeting.

Closing Reflection was presented by Chaplain Nita Landes.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:20 P.M. by President Mary Grace Roach.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Barbi Cudney
Recording Secretary**

**Myriam Lavora,
Minutes Approval**

**Kathy Brousseau,
Minutes Approval**

