New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs

Midterm Board Meeting, Saturday, October 18, 2008, Owego Treadway Inn

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- Meeting called to order at 8:05 AM by President Joanne Czajkowski (TNT of CNY). She asked that everyone speak loudly and clearly so that they can be heard on the tape.
 - **2.** Chaplain **Barbi Cudney** (Genesee Country MOTC) was called on to give the reflection. She gave an inspirational reading.
 - 3. President Joanne Czajkowski (TNT of CNY) welcomed everyone to the meeting. She informed us that Chemung Valley MOTC has rejoined and will have a member attending today. Shirley Savage (So. Tier MOTC) stated she would arrive about 10:00 AM.
 - 4. Lisa Vanderbrook (MOTC Buffalo) and MaryLou Surmik (So. Tier MOTC) were appointed to the Minutes Approval Committee for the Midterm Meeting by President Joanne Czajkowski (TNT of CNY).
- **5.** Recording Secretary **Michele Camilleri** was called on to take the Roll. Present: 15 President Joanne Czajkowski (TNT of CNY), Treasurer Mary Elizabeth 16 Brennan (Nassau County MOTC), Recording Secretary Michele Camilleri 17 (MOTC Queens), Advisor **Ruth Barone** (Greater Rochester MOTC), 18 Parliamentarian Myriam Lavora (MOTC Queens), Acting Archivist Michele 19 Camilleri (MOTC Queens), Calligraphy Nita Landes (Westside Suburban 20 MOTC), Chaplain Barbi Cudney (Genesee Country MOTC), Club Banner 21 Contest Chairman Karen Garner (Kins of Twins), Membership Pins Chairman 22 Glenda Chappell (TNT of CNY), Midterm Meeting Chairman Shirley Savage 23 (So. Tier MOTC), MSS Treasurer/Vice Chairman Michele Camilleri (MOTC 24 Queens), MSS Committee Member Lisa Cartini (POM of CNY), MSS Committee 25 Alternate Lisa Vanderbrook (MOTC Buffalo), Newsletter Editor Michele 26 Szatkowski (Greater Rochester MOTC), Nominating Chairman Nancy McPeak 27 (TN T of CNY), Nominating Committee Member Erin Adams (Schenectady 28 MOTC), Nominating Committee Member Marie Vito (MOTC Buffalo), 29 Photographer Lisa Cartini (POM of CNY), Procedure Manual Chairman Myriam 30 31 Lavora (MOTC Queens), Publicity Janet Hranek (So. Tier MOTC), State Meeting Liaison Lenore Ecker (Kins of Twins), 2008 State Meeting Co-Chairman 32 33 Maria Cardona, 2009 State Meeting Chairman Michele Szatkowski (Greater Rochester MOTC), 2010 State Meeting Co-Chairman Michele Camilleri (MOTC 34 Queens), 2010 State Meeting Co-Chairman Myriam Lavora (MOTC Queens), 35 2010 State Meeting Co-Chairman Shirley Savage (So. Tier MOTC), State 36 National Liaison MaryLou Surmik (So. Tier MOTC), Unity Project Coordinator 37 Barbi Cudney (Genesee Country MOTC), Twin Photo Registry Barbi Cudney 38 (Genesee Country MOTC), Ways & Means Chairman Wendy Landolina 39

(Orange County POM), Ways & Means Co-Chairman Julie Ardito (Orange County POM), Website Committee Michele Szatkowski (Greater Rochester MOTC) Past Presidents: Nita Landes (Westside Suburban MOTC), Myriam Lavora (MOTC Queens), Sharon Witul (MOTC Buffalo), Shirley Savage (So. Tier MOTC), Michele Camilleri (MOTC Queens), Ruth Barone (Greater Rochester MOTC), Linda Goldsworthy (POM of CNY).

6. Officers' Reports:

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- A. <u>President</u> Joanne Czajkowski (TNT of CNY) gave her report on her activities during the last six months which included communicating with Executive Board members and the NOMOTC. She wrote articles for the Presidential Papers and created the Emergency Telephone Tree. She also reviewed the contracts with Shirley Savage for the next three years at the Treadway Inn. Full report attached.
- B. <u>Vice President Kathy Brousseau</u> (Schenectady MOTC) was not able to attend the meeting but submitted a report. President Joanne Czajkowski (TNT of CNY) read the Vice President's report. There are 22 clubs registered with a total of 1,614 members. Two clubs that joined last year have not sent in dues yet but Kathy is attempting to contact them. She has been receiving the newsletter from the local clubs but the Monthly Reports have been slow coming in. She has received some suggestions for making the Saturday General Meeting flow better. Move the Future Convention Presentation to the Saturday Luncheon. Do not read the entire report just give the highlights for the year. Streamline the awards presentation. Set up 1st timers with veterans. Full report attached. President Joanne Czajkowski (TNT of CNY) asked if there were any additional comments. Mary Elizabeth Brennan (Nassau Co. MOTC) stated that we need to focus on our purpose. We are a support group. One way to support clubs could be to have clubs that are successful tell other clubs how they do it. She discussed issues that were relevant to her club and thought that these things might be of interest to others. She suggested that we set aside a portion of the meeting for discussions that would allow clubs to talk about their successes and question others on theirs. President Joanne Czajkowski (TNT of CNY) thanked everyone for their comments and ideas. She will pass them along to Kathy.
- C. <u>Recording Secretary</u> Michele Camilleri (MOTC Queens) reported that we tried something new this year by sending the minutes via email to all board members with computer accessibility. All the minutes were sent as a PDF and this should have allowed everyone to open the files. All the minutes were sent via regular mail as well. The 2007 Midterm Board Meeting minutes were sent only via email unless you do not have email than they were sent regular mail. There were some previous concerns with these minutes and we needed some

clarifications. It was decided that a new corrected copy be created. These were reviewed and the following corrections were made: Sharon Witul (MOTC Buffalo) was present but not listed as attending. (Page 1 #5 add Sharon Witul Past President.) Michele asked if there were any other corrections or comments on the 2007 Corrected Midterm Minutes. Sharon Witul (MOTC Buffalo) asked if #24 on page 5 was answered. Michele read the passage: "Sharon Witul stated that members who go on the Memorial List can be anyone who has been a member of their club, even if she was a member twenty years ago." President Joanne Czajkowski (TNT of CNY) answered that this was a statement made by Sharon not a question. Michele asked if there were any further corrections. President Joanne Czajkowski (TNT of CNY) motion was called for. "I, Nita Landes a member of Westside Suburban MOTC at this NYSOMOTC Executive Board Meeting move to accept the 2007 Midterm Meeting Minutes as corrected." The motion was seconded by Marie Vito (MOTC Buffalo). All were in favor, motion approved. The 2008 Friday Executive Board Meeting Minutes were presented for review. Michele Camilleri (MOTC Queens) called for any corrections: Ruth Barone (Greater Rochester MOTC) corrected (Page 3 #13 last sentence on the page) word New does not have to be capitalized. Ruth Barone (Greater Rochester MOTC) corrected (Page 5 #19 second to the last sentence) change "her" to "your". Ruth Barone questioned if a word was missing from (Page 7 #28 8th line down) should the word discussion be there? It was determined that the sentence was correct as written. **Ruth Barone** (Greater Rochester MOTC) corrected (Page 13 #56 4th sentence from the bottom of the page) change "out" to "ours". Michele called for any other corrections to the 2008 Friday Executive Board Meeting Minutes. Shirley Savage (So. Tier MOTC) pointed out that the official copy should have the signatures of the Minutes Approval Committee. Nita Landes (Westside Suburban MOTC) stated that a good job had been done on these minutes. President Joanne Czajkowski (TNT of CNY) called for a motion. "I, Shirley Savage, a member of So. Tier MOTC at this NYSOMOTC Executive Board Meeting, move that we accept the Friday Board Meeting Minutes of the April 11, 2008 as corrected." The motion was seconded by Marie Vito (MOTC Buffalo). All were in favor, motion passed. The 2008 Sunday Executive Board Meeting Minutes were presented for review. Michele Camilleri (MOTC Queens) called for any corrections: Sharon Witul (MOTC Buffalo) (Page 2 #5 line 2) add Julie Ardito's club name "(Orange Co. POM)". Shirley Savage (So. Tier MOTC) pointed out that Nancy Converse's signature needed to be on the official copy of the minutes. She also stated that she appreciated the new format that was used for the minutes. The line numbers made it so easy to follow along. There was some

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confusion as to who was the chairman of the Attendance Survey Committee. It states on line 15 that "she asked Ruth Barone and Mary Elizabeth Brennan to be on the committee." Ruth Barone (Greater Rochester MOTC) stated that she believes that she turned this committee over to Kathy Brousseau. She stated this was the responsibility of the Vice President. Michele Camilleri (MOTC Queens) stated that there was a conversation about this between Michele, Ruth, Joanne and Kathy. She also stated that she has reviewed the tapes over and over and that it is not clear on the tape as to who the chairman is. Michele also stated that she asked the question and it is not answered. She explained that because Ruth had been in charge of this it was assumed that she continued. It is so very important that everyone speak loudly and clearly. Shirley Savage (So. Tier MOTC) recommended that we put this discussion under Old Business and clarify this matter. Ruth Barone (Greater Rochester MOTC) agreed that we should discuss this later. **Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens) called for any more corrections to the minutes. President Joanne Czajkowski (TNT of CNY) called for a motion. "I, Shirley Savage, a member of So. Tier MOTC at this NYSOMOTC Executive Board Meeting, move that we accept the Sunday Board Meeting minutes for the April 13, 2008 as corrected." Motion seconded by Nancy McPeak (TNT of CNY). All favor, motion approved. **Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens) presented the 2008 Saturday General Meeting Minutes for review. Corrections were called for there were none suggested. A recommendation was called for. "I, Marie Vito, a member of MOTC Buffalo at this NYSOMOTC Executive Board Meeting, move that we recommend to present the Saturday General Meeting Minutes for April 12, 2008, to the General Membership for their approval." The motion was seconded by **Nita Landes** (Westside Suburban MOTC). All were in favor, motion approved.

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39 40 D. President Joanne Czajkowski (TNT of CNY) informed everyone that the Agenda for today's meeting is in the folder they received upon arrival. Also included is the Emergency Telephone Tree that is used in case of an emergency to contact everyone. Linda Goldsworthy (POM of CNY) noted that there is an additional person in the picture of Membership Pins that was not listed in the booklet. Is there anyway to check to see who she was? She was not on this list so her name was not called so there is no change to the minutes stated Glenda Chappell (TNT of CNY) Membership Pins Chairman. Nita Landes (Westside Suburban MOTC) asked if the Emergency Telephone Tree should be passed to the State Rep. President Joanne Czajkowski (TNT of CNY) answered yes, you can share this with the State Reps and Club President. Michele Camilleri (MOTC Queens) reiterated that the 2007 Corrected Midterm Meeting Minutes and the 2008 Sunday Executive Board

Meeting Minutes were sent via email as a PDF attachment. Was this acceptable to everyone. Nita Landes (Westside Suburban MOTC) asked that she be sent her minutes via regular mail. The minutes were also sent via regular mail for a cost of \$172.00 (printing & mailing). By emailing the minutes we have the potential to save a few hundred dollars each year. Michele made a recommendation that the 2008 Midterm Meeting Minutes be sent via email only, except for those who do not have email capabilities. Shirley Savage (So. Tier MOTC) asked that if we send the minutes via email that the Recording Secretary put the mailing information in her article in the President Papers. Michele Szatkowski (Greater Rochester MOTC) asked if we will add the minutes to the website. It has been discussed with Gloria Thomas (Webmaster). "I, Linda Goldsworthy, a member of POM of CNY, at this **Executive Board Meeting move that going forward all meeting minutes** will be sent by the Recording Secretary via email (electronically) to all **Executive Board Members who have email capability. Those who do not** will receive a hard copy via postal mail." Motion seconded by Lisa Cartini (POM of CNY). All were in favor, motion approved. President Joanne Czajkowski (TNT of CNY) said the Equipment List was passed around and that everyone should make sure to sign it.

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39 40 E. Treasurer Mary Elizabeth Brennan (Nassau Co. MOTC) presented the Treasurer's Report for the General Fund and the Eleanor Siegel Memorial Fund. The balance in the General Fund is \$3,555.71. The balance in the Eleanor Siegel Fund is \$1,921.00. She called for questions. Maria Cardona (Capital District MOTC) asked why this report does not reflect the 2008 Show & Sell money. Mary Elizabeth Brennan (Nassau Co. MOTC) stated that the majority of the money was turned over to the previous Treasurer and the money was shown on the Treasurer's Report ending April 10, 2008. The money shown on the current report reflects the money that was turned over at the 2008 State Meeting. Myriam Lavora (MOTC Queens) asked why there was no Financial Statement since the end of the previous year. It was her understanding that a report should appear in every Presidential Papers and reflect all transactions from that time to the present. If there was a Financial Report since then, she does not have a copy. There were no reports in the last two Presidential Papers. This report does not reflect the activity from the State Convention to this date. **Erin Adams** (Schenectady MOTC) stated that the Show & Sell money appears on her final Treasurer's Report. The money under Show & Sell on this report is the money that came in later. Shirley Savage (So. Tier MOTC) stated these reports should be printed in the Presidential Papers and reflect all the activities that have occurred during a specific period. When you bring a report to the General Membership it should include all transactions during the operating year. The Treasurer needs to close her books by a specific date so that she can prepare the books for the Year End Report and for the Audit. Any transactions that happened after that report is completed should be included in the report for the following year. Each Presidential Papers should have a report but the one presented today should include all activities from April thru October. If money is not in the bank it should not appear on the report. **Erin Adams** (Schenectady MOTC) stated that the Show & Sell money was received and deposited in the bank prior to the close of the books for the 2007 – 2008 Year. Glenda Chappell (TNT of CNY) stated that she did not see her expenses for the Membership Pins on the Treasurer's Report. The expense voucher was presented at the State Meeting. Mary Elizabeth Brennan (Nassau Co. MOTC) stated the expense was on last year's report. Glenda Chappell (TNT of CNY) commented that her expenses were the same for 2006 - 2007 & 2007 – 2008. This matter will need further investigation to determine if and when it was paid. **Mary** Elizabeth Brennan (Nassau Co. MOTC) stated that the expense was lumped in with something else, she does have the expense. She will make the adjustment. Ruth Barone (Greater Rochester MOTC) commented that Myriam is trying to say is that you need to publish a Treasurer's Report in every newsletter. Mary Elizabeth Brennan (Nassau Co. MOTC) said she now understands that and will publish a report in all future Presidential Papers. Ruth Barone (Greater Rochester MOTC) agrees with Shirley Savage that the Financial Books need to be closed and no activity be transacted until the report is reviewed by the Executive Board at the Midterm Meeting. The Financial Books should be closed by April 15th so that all transactions are completed before the State Meeting. Anything that comes in after that will have to wait until after the Audit Committee reviews the books and the next year begins. **Nita Landes** (Westside Suburban MOTC) pointed out that Chaplain was spelled wrong. Shirley Savage (So. Tier MOTC) pointed out that the date should be changed from 10/16/18 to 10/16/08. Mary Elizabeth Brennan (Nassau Co. MOTC) asked if there were any other questions. She also stated that if you have expenses please fill out your vouchers and turn them in. Ruth Barone (Greater Rochester MOTC) asked about the line on the Agenda referring to no banking will be done through the mail. **President** Joanne Czajkowski (TNT of CNY) explained that at the 2008 Sunday Board Meeting we discussed the banking situation with Erin Adams and Mary Elizabeth Brennan and it was determined that all banking must be done in person not by mailing anything to the bank.

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39 40 F. <u>Parliamentarian</u> Myriam Lavora (MOTC Queens) stated she had submitted articles for the Presidential Papers, created the Roll Call for this meeting and

had been in touch with the officers and board members. We need to clarify who will create and call the Roll. It is the Parliamentarian's responsibility to create the Roll Calls while the Recording Secretary calls the Roll. It is suggested that the Roll Call for the Saturday General Meeting include calling the Delegates by name instead of just the club name. She suggested that the Parliamentarian call that Roll prior to any vote. Shirley Savage (So. Tier MOTC) asked for a clarification that the Parliamentarian will create the Roll Call with the State Officers, Past Presidents and the Club Names for the Recording Secretary to call in the beginning of the General Session and then there will be an additional Roll Call with the Delegates names that will be called prior to voting to establish who is in the room and voting. Myriam Lavora (MOTC Queens) stated that the Roll Call by the Secretary has always included the Officers, Past Presidents and the Club Name. Now we will have a detailed Roll Call of the Delegates that will be called by the Parliamentarian. This Roll Call will take place after the Recording Secretary's Roll Call. It is likely that some people will leave the room or they could enter. The second Roll Call will establish who is in the room and eligible to vote. Shirley Savage (So. Tier MOTC) stated if a motion is made on the floor the Parliamentarian will call the Delegates Roll to determine who is present and voting. She questioned if there was the need for two separate Roll Calls? Michele Camilleri (MOTC Queens) agreed that there should be one Roll Call with the Officers, Past Presidents and Delegates Names that is called by the Recording Secretary. Shirley Savage (So. Tier MOTC) explained to everyone that as it was previously done when the Roll was called the Club Name was called and someone not necessarily the Delegates would say "Present". What we are now establishing is that all the Delegates for the Club are present. She was trying to establish the one Roll Call that was inclusive of all eligible voters. Myriam Lavora (MOTC Queens) stated that it needs to be stated to the Delegates that once the Roll is called no one should leave the room and acknowledge anyone who comes into the room whether the missing Delegate or the Alternate who will assume the Delegate duties. Shirley Savage (So. Tier MOTC) stated that we should now take the Roll after every time the Assembly is allowed to leave the room. The Recording Secretary is the official Roll Caller but now the Roll Call will include the Past Presidents, the Officers and the Delegates representing their clubs.

- G. Advisor Ruth Barone (Greater Rochester MOTC) no report.
- 7. A ten minute break was called at 9:30 AM. President Joanne Czajkowski (TNT of CNY) recalled the meeting at 9:40 AM.
- 8. Standing Committee Reports:

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A. Archivist President Joanne Czajkowski (TNT of CNY) read the letter from Marie Simmons where she stated that she had resigned as the Archivist as of September 1, 2007. Michele Camilleri (MOTC Queens) was appointed Archivist. She thanked everyone for allowing her to do this job which is her favorite. She requested that she be allotted approximately \$100.00 for the purchase of storage bins for the Archives since the Archivist does not have a line item expense. Ruth Barone (Greater Barone MOTC) pointed out the funds for these bins would come out of the Eleanor Siegel Fund. Shirley Savage (So. Tier MOTC) pointed out that the Board should make a recommendation on how much Michele should spend. "I, Nita Landes, a member of Westside Suburban MOTC, at this NYSOMOTC Executive Board Meeting, move \$100.00 be allocated to the Archivist from the Eleanor Siegel Fund for supplies." The motion was seconded by Shirley Savage (So. Tier MOTC). All were in favor motion approved. Michele **Camilleri** (MOTC Queens) read an article she wrote about the First NYSOMOTC State Meeting.

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- B. <u>Calligraphy</u> Nita Landes (Westside Suburban MOTC) reiterated that all certificates are to be created by her. She asked that she be given sometime to complete them. Do not wait until Saturday General Meeting. Please forward any names your club my have for the Memorial Book. Ruth Barone (Greater Rochester MOTC) asked if we should send her the information thru email or regular mail. Regular mail is better for Nita.
- C. Chaplain Barbi Cudney (Genesee Country MOTC) discussed the Unity Project and asked that everyone try and contribute something to this book. It will be on display at the State Meeting. She next reported on the Twin Photo Registry again she asked everyone to contribute pictures of their families. You can also contribute club events. As Chaplain she has sent out cards for any event happy or sad. Cards were passed around for Mamie Hoag, Karen Nichols and Charlene Salata. Barbi spoke about her visit with Mamie Hoag a member of Greater Rochester MOTC who has breast cancer and is currently undergoing treatment. Ruth Barone (Greater Rochester MOTC) informed us that Mamie's husband was recovering from By-pass surgery so their neighbors, friends and family are helping out. Pam Reussow (Greater Rochester MOTC) spoke about Mamie and her treatment. A bag was passed around for donations. Any club that would like to contribute can send it to Pam or directly to Mamie. Barbi Cudney (Genesee Country MOTC) talked more about Mamie. Pulling together and sharing positive thoughts is what will make people stronger. Glenda Chappell (TNT of CNY) spoke about Charlene Salata, a member of TNT of CNY and her bout with multiple myeloma. She was in remission but that only lasted six weeks. It has since spread to other

parts of her body. Her spirits are good and the pain is under control. There is no cure. They will continue to try and put her remission and make that last as long as possible. **Ruth Barone** (Greater Rochester MOTC) requested that Barbi put the name and address of these ladies in the Presidential Papers. **Shirley Savage** (So. A Tier MOTC) spoke about Karen Nichols. She fell and hurt her ribs and because of this she was unable to be here.

- D. <u>Club Banner Contest Chairman</u> Karen Garner (Kins of Twins) reported that in keeping with the 2009 State Meeting theme of Turn Back Time the theme for the Club Banner Contest will be "A Blast from the Past, those were the days." See the Newsletter and Third Call for more information.
- E. <u>Editor</u> Michele Szatkowski (Greater Rochester MOTC) thanked everyone for getting their reports in. She apologized for being late in sending out labels. The deadline for the next newsletter is October 25th. President Joanne Czajkowski (TNT of CNY) reminded all officers that they should submit an article to each Presidential Papers. She also reminded the chairmen that they should try and submit articles as often as possible.
- F. Historian Diana Donovan-Campisi (MOTC Suffolk) absent. No report.
- G. <u>Librarian</u> Kathlene Lyman (Schenectady MOTC) absent. No report.
- H. <u>Membership Pins</u> Glenda Chappell (TNT of CNY) nothing to report at this time. President Joanne Czajkowski (TNT of CNY) asked if anyone will be receiving a 40 year pin this year. Glenda stated she will not know that until closer to convention time.
- I. <u>Midterm Board Meeting Chairman</u> Shirley Savage (So. Tier MOTC) reported that there were 28 in attendance representing 13 clubs, 23 Executive Board Members, 8 Club Presidents, 1 Club Vice President and 3 State Reps. Sarah Price (Chemung Valley MOTC) entered the room at 10:15 AM.
- J. Marie Simmons Scholarship Chairman Lesley Longmcleod (MOTC Suffolk) absent. Michele Camilleri (MOTC Queens) Marie Simmons Scholarship Treasurer/Vice Chairman presented the proposed changes to the Procedural Guidelines, Checklist for Eligibility and Application. These changes must be presented to the membership for their approval before we can implement them in the packet. The packet was reviewed. The following changes were proposed: On the Procedural Guidelines Add to #8 F: doubled spaced and between 250 400 typewritten words as suggested by Shirley Savage (So. Tier MOTC); add to #8 H: and community service as suggested by Shirley Savage (So. Tier MOTC); Change #9 to There will be two awards of one thousand dollars each to children of multiple birth families as suggested by Ruth Barone (Greater Rochester MOTC); #10 add: An original official receipt from the Bursar's or Billing Office as suggested by Linda Goldsworthy (POM of CNY); Marie Vito (Buffalo MOTC) asked if a Senior in college can

apply since there will be no first academic year after award is presented. Michele Camilleri (MOTC Queens) stated that yes a senior can apply because the statement does included the current year. Change #10 A. An original official receipt from the Bursar's or billing office indicating the recipient is registered and has paid tuition in the current year is required or the first academic year after the award is required before the scholarship will be issued. B. If the recipient is unable to attend college during the first academic year after receiving the scholarship, the Chairman must be contacted immediately. C. The scholarship may be put in abeyance for only one academic year. The change was purposed by **Shirley Savage** (So. Tier MOTC). Linda Goldsworthy (POM of CNY) suggested that on the application we move Home Telephone to be near Permanent Home Address and Temporary School Address and Student's Cell Phone. Michele will contact Lesley Longmcleod and they will create the new and improved forms and send them by email to the Executive Board for their review so that they can be presented to the membership at the Saturday General Meeting.

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39 40 K. Marie Simmons Scholarship Treasurer/Vice Chairman Michele Camilleri (MOTC Queens) reported the balance as of 10/09/08 \$4,797.10. We are now paying a monthly service charge of \$10.00 because we dropped below a \$5,000.00 combined balance. She discussed the Belmont Stakes Fundraising Event held in June with 5 individuals representing MOTC Suffolk (Lesley Longmcleod, Diana Donovan-Campisi and another woman, Staten Island MOMs (Desiree) and MOTC Queens (Michele Camilleri) participated. They worked at concession stands during the Belmont Stakes horse races. You receive a percentage of the sales for your organization. We raised \$755.57. **Shirley Savage** (So. Tier MOTC) suggested that this type of fundraiser be done again since this one event raised almost as much money as our calendar raffle. A discussion followed with others suggesting they do a similar activity in their area. Linda Goldsworthy (POM of CNY) pointed out that the fund is shrinking and that we need to do more fundraising to insure that this scholarship program will continue. If every club could do an activity similar to this we could raise enough money to keep the scholarship funded. **Michele** Camilleri (MOTC Queens) recommended that we consider dropping the awards to \$500.00 each if we do not increase our fundraising. At our current rate we will only have enough money to give out awards this year and maybe next year. After that we will have completely depleted the fund. We are continuing our calendar raffle but this does not make enough for one award. Linda Goldsworthy (POM of CNY) agreed we need to make some sort of modification but she did not feel we should lower the awards to the students. She suggested we eliminate the scholarship for mothers. Shirley Savage

(So. Tier MOTC) did not think we had enough to keep any of the awards at \$1,000.00 since our fundraiser does not cover even one award. She suggested we drop the student's award to \$500.00 and the mother's award to \$250.00. She stated that we can not assume that we will make enough on this year's fundraiser to cover next year's awards. Michele Szatkowski (Greater Rochester MOTC) made some suggestions for fundraising. Ruth Barone (Greater Rochester MOTC) pointed out that even if we make a change in lowering the scholarship we will not see that change take effect until 2010. The membership has to approve the change. **Lisa Cartini** (POM of CNY) asked if we do not have the money and no changes are made are the local clubs responsible for coming up with the money? The answer was no. She also asked that since we offer this amount now can we change the amounts. Michele Camilleri (MOTC Queens) answered that we have a disclaimer that has already been approved by the membership that allows us to change, suspend and discontinue the award program without prior notice. Erin Adams (Schenectady MOTC) suggested giving the awards every two years instead of annually. Michele Camilleri (MOTC Queens) suggested that we fundraise and whatever amount we collect could be the amount we distribute. Michele Szatkowski (Greater Rochester MOTC) suggested not doing a 50/50 split on the fundraiser but to a set amount of \$500.00. Shirley Savage (So. Tier MOTC) suggested forewarning the clubs that the scholarship may need to be reduced after 2009. Mary Elizabeth Brennan (Nassau Co. MOTC) suggested that every club buy the all the days on their calendar raffles packet. We need to be more proactive. Glenda Chappell (TNT of CNY) commented that the State Reps needed to work harder selling the fundraiser. She commented that on Nancy Converse's report she noted that 23 packets were sent out but only 20 clubs participated. **President Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY) said she would take one more comment and then this issue would be tabled until after lunch. Wendy Landolina (Orange Co. POM) commented that she did not know what the scholarship or the calendar raffle was. We need to put more emphasis on this because the clubs do not know. Personal contact might help the local clubs understand the importance of this program. Michele Camilleri (MOTC Queens) stated that she will speak with Lesley and they could divide up the state and have the committee make phone calls to the clubs and explain what this is all about. She stressed that the Executive Board Members should go back to their club and put forth their best effort to sell the calendar raffle. During lunch please discuss this with your tablemates for more ideas. The residency issue was discussed. At the Sunday Board Meeting Lisa Vanderbrook asked about members that live out of New York State and are members of a club in New York being able to apply. Attorneys were contacted

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and said that we could not make a stipulation that members could receive special treatment.

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- L. <u>Marie Simmons Scholarship Fundraiser</u> Nancy Converse (TNT of CNY) absent. President Joanne Czajkowski (TNT of CNY) read her report. We earned \$1,970.00 last year and paid out \$492.50 to two winners. She mailed out 23 calendars and received 20 back. 985 dates were sold.
- M. <u>Newsletter Contest Chairman</u> OPEN Nancy Outsen resigned. Pam Reussow (Greater Rochester MOTC) was appointed.
- N. <u>Nominating Chairman</u> Nancy McPeak (TNT of CNY) reported she has received 20 resumes back. She created the Eligibility to run for President and Nominating Chairman lists. **Shirley Savage** (So. Tier MOTC) stated that there was not an Updated Resume form and wanted to add this to New Business for discussion.
- O. <u>Photographer</u> Lisa Cartini (POM of CNY) said she created the photo album for the president and the files. She made copies of the Past President picture and distributed them.
- P. Procedural Manual Chairman Myriam Lavora (MOTC Queens) presented the revisions that would be distributed at the State Meeting. She expressed her concern with sending copies of the Motion Form to the Minutes Approval. It is the responsibility of the Recording Secretary to transcribe all motions according to the Motion Form. It adds paperwork and copying to the Parliamentarian's job and generates a great deal of paperwork. If there is a problem with reading the motion form she should contact the Parliamentarian. Michele Camilleri (MOTC Queens) stated the reason the Minutes Approval began receiving a copy of the Motion Form was it is part of the committee's job to review the minutes and they can not do this without having the Motion Form to see that it is in fact typed as written. **Shirley Savage** (So. Tier MOTC) commented that she felt that it was necessary for Minutes Approval to have the Motion Forms and Roll Call because it made their job easy and they were able to have all the information to do the job. Myriam Lavora (MOTC Queens) continued to review the additions/changes to the Procedural Manual. She then presented the proposed procedures for Usage of the State Logo. Shirley Savage (So. Tier MOTC) felt that there should also be an addition to the By-Laws. Ruth Barone (Greater Rochester MOTC) felt we should be more specific in the time limitations. Myriam Lavora (MOTC Queens) stated that it would be best to present your request to the Executive Board at the Midterm Board Meeting because most items are for sale at the State Meeting. This would give the local club six months to process their items with the Logo. Should there be time limitations they could present it to the President and she would forward it the Officers for their review and vote. Ruth Barone (Greater

Rochester MOTC) stated that we should be very specific in what is a time limitation and that the response of the Executive Board should be sent Return Receipt Requested so that we know they did receive the decision of the Board. She asked what happens if a club does not follow the procedures. What is our recourse? This was undetermined at this time. **Linda Goldsworthy** (POM of CNY) stated that we need to establish that the request should be made at either the Midterm Board Meeting or the Friday Executive Board Meeting. If there are time constraints then the Officers make the decision. She felt we needed to say either the request is made at a Board Meeting at least six months prior or the club would have to wait until the Executive Board meets again. It was decided that there would no exceptions on the deadline for request. The local club's request must be made at a Board Meeting. Mary Elizabeth Brennan (Nassau Co. MOTC) spoke about her club's request to the then State President, for permission to use the State Logo on their umbrellas. She stated that they were told that was a "terrific" idea. After this was presented to the Board, there was a lot of debate about the usage. She felt that the guidelines might discourage some clubs from using the logo on products. Discussion was tabled until after lunch.

Q. Broke for lunch at 11:45 AM.

- R. President Joanne Czajkowski (TNT of CNY) recalled the meeting to order at 1:05 PM.
- **S. President Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY) stated that we would have a fifteen time limit on discussions. If we were not able to come to resolution we would table the discussion until the Friday Executive Board Meeting. Please limit your personal conversation and turn off all cell phones.
- T. Procedure Manual Chairman Myriam Lavora (MOTC Queens) State Logo Usage (continued) Myriam Lavora (MOTC Queens) continued to review the proposals. Shirley Savage (So. Tier MOTC) stated that bullet #3 change to "a written request must be sent to the President prior to an Executive Board Meeting." Under bullet #4 add "A NYSOMOTC member club representative may present their request at an Executive Board Meeting..." Remove bullet #5. Change under bullet #6 "If a NYSOMOTC Executive Board Member's club is requesting usage the Board Member shall not be involved..." Under bullet #8 add "The State President will inform the club of the board's decision by electronic mail and U. S. Mail with Return Receipt Requested." Linda Goldsworthy (POM of CNY) suggested that we should request a description of each and every promotional item that they are going to use the logo on. She further advised that a club should be aware that if permission is given on an item and they want to do another item they must request usage again. Michele Szatkowski (Greater Rochester MOTC) questioned the time frame

and the clarity of the statement. A club could make their request at the Friday with intentions to sell at the Show & Sell. Myriam Lavora (MOTC Queens) stated that they can not go to production without the approval of the Executive Board. Violations of the procedures will automatically lead to denial of usage. Lisa Cartini (POM of CNY) asked where the \$25 fee goes. She was informed that it goes into the General Fund. **Shirley Savage** (So. Tier MOTC) suggested adding to bullet #9 "A \$25 fee per each item shall be assessed to the member club for the use of the NYSOMOTC name or logo on promotional sale items. President Joanne Czajkowski (TNT of CNY) called for a motion. "I, Shirley Savage, a member of So. Tier MOTC at this NYSOMOTC Executive Board Meeting, move that we recommend the addition of the Procedures for the Usage of the NYSOMOTC Name and Logo as presented and corrected today, to the General Membership." This was seconded by Marie Vito (MOTC Buffalo). President Joanne Czajkowski (TNT of CNY) called for a vote all were in favor. Motion passed. **Myriam** Lavora (MOTC of Queens) discussed the status of Past Presidents. She stated there are two areas of the By Laws that pertain to the Past Presidents being members of the Executive Board under By Law Article VI Section 1 and that they shall have one vote at the State Meeting under By Law Article IX Section 4 B. There will be a new guideline to establish active status to run for President but that will be discussed by Shirley Savage as head of that committee. She continued to review the proposed changes to the Procedure Manual. She then discussed the omission of a Past President from the List of Past Presidents that is published in the Convention Booklet. This was a unanimous decision by the Executive Board because of her failure to produce the money advanced to her or the microfilm that was requested. It was decided to include this matter in the Procedure Manual so that future Board Members and Future State Meeting Chairman would be aware of the need for the omission of this individual. Myriam Lavora (MOTC Queens) discussed "Going Green to Save Greens" by adding the Procedure Manual, Third Call and minutes to the website and reducing the amount of papers that are distributed at the meetings. We could also consider putting the State Rep Packet on the website.

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- U. <u>Publicity</u> Janet Hranek (So. Tier MOTC) stated that she needs the names of newspapers and contacts in the Rochester area for publicizing the 2009 State Meeting.
- V. <u>Research/Twin Data</u> Karen Nichols (Madison-Oneida MOTC) absent. President Joanne Czajkowski (TNT of CNY) read her report. Karen was sorry she could not be with us this weekend. Research project of Milk and Multiples is coming in slowly. Please remind the members to submit their

surveys. All moms joining should complete the Twin Data Forms and forward them to Karen.

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39 40 **9.** Recording Secretary **Michele Camilleri** was called on to take the Roll. Present: President Joanne Czajkowski (TNT of CNY), Treasurer Mary Elizabeth Brennan (Nassau County MOTC), Recording Secretary Michele Camilleri (MOTC Queens), Advisor **Ruth Barone** (Greater Rochester MOTC), Parliamentarian Myriam Lavora (MOTC Queens), Archivist Michele Camilleri (MOTC Queens), Calligraphy Nita Landes (Westside Suburban MOTC), Chaplain Barbi Cudney (Genesee Country MOTC), Club Banner Contest Chairman Karen Garner (Kins of Twins), Membership Pins Chairman Glenda Chappell (TNT of CNY), Midterm Meeting Chairman Shirley Savage (So. Tier MOTC), MSS Treasurer/Vice Chairman Michele Camilleri (MOTC Queens). MSS Committee Member Lisa Cartini (POM of CNY), MSS Committee Alternate Lisa Vanderbrook (MOTC Buffalo), Newsletter Contest Chairman Pam Reussow (Greater Rochester MOTC), Newsletter Editor Michele Szatkowski (Greater Rochester MOTC), Nominating Chairman Nancy McPeak (TN T of CNY), Nominating Committee Member Erin Adams (Schenectady MOTC). Nominating Committee Member Marie Vito (MOTC Buffalo), Photographer Lisa Cartini (POM of CNY), Procedure Manual Chairman Myriam Lavora (MOTC Queens), Publicity Janet Hranek (So. Tier MOTC), State Meeting Liaison Lenore Ecker (Kins of Twins), 2008 State Meeting Co-Chairman Maria Cardona, 2009 State Meeting Chairman Michele Szatkowski (Greater Rochester MOTC), 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 (So. Tier MOTC), State National Liaison MaryLou Surmik (So. Tier MOTC), Unity Project Coordinator Barbi Cudney (Genesee Country MOTC), Twin Photo Registry Barbi Cudney (Genesee Country MOTC), Ways & Means Chairman Wendy Landolina (Orange County POM), Ways & Means Co-Chairman Julie Ardito (Orange County POM), Website Committee Michele Szatkowski (Greater Rochester MOTC) Past Presidents: Nita Landes (Westside Suburban MOTC), Myriam Lavora (MOTC Queens), Sharon Witul (MOTC Buffalo), Shirley Savage (So. Tier MOTC), Michele Camilleri (MOTC Queens), Ruth Barone (Greater Rochester MOTC), Linda Goldsworthy (POM of CNY).

W. <u>State Meeting Liaison</u> Lenore Ecker (Kins of Twins) reported that at this time she had not heard from the 2009 State Meeting Chairmen, which she hoped meant that all was going well and that we would have a great State Meeting. She received the Third Call for 2009 for her to review. **President Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY) also received the Third Call Packet and she would review it and forward any corrections.

X. 2008 State Meeting Maria Cardona (Capital District MOTC) & Linda Furnari (Capital District MOTC) Maria presented the Final Report for the 2008 State Meeting. She thanked everyone for all their help. The overage of \$669.43 was turned over to the 2009 State Meeting Chairman. She stated that this convention was done as much by all the member clubs as well as her own. Lenore Ecker (Kins of Twins) questioned the \$500 fee for Doctor Cale and stated that there was a \$5 fee charged to those attending this workshop but the Financial Report does not reflect either item. She also asked how many attended and if the Assessment Fee was paid to the State Organization. Maria stated that yes it was paid at the Sunday Board Meeting. The State Treasurer's Report does not reflect that the money was received. **Mary** Elizabeth Brennan (Nassau Co. MOTC) stated that it was put under Miscellaneous Income. Lenore Ecker (Kins of Twins) also guestioned the fees for copying. She further questioned if these expenses would impact the amount of money that was turned over to the 2009 State Meeting Committee. Maria Cardona (Capital District MOTC) stated that the amount turned over was correct and that she would update the report.

- Y. 2009 State Meeting Chairman Michele Szatkowski (Greater Rochester MOTC) reported that things were moving along. The State Meeting will be April 23 26, 2009. The room rates are a flat fee of \$127. The workshops are all set. She asked if she could move the Opening Ceremonies to Saturday Morning since they have a time conflict on Friday Evening. President Joanne Czajkowski (TNT of CNY) asked for comments. Lisa Cartini (POM of CNY) asked if there were time limitations on Saturday that would be prohibitive of this move. It was decided to allow the 2009 State Meeting Committee to move Opening Ceremonies to Saturday Morning. Michele Szatkowski (Greater Rochester MOTC) continued Thursday Night there would be a Beer Tasting in the Hospitality Room, Friday Evening would be the Reunion, Saturday Night is the Sock Hop. Ruth Barone (Greater Rochester MOTC) asked if there were fees for the Workshops. Michele Szatkowski (Greater Rochester MOTC) stated that yes there were fees but that these charges would not be passed along to the members. Third Call will be sent the beginning of December.
- Z. 2010 State Meeting Chairmen Michele Camilleri (MOTC Queens), Myriam Lavora (MOTC Queens) & Shirley Savage (So. Tier MOTC) Michele reported that the 50/50 that was done during lunch raised \$165. The split would be \$82.50. Thursday Evening will be the President's Welcome Reception in Hospitality. Friday Evening we will have Dinner and Speakers (aka Workshops); there will be only the First Time Attendees and the State Rep Local Club President's Workshops during the day on Friday as well as Show & Sell. All the Past Presidents are involved to some degree. Saturday is the

General Meeting and the Saturday Luncheon will be a Rose Garden Tea Party. Saturday Night we will have the President's Gala Ball which will be formal attire. The theme for the Door Sign Contest will be "Hats off to NYSOMOTC" this time we will use a hat for the sign. We have some great raffles at 2009. State Meeting dates are April 22 – 25, 2010. Room Rates are a flat fee of \$95 plus tax. If your club is tax exempt bring your form and advice the hotel upon check in. The hotel will accept a club check only. They will not accept personal checks. The 50/50 raffle was drawn and Linda Goldsworthy was the winner.

- AA. <u>State National Liaison</u> MaryLou Surmik (So. Tier MOTC) reported that the 2009 National Convention would be in Las Vegas. It would be July 26 August 1, 2009. She did submit and ad for the 2008 National Convention Journal. 2010 will be National 50th Convention and it will be in Toledo.
- BB. <u>Ways & Means</u> Wendy Landolina (Orange Co. POM) & Julie Ardito (Orange Co. POM) reported that their theme for the Chinese Auction would be "Turn Back time, reinvent and energize your self."
- CC. <u>Webmaster</u> Gloria Thomas (Greater Rochester MOTC) absent. No report given. President Joanne Czajkowski (TNT of CNY) told everyone to visit the Website. It is wonderful. If you could volunteer to do some typing please email Gloria. Sharon Witul (MOTC Buffalo) asked why Gloria never attends State Meetings. Michele Szatkowski (Greater Rochester MOTC) informed us that Gloria will be in attendance at the 2009 State Meeting. The website login is: "just4us" and the password is: "state0102".
- DD. President Joanne Czajkowski (TNT of CNY) called on each of the Past Presidents to say a few words. Nita Landes (Westside Suburban MOTC), Myriam Lavora (MOTC Queens), Sharon Witul (MOTC Buffalo), Shirley Savage (So. Tier MOTC), Michele Camilleri (MOTC Queens), Ruth Barone (Greater Rochester MOTC) and Linda Goldsworthy (POM of CNY) each spoke about how wonderful it was to attend the meeting.
- EE. President Joanne Czajkowski (TNT of CNY) called a ten minute break at 2:30 PM.
- FF. The meeting was recalled to order at 2:40 PM by President Joanne Czajkowski (TNT of CNY).

10. Old Business:

A. Quilt Stand President Joanne Czajkowski (TNT of CNY) called on Ruth Barone (Greater Rochester MOTC). Ruth stated that this would be a 15 minute timed discussion. We raised \$160 at the 2008 State Meeting for the purchase of a quilt stand. At that time there was some thought that we should purchase two stands. The stand comes with a carry bag for easy transport. The cost is approximately \$159 with a projected cost of \$183.49 including tax

and shipping. Do we want to purchase one or wait or alternate the quilts on the one stand from year to year? Myriam Lavora (MOTC Queens) felt this was a good idea to purchase the quilt stand. She felt we could have the quilt on display and explain that we need to purchase another. President Joanne Czajkowski (TNT of CNY) called for motion. "I, Pam Reussow, a member of Greater Rochester MOTC, at this NYSOMOTC Executive Board Meeting, move that a quilt stand be purchased with the \$160 raised for that purpose, plus an additional \$23 from the Eleanor Siegel Fund." The motion was seconded by Sharon Witul (MOTC Buffalo). All were in favor. Motion passed.

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- **B. President Joanne Czajkowski** tabled the Attendance Survey matter until the 2009 Friday Executive Board Meeting.
- C. Marie Simmons Scholarship Fund President Joanne Czajkowski (TNT of CNY) stated there will be a 15 minute time limit on this conversation. Michele Camilleri (MOTC Queens) reminded everyone of the discussion from the morning session. Our suggestions were lowering the amount of the awards or options for fundraising. She asked if there were any ideas. We raised funds for the awards for ten years prior to giving out the first award. We have been coasting on that money since. We have raised approximately \$1,000 -\$2,000 per year. The fund is self sustaining. We need new ideas. It is each club's responsibility to work harder. Instead of giving away half of the money we should consider lowering the prize to \$500. Linda Goldsworthy (POM of CNY) stated that \$500 cap regardless of how many win is a good idea. She also agreed that we need to push harder on sales. She reiterated that working a concession stand at an event was a great way to make money. Her club would try and do that. She suggested eliminating the scholarship for mothers. Mary Elizabeth Brennan (Nassau Co. MOTC) felt lowering the prize to \$500 was a good idea. **Nita Landes** (Westside Suburban MOTC) asked when the calendar raffle is due back to the Fundraiser. She was informed it was around March 15th. She agreed with Linda that we should eliminate the award for mothers until we have more funding. Michele **Camilleri** (MOTC Queens) recapped the options: reduce the award to \$500, push the fundraiser to people outside the organization, and/or eliminate the award for mothers. Myriam Lavora (MOTC Queens) stated that from the inception of the calendar raffle each club could only sell each date once. She suggested selling the dates to multiple buyers within the club. We could add extra pages for multiple buyers on a date. Linda Goldsworthy (POM of CNY) pointed out that in effect we are allowing multiple buyers for a day. Each club can sell any day and we could have 25 people on the same day. Why not allow a club to have multiple buyers for the same day. Glenda

Chappell (TNT of CNY) spoke on Nancy Converse's behalf, if you allow clubs 1 to make multiple purchases and insert additional pages there is an increased 2 chance of mistakes. People can not coordinate it as is. Sarah Price 3 (Chemung Valley MOTC) stated that if we allow multiple buyers then it should 4 5 be each State Reps responsibility to accurately and clearly fill out the additional pages and that the fundraiser should bring all the documents with 6 her and show how she came to the determination of who belongs with each 7 date. Michele Camilleri (MOTC Queens) reiterated the options: 1.reduce all 8 9 the scholarships, 2. Remove the mom's scholarship or 3. Lower the award to \$500. We can push the sales outside the local club and to our members. 10 She stated that we have been fundraising for these awards since 1984 but 11 the original discussion of the scholarship goes back to the 1960's. We are so 12 quick to say the State Rep needs to push the sales, but every one of us is in 13 our local clubs too, if she does not sell then step up and help her. **President** 14 Joanne Czajkowski (TNT of CNY) asked for a motion. "I, Linda 15 Goldsworthy, a member of POM of CNY, at this NYSOMOTC Executive 16 **Board Meeting, move to cap the total prize for the Marie Simmons** 17 Scholarship Calendar Fundraiser at \$500 to be divided between the 18 winners of the selected date." Lisa Cartini (POM of CNY) seconded the 19 motion. All were in favor. Motion passed. President Joanne Czajkowski 20 (TNT of CNY) asked everyone who has a Fundraising packet to change the 21 wording to reflect the \$500 prize instead of 50/50. Nita Landes (Westside 22 Suburban MOTC) made a recommendation to suspend the scholarship for 23 moms. She then asked if only one mom applied last year. Lisa 24 **Vanderbrook** (MOTC Buffalo) stated that more than one applied but their 25 packet was incomplete so they were not included in the judging process. 26 Myriam Lavora (MOTC Queens) pointed out that the Marie Simmons 27 Scholarship Procedural Guidelines are the By Laws of the Scholarship. We 28 can not make any changes to it without the approval of the General 29 Membership. We can not eliminate or change the awards we can only 30 31 recommend. Linda Goldsworthy (POM of CNY) stated that we as the 32 Executive Board need to present this to the General Membership, that we may need to eliminate or reduce these awards because of the financial 33 constraints. Nita Landes (Westside Suburban MOTC) rescinded her motion. 34 Ruth Barone (Greater Rochester MOTC) stated that we need to explain to 35 the membership that we are meeting the needs of the Scholarship through 36 our fundraising endeavors. She further stated that we have spoken about this 37 several times and now we need to put a plan into action. We need to tell 38 them that we, as the Board are recommending to them that we temporarily 39 40 suspend the scholarship for moms and let the membership act. By taking this

action now it will not take effect until 2010 if we are able to bring in more funds than we can reinstate the award. President Joanne Czajkowski (TNT of CNY) asked for a recommendation. "I, Ruth Barone, a member of Greater Rochester MOTC, at this NYSOMOTC Executive Board Meeting, move we recommend to the General Membership at the 2009 State Meeting to temporarily suspend the award to a Mother of Multiples Scholarship." Linda Goldsworthy (POM of CNY) seconded the motion. Two Board members abstained all others were in favor. The recommendation was approved.

- D. Announcements: President Joanne Czajkowski reminded everyone that during the meetings please turn off or turn to vibrate your cell phones. If you must take the call please leave the room. Keep conversation to a minimum during the meeting. When sending official emails please use NYSOMOTC as the subject. She also informed us the Linda Goldsworthy's daughters were touring overseas with USO and that Nancy McPeak's daughters were named Athletes of the Week for Tennis by there local news channel. Mary Elizabeth Brennan (Nassau Co. MOTC) had to leave but she asked if anyone had any other business for her to transact. There was none.
- E. Past President's Status as Active Shirley Savage (So. Tier MOTC) stated that she needed to sign the contract with the Treadway for the Midterm Board Meeting for the next three years. At this time the Sales Office is closed so she would like a motion to allow her to sign the contract in place of President Czajkowski. "I, Nita Landes, a member of Westside Suburban MOTC, at this NYSOMOTC Executive Board Meeting, move that Shirley Savage be authorized to sign the contract for Midterm 2009, 2010 & 2011." The motion was seconded by Michele Szatkowski (Greater Rochester MOTC). All were in favor. Motion passed. Shirley stated that registration for Midterm brought in \$840 and that it actually cost \$710 we therefore made about \$130. She stated that because we are negotiating the 2010 State Meeting and the Midterm Board Meeting we were able to get the President's room for this year and the next three years comped by the hotel. Shirley Savage (So. Tier MOTC) began the conversation about Past President's Active Status on the Executive Board. We have been discussing what makes an active Past President with regard to running for President. Some Past Presidents attend Meeting and some do not. To limit a Past President who has not been in attendance to run for the office of President we want to establish a definition of what is an Active Past President. "I, Shirley Savage, a member of So. Tier MOTC, at this NYSOMOTC Executive Board Meeting - move that we recommend an additional paragraph to Article VII Section 3, Eligibility, for clarification, a Past President to be eligible to run for the office of

President must have been active on the current Executive Board. To be considered "active" that Past President must have attended at least 2 **Executive Board Meetings in the State Organization's current year."** Glenda Chappell (TNT of CNY) asked if you miss a meeting you would not be eligible. Shirley Savage (So. Tier MOTC) stated that you would be eligible because you can still attend 2 of the 3 meetings. Glenda Chappell (TNT of CNY) stated for clarification the year is from April to April. Linda **Goldsworthy** (POM of CNY) stated that we should be more liberal. If she were not able to attend convention then she would not be considered active. Shirley Savage (So. Tier MOTC) stated that you must be present to accept the nomination anyway so you would not be able run for President. Glenda Chappell (TNT of CNY) asked why we don't just say the last 12 months. Shirley Savage (So. Tier MOTC) stated that our year runs from April to April not from January to December. The motion was seconded by **Nita Landes** (Westside Suburban MOTC). All were in favor. Recommendation was approved.

- **F.** <u>Corrections to the Telephone Tree:</u> Sharon Witul (716) 633-1813; Carolyn Blake (607) 724-4836; Julie Ardito (845) 609-7202; Lois Elliot (352) 250-1185.
- G. 2010 State Meeting: "I, Michele Camilleri, a member of MOTC Queens, at this Midterm Executive Board Meeting, move that we raise the Registration Fee for the State Meeting to \$30 effective immediately." Shirley Savage (So. Tier MOTC) seconded the motion. Myriam Lavora stated the Executive Board discussed that all Registration for State Meeting/Midterm Meetings would be raised at the same time so that there would not be any confusion on the prices. At the 2007 Midterm Meeting a motion was made to raise the Registration fee at only the Midterm Board Meeting. A motion was made at the 2004 to raise the fee at the same time. Her concern was that we as an Executive Board can not violate the rules that we have established. Since we have already raised the Midterm Registration Fee we must now bring the State Meeting Registration Fee to the same price. All were in favor. The motion passed.
- H. <u>Updated Resume Forms:</u> President Joanne Czajkowski (TNT of CNY) stated that Myriam Lavora would update the Updated Resume Form.
- I. <u>State Logo:</u> Shirley Savage (So. Tier MOTC) stated we needed to add to the By Laws regarding the usage of the State Logo. Add to Article II Section 2 a sub paragraph that states we own our name and our logo. "I, Shirley Savage, a member of So. Tier MOTC, at this NYSOMOTC Executive Board Meeting, move that we recommend to the General Membership the following changes to By Law Article II Section 2 Policy, take the contents that are there now and make it a sub-paragraph A. Then add

sub-paragraph B. NYSOMOTC Name & Logo – The name and logo of the NYSOMOTC belongs solely to this organization and may be used only as outlined in the Procedures 'The Use of the NYSOMOTC Name & Logo'." This was seconded by Ruth Barone (Greater Rochester MOTC). All were in favor. The recommendation was approved.

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- J. <u>Announcement:</u> President Joanne Czajkowski (TNT of CNY) stated that back in July she received an invitation from the Early Show on CBS for the Mothers of Twins and their children to make signs and stand outside the studios and perhaps be on camera. She emailed this info to the Downstate Clubs but none were able to attend.
- K. <u>Announcement:</u> Julie Ardito (Orange Co. POM) stated they had come up with their new theme for the Chinese Auction at the 2009 State Meeting: "Take time and unwind."
- L. State Meeting Fee: Myriam Lavora (MOTC Queens) proposed adding a Standing Rule to reflect that all Registration Fees when increased will apply equally to all State Meeting Registration Fees. Shirley Savage (So. Tier MOTC) stated that you are speaking about changing By Laws Article IX Section 3 Registration Fees. Myriam Lavora (MOTC Queens) stated that we are not changing the By Laws we are adding to the Standing Rules. **Michele** Camilleri (MOTC Queens) pointed out that this should be added to Standing Rule #1 Meeting Section 5. This section deals with Registration, Midterm, who is paid for by the Organization, the President's Room this is the perfect place because we are talking in general about all the meetings just add Subsection E. Ruth Barone (Greater Rochester MOTC) stated that the By Law is specific to the Saturday General Meeting. Michele Camilleri (MOTC Queens) stated that by adding to the By Laws we would have to add a new Article thereby moving Article X to XI and so on. The proper place is in the Standing Rules under 1 Meetings Section 5 add E. Myriam Lavora (MOTC Queens) stated that the recommendation would be "The increase of the registration fees shall apply equally to the Midterm Executive Board Meeting and the Annual State Meeting." Michele Szatkowski (Greater Rochester MOTC) seconded it. **Shirley Savage** (So. Tier MOTC) pointed out that the Parliamentarian should not make the motion. The motion was rescinded. "I, Shirley Savage, a member of So. Tier MOTC, at this NYSOMOTC **Executive Board Meeting, move that we recommend the addition to** Standing Rule #1 Meetings 5. E. add the following: The increase of the Registration Fees applies equally to the Midterm Executive Board Meeting and the Annual State Meeting." This recommendation was seconded by Barbi Cudney (Genesee Country MOTC). All were in favor. Recommendation approved.

M. Ruth Barone (Greater Rochester MOTC) requested that the State Meeting Liaison ask Maria Cardona 2008 State Meeting Chairman to submit an updated Final Financial Report for the 2008 State Meeting that reflects the correct payment of the State Meeting Assessment and Workshop Fees.
Lenore Ecker (Kins of Twins) asked with all these changes is this going to change the balance that she gave to Michele Szatkowski the 2009 State Meeting Chairman. Ruth Barone (Greater Rochester MOTC) stated that Maria had said to keep the amount of the check the same and she would update the report and make sure it is accurate. Michele Camilleri (MOTC Queens) made a point of clarification. Maria had said that all her checks had cleared so she wrote the check for what was left in the bank. Whatever she is going to update, the final balance will remain the same she just has to adjust the numbers. Ruth Barone (Greater Rochester MOTC) stated that when this request is made of Maria to do it in writing and to copy the President. She can bring the update to the Friday Executive Board Meeting.

- 11. President Joanne Czajkowski (TNT of CNY) asked if there was any other business to discuss. There being none she called on Barbi for the Closing Reflection. Chaplain Barbi Cudney (Genesee Country MOTC) read an inspiration reading.
- 12. President Joanne Czajkowski adjourned the 2008 Midterm Board Meeting at 4:35 PM.

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