

New York State Organization Mothers Of Twins Clubs

Minutes
Executive Board Midterm Meeting

Saturday, October 18, 2014

NYSOMOTC Midterm Executive Board Meeting Saturday, October 18, 2014

Owego Treadway Inn - Owego, NY

The 2014 Saturday Midterm Board Meeting was called to order at 8:17 A.M. by President Barbi Cudney.

Chaplain Nita Landes gave an opening prayer.

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President Barbi Cudney welcomed everyone to the meeting and stated that she was excited to see the turnout and the enthusiasm in the room.

Myriam Lavora and Michele Delle Bovi were appointed as Minutes Approval Committee by President Barbi Cudney.

Recording Secretary Lorena Cutt called the Roll. Present were: President Barbi Cudney (Genesee Country MOTC) Vice President Kathlene Lyman (Schenectady MOTC), Recording Secretary Lorena Cutt (Greater Rochester MOTC), Treasurer Kathy Rucci (MOTC Suffolk), Advisor Mary Grace Roach (Nassau County MOTC), 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 Contest Michele Delle Bovi (MOTC Buffalo), Librarian Pam Reussow (Greater Rochester MOTC), Membership Pins Chair Nancy McPeak (TNT of CNY), .Midterm Meeting Chairman Shirley Savage (Southern Tier MOTC), Midterm Meeting Co-Chair Karen Nichols (Madison Oneida MOTC), MSS Scholarship Chairman Myriam Lavora (MOTC Queens), MSS Vice Chairman/Treasurer Kathlene Lyman (Schenectady MOTC), MSS Committee Members Ruth Barone (Greater Rochester MOTC), Glenda Chappell (TNT of CNY), Lina Rivera-Santana (Nassau County MOTC), Nancy Converse (TNT of CNY) and Colleen O'Connell (Westside Suburban MOTC), MSS Committee Member Alternate Lori Connolly (Greater Rochester MOTC), Newsletter Contest Chairman Kristen Pace (MOTC Suffolk), Newsletter Editor Michele Camilleri (MOTC Queens), Nominating Chairman olleen O'Connell (Westside Suburban MOTC), Nominating Committee Members Lori Connolly (Greater Rochester MOTC), June Driscoll (MOTC Queens) and Meghana Mehta (MOTC Queens), Photographer Sharon Atti (MOTC Buffalo), Procedure Manual Chair Myriam Lavora (MOTC Queens), Publicity Janet Hranek (Southern Tier MOTC), Research/Twin Data Registry Doreen Grenci (MOTC Suffolk), State Meeting Co-Liaison Barbi Cudney (Genesee Country MOTC), State Meeting Co-Liaison Debby Barton (Westside Suburban MOTC), 2014 State Meeting Chairman Barbi Cudney (Genesee Country MOTC), 2014 State Meeting Co-Chairman Debby Barton (Westside Suburban MOTC), 2015 State Meeting Chairman Linda Redmond (TNT of CNY), 2015 State Meeting Co-Chairman Nancy Converse (TNT of CNY), 2016 State Meeting Co-Chairman Nicole Steffenson (MOTC Suffolk), Unity Project Chairman Lorena Cutt (Greater Rochester MOTC), Ways and Means Chairman Sharon Wetzel (MOTC Buffalo), Ways and Means Committee Member Linda Gettings (Greater Rochester MOTC), Webmaster Michele Szatkowski (Greater Rochester MOTC) and Website Committee Members Michele Camilleri (MOTC Queens) and Lori Connolly (Greater Rochester MOTC).

Past Presidents in attendance were Nita Landes (Westside Suburban MOTC), Myriam Lavora (MOTC Queens), Shirley Savage (Southern Tier MOTC), Michele Camilleri (MOTC Queens), Ruth Barone (Greater Rochester MOTC), Glenda Chappell (TNT of CNY) and Mary Grace Roach (MOTC Suffolk).

President Barbi Cudney gave her report as attached.

Vice President Kathleen Lyman gave her report (attached) listing her accomplishments/activities thus far. To date there are seventeen (17) registered clubs with 1,469 members. Kathlene did reach out to Staten Island MOTC as they did not



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return their dues/registration, but received no response. Kathleen also advised that Orange County MOTC is reorganizing.

Recording Secretary Lorena Cutt gave her report of her duties to date. She then asked for corrections to the 2014 State Meeting Minutes. Starting with the <u>Friday Executive Board Meeting Minutes</u>, corrections were suggested as follows:

Page 6, Line 37 "...(however as they did not specialize in that field, they were not helpful)"; and

Page 6, Line 39 "...Pam Krell (Past President of the National Organization)".

With no objections to these revisions, **President Barbi Cudney** accepted the Friday Executive Board Meeting Minutes dated May 2, 2014 as corrected. **Recording Secretary Lorena Cutt** then asked for corrections to the <u>Sunday, May 4, 2014 Executive Board Meeting Minutes</u>. No corrections were suggested. With no objections to these revisions, **President Barbi Cudney** accepted the Sunday Executive Board Meeting Minutes dated May 4, 2014 as written. Lastly, for the <u>Saturday General Meeting</u>, the following corrections were suggested:

Page 2, Line 41 - the very end word "The" should begin a new paragraph;

Page 5, Line 6 should read "she then conducted the Memorial Service"

Page 5, Lines 22 and 31 - Sherry Curtis should only have one "s";

Page 5, Line 29 should read "The recipients" as opposed to the Winners;

Page 7, Line 14 should read Laura, not Lauren (Consiglio).

With no objections to these revisions, **President Barbi Cudney** asked for a motion to accept these minutes as corrected. **Nita Landes**, a member of Westside Suburban MOTC, at this N.Y.S.O.M.O.T.C. Friday Executive Board Meeting made a motion to "recommend to the general membership they accept the 2014 Saturday General Meeting Minutes as corrected". This motion was seconded by **Myriam Lavora**. All were in favor; Motion passed.

Treasurer Kathy Rucci gave her report as attached. The opening balance in the Eleanor Siegel Memorial Fund was \$1,549.49. Income of \$1,400 (2014 State Meeting loan repayment) and expenses of \$1,400 (2016 State Meeting Loan), left a closing balance of \$1,549.49. The General Fund had an opening balance of \$6,744.72. Total income to date was \$2,490.25 and expenses were \$1,119.61, leaving a closing balance of \$8,115.36. (See full report attached).

Midterm Meeting Chairman Shirley Savage read her report as attached. Shirley is negotiating the new contracts for 2015, 2016 and 2017 with the Owego Treadway Inn. The hotel will still provide a complementary room for the President; room rates will now be \$105 per night (takes effect October, 2015). There were thirty five (35) people attending this meeting which comprised thirty (30) Board members and includes four (4) Member Club Presidents and five (5) State Reps. Shirley asked that members not send their registrations in business/commercial identified envelopes as it would not be recognized as NYSOMOTC mail and be discarded. Shirley advised that additional expenses for this year totaled \$71.19, which is deducted from the midterm registration income. The overage from this meeting after all expenses are paid totaled \$252.56. Lastly, Shirley advised that she needs to resign from the position and needs someone to take over. Karen Nichols also cannot be the chairman to due to family health issues. Michele Szatkowski then volunteered to take over the position for Shirley and Karen.

Parliamentarian Michele Camilleri read her report of her activities to date (attached).



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Advisor Mary Grace Roach read her report of her activities to date. She then reviewed her tally of the evaluation sheets om the State Meeting 'Disney Dream in 2014'. Her full reports are attached.

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President Barbi Cudney called a break at 9:21 am. The meeting resumed at 9:38 am.

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Archivist Michele Camilleri read her report. She advised that files older than two years can be turned over for archiving. She does not need copies of the Presidential Papers or Minutes. Her report provided a list of photo albums and photo DVDs.

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Calligraphy Nita Landes indicated that most of her work is done closer to the State Meeting.

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Chaplain Nita Landes read her report of her activities to date (attached). Nita also passed around a card for members to sign for Gloria Thomas, a member of Greater Rochester MOTC, who has been diagnosed with ALS.

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Club Scrapbook Page Contest Chairman Michele Delle Bovi stated that it was great to be back on the Board. The theme for the 2015 State Meeting was chosen - "Flashback to 1966". Clubs should create the scrapbook page incorporating things from 1966.

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Librarian Pam Reussow read her report (attached) of her activities to date. Pam submitted articles to the Presidential Papers identifying books of interest for members.

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Membership Pins Chairman Nancy McPeak read her report as attached. Nancy asked the question of what happens when people register for convention, but don't sign in during registration. There were two people (Natalie Diaz and Diana Donovan Campisi) who attended the State Meeting, one of whom received a 5 year pin. Glenda Chappell advised that this has been brought up before and it was decided then that if they did not sign in, they were not counted as attending. Because Natalie was present, as recorded in the minutes, and she received her pin, we should not go back. Myriam Lavora suggested that a procedure should be established that the Membership Pins Chairman verify with the State Meeting Registration Chairman prior to Saturday's meeting that pin recipients have registered and signed in for the meeting. Also, if there are late registrations, the registration membership chairman must notify the Membership Pins chairman prior to the State Meeting. Myriam Lavora read the procedure of the Registration Chairman, which states that the Registration Chairman should provide a copy of the signed registration list to the Membership Pins Chairman. It was decided that for this year, they will both get credit for attending. Should this issue happen again, those who do not sign in will not get credit for attending the meeting. Shirley Savage also suggested that before the roll call is read, the Recording Secretary remind all of the requirement of signing in on the registration list.

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2015 State Meeting Chairman Linda Redmond and Co-Chairman Nancy Converse read their report of updates for the 2015 State Meeting. Their report is attached. Friday night event will be a theater dinner event (dressy) and Saturday night will be a 60's party. The Third Call draft has been presented for review.

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Marie Simmons Scholarship Chairman Myriam Lavora introduced her committee: Kathy Lyman (Vice Chairman/Treasurer), Holly Shear (Fundraiser Chairman), and judging members Glenda Chappell, Nancy Converse, Lina



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Rivera- Santana, Ruth Barone, Colleen O'Connell and alternate Lori Connolly. She then read her report as attached. Myriam proposed a revision to the MSS Guidelines 5A, which currently reads "Members of this committee and their families will not be eligible for this award during their tenure". The suggested revision is "Children of the Committee members will not be eligible for this award during the member's tenure" (Mothers are no longer eligible for the scholarship). The second revision proposed is to guideline 5C, which currently reads "Marie Simmons Scholarship Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Committee; shall be responsible for sending out requested applications and shall receive all documentation sent by applicants; shall forward to the Marie Simmons Scholarship Judging Members, all application packets for judging; the Marie Simmons Scholarship Treasurer/Vice Chairman will receive unaltered application". The suggestion revision as proposed would read "Marie Simmons Scholarship Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Committee; shall be responsible for sending out requested applications and shall receive all documentation sent by applicants; shall forward to the Marie Simmons Scholarship Judging Members, <u>including the</u> alternate, all application packets for judging; shall send the Marie Simmons Scholarship Treasurer/Vice Chairman copies of all unaltered applications with corresponding documents; will tabulate scores; will confirm results with the Marie Simmons Scholarship Treasurer/Vice chairman and the committee of the recipients. This revision will clarify who receives the judging materials. The last suggested revision is to guideline 10A which currently reads "An original official receipt from the college indicating the recipient is registered and has paid tuition in the current year or the first academic year after the award is presented is required before the scholarship will be issued". The proposed revision would read "an official receipt from the college or from their Student Clearinghouse, stating that the recipient is registered and has paid tuition in the current year or the first academic year after the award is presented, is required before the scholarship payment will be issued to the recipient". This revision is proposed as many colleges use a National Clearinghouse to process students' official documentation. Myriam and the committee also brainstormed about publicizing the information about the scholarship maybe with the school guidance counselors by writing letters to (the different schools. Myriam previously discussed with Michele Camilleri how to expand the facebook page to include the availability of the scholarship, perhaps in a banner that runs along the top. Michele suggested establishing a facebook page specifically for the scholarship. Then when people scroll through facebook or other scholarships sites, NYSOMOTC would come up as an available scholarship. This option will be explored. The theme of Myriam's chairmanship is to promote the scholarship further than the organization. Shirley Savage suggested having members forward the letters to their home schools. Myriam Lavora read the draft letter to the counselors. Meghana Mehta asked if there was a tie in the scores, would a member's child be given preferential consideration. Myriam Lavora advised that any tie would be broken by the Alternate's scores. The organization cannot give preferential consideration to members. Lorena Cutt asked if the committee had given any thought to the re-evaluation of the requirements of the application and the points assigned. Michele Camilleri advised that the organization is allowed to amend the evaluation of the scores or the points associated with the requirements (process), as long as we do not change the intent. President Barbi Cudney then called for the motions. The motions were proposed as follows:

Lina Rivera-Santana, a member of Nassau County MOTC, at this NYSOMOTC Meeting, moved that we recommend to the membership that we change the MSS Procedural Guidelines #5A to read "Children of the Committee Members will not be eligible for this award during their members' tenure". This motion was seconded by Michele Szatkowski. The motion passed.



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Colleen O'Connell, a member of Westside Suburban MOTC, at this N.Y.S.O.M.O.T.C. Executive Meeting, moved that we recommend to the membership that we change the MSS Procedural Guidelines #5C to read "Marie Simmons Scholarship Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Committee; shall be responsible for sending out requested applications and shall receive all documentation sent by applicants; shall forward to the Marie Simmons Scholarship Judging Members and Alternate, all application packets for judging; the Marie Simmons Scholarship Treasurer/Vice Chairman will receive unaltered applications." This motion was seconded by Marie Vito. All in favor; motion passed.

Shirley Savage, a member of Genesee Country/Southern Tier MOTC, at this N.Y.S.O.M.O.T.C. Executive Board Meeting, that we recommend to the membership that we change the MSS Procedural guidelines which currently reads "an official receipt from the college indicating the recipient from the college indicating the recipient is registered and has paid tuition in the current year or the academic year after the award is presented is required before the scholarship is issued" to be changed to "An official receipt from the college or from their student clearing house, stating that the recipient is registered and has paid tuition in the current year, or the first academic year after the award is presented, is required before the scholarship payment will be issued to the recipient". This motion was seconded by Karen Nichols. All were in favor; motion passed.

President Barbi Cudney called a break at 11:05 am. The meeting resumed at 11:19 am.

MSS Vice Chairman/Treasurer Kathlene Lyman presented her report of her activities. The beginning balance of the MSS Scholarship Fund was \$12,705.95; total income to date is \$709 and expenses were \$3,500, leaving a closing balance \$9,914.95.

President Barbi Cudney read a letter sent to her by Sharon Witul, MOTC Buffalo, who has moved to Fort Myers, Florida.

Newsletter Contest Chairman Kristen Pace announced that this is her first year on the Board and that she would love to see every club who has a newsletter participate in the contest. Kristen will send out information in the Presidential Papers and Third Call.

Newsletter Editor Michele Camilleri read her report of activities as attached. She reminded ail to keep submitting articles, club happenings, photos, etc. Michele passed around the revised Executive Board and member club directories for all to review for corrections if needed. Glenda Chappell asked if the directory was on the website. Michele indicated that because the website is not secure, she posted a brief directory leaving out addresses and phone numbers.

Nominating Committee Chairman Colleen O'Connell read her report (attached). She then introduced her committee; Lori Connolly, Meghana Mehta, June Driscoll and Joanne Czajkowski. Colleen indicated that she reviewed the resume form, and would like to propose to add the numbers of years a member has served on the board. Lina Rivera Santana suggested that it might be helpful to include the dates of the years served as well as the number. Michele Camilleri advised that the Nominating Chairman will send the eligibility list to the Parliamentarian to review before the State Meeting for accuracy.



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Photographer Sharon Atti provided a disk of photos from the convention, and is working on an album. She advised that she will be taking a photo of all Board Members and of the executive board during the lunch break.

Chaplain Nita Landes advised that \$280 was collected to be given to Gloria Thomas. Lori Connolly will take the donation to Gloria.

President Barbi Cudney called a break 11:40 for lunch. The meeting was resumed at 1:07.

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(Greater Rochester MOTC) and Website Committee Members Michele Camilleri (MOTC Queens) and Lori Connolly

Procedure Manual Chairman Myriam Lavora read her report as attached. Myriam indicated that revisions to the procedure manual for 2014 – 2015 will include revisions to the Advisor, Treasurer, MS Scholarship Chairman, Midterm Registration, Twin Data Form, Twin Photo Registry, Unity Project, and Webmaster pages and Electronic Manual for Board Members. Shirley Savage also asked if an email could be sent to include the revisions attachments so that those

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(other than the Executive Board) who want to keep a hard copy manual can just print the attachments and update their will be manuals. Myriam agreed that she would do so.

As part of the proposed revisions to the Midterm Meeting Chairman page and the need to deposit members registration checks prior to the meeting, Shirley Savage indicated that it was better for the Midterm Meeting Chairman to hold the checks sent for registration until the day, in case there are any issues. Myriam Lavora indicated that if that was to be, then an email sent by the Chairman of who has registered to date was recommended, so that people can make sure that their check and registration form was received.

Publicity Chairman Janet Hranek read her report and provided sample copies of the information she forwards to the hosting committees for the State Meeting.

Research/Twin Data Registry Chairman Doreen Grenci reported that she sent letters to twenty six (26) research institutes on possible changes to the form. Doreen also reached out to Past President Pam Krell and Research Vice President Kim England (both members of the National Organization) to review the form and asked for possible research topics. Doreen reviewed the existing form and suggested changes (the proposed form is attached). Ruth Barone suggested that she move the information about special needs children up higher on the form. Doreen further indicated that she is still looking for where the registry is actually located. Karen Nichols has an old spreadsheet compiled from when she was chairman, but it is not current. Old forms will need to be located. President Barbi Cudney proposed that this form be used immediately. The proposed changes will be made and sent to the state reps and placed on the website. It was asked if all members of each club fills out a new form, then we may not need to need to worry about locating the old forms. State reps will be asked to bring new completed forms to convention. In terms of a research topic, Doreen looked to the National Website for topic ideas. The two that would be possible candidates centered on stay at home parents and the long term effects of pre-term births/deliveries. Doreen asked if anyone has ideas of research topics to let her know.

State Meeting Liaison Barbi Cudney indicated that they have been in contact with Syracuse, answering any questions they may have. Barbi passed out the final report (copy attached). The report does address some of the concerns raised in the evaluation forms. Barbi remarked that the expenses were able to be kept low due to the locale. Some of the expected charges were removed or adjusted due to services. The financial report is on the back page of the final report. Barbi presented a check in the amount of \$1,640.04 to pass on to Syracuse. Barbi also remarked that this overage wouldn't be possible without overage from MOTC Buffalo.

2016 State Meeting Co-Chairman Nicole Steffenson and President Barbi Cudney requested a date change for the 2016 State Meeting due to Passover and Mothers Day. Recently, an email was generated by Barbi and sent to the Board Members. Most of the responses agreed with the date change. Therefore, the new date for 2016 is April 14 – April 17. Nicole indicated that MOTC Suffolk is excited to host 2016. The meeting will take place at the Hyatt Regency in Islandia, NY. The room rate is \$139 per night for singles/doubles. A shuttle is available from LaGuardia Airport. The Committees are working hard on ideas for workshops and the logo. The theme is Suffolk "Sweet 16". A registration fee increase of \$5 may be needed. Shirley Savage recommended donating the profit of \$265 from this 2014 Midterm Meeting to offset some of the expense as opposed to raising the registration fee by \$5. Ruth Barone, a member of Greater Rochester MOTC, at this Executive Board Meeting moved "to turn over the overage of \$265.00 from the 2014 Midterm Board Meeting to the 2016 State Meeting Committee". The Motion was seconded by Michele Szatkowski. All were in favor; motion passed. President Barbi Cudney also advised them to fundraise at the next convention to raise money. Myriam Lavora reminded the Board that the State Meeting Books need to passed on from one chairman to the next.



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President Barbi Cudney advised that State/National Liaison Mary Lou Surmik has resigned her position and that Ruth Barone will fill the vacancy. Barbi advised that the 2015 National Convention, Building Bridges, is in Cincinnati, OH. from July 26, 2015 - August 1, 2015. The login for the National site is user name WVEGOT; password Support4U. The room rate \$139 single to quad.

Twin Photo Registry Karen Audycki was absent but sent a report (ready by President Barbi Cudney) as attached.

Unity Project Chairman Lorena Cutt read her report (attached) and asked members to send in items to be placed in the book.

Ways and Means Chairman Sharon Wetzel advised members that the theme chosen for the 2015 State Meeting Chinese Auction is "1966 Songs in a Basket". Sharon picked the top 20 songs from 1966. Each club can select one of the songs to be represented in a basket. The list was passed around for selection.

Webmaster Michele Szatkowski advised that she has maintained the old website. In April, the Committee was tasked with researching a new website. Over the summer Michele researched new site possibilities. A company who offers predesigned sites was reviewed, but the sites were very limited. Michele found a program to purchase through our existing site to design a new website for \$576.28 for ten years, including the certificate. She had members of her committee experience the free model program and all were encouraged. To look at the proposed new site, log on to http:\\site.NYSOMOTC.ORG (password for board section is NewGoals; password for club section is OurFamily). Remember, it is not "live" at this time.

Past Presidents Nita Landes, Myriam Lavora, Shirley Savage, Michele Camilleri, Ruth Barone, Glenda Chappell and Mary Grace Roach all gave their sentiments for the meeting.

President Barbi Cudney indicated that both items listed on the agenda under old business (possible changes to the MSS Scholarship Guidelines and updating and continuing the data registry form) were already accomplished during the chairman reports.

New Business:

- a. President Barbi Cudney wanted to remind everybody of importance of 50th state meeting and to be creative with the "50^{th"} theme.
- b. Michele Szatkowski asked all to go home and check out the new website and give her feedback.
- c. Myriam Lavora asked for more information/representation of the Board for the Mom's Information Room.
- d. Myriam Lavora read a message received from Erica Roth, one of the MSSS Scholarship recipients thanking the organization for the award.
- e. President Barbi Cudney read an article about triplet sisters, age 93, who were reunited in Western NY.

Chaplain Nita Landes gave a closing prayer.

President Barbi Cudney complimented all for a great meeting and adjourned the meeting at 2:58 pm.



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