

Genesee Country MOTC & Westside Suburban MOTC

49th Annual NYSOMOTC State Meeting



May 3, 2014
Saturday General Meeting Minutes

Disney Dream in 2014

NYSOMOTC Sunday Executive Board Meeting
Sunday, May 4, 2014
Clarion Hotel – Batavia, NY

The 2014 Sunday Executive Board Meeting was called to order at 8:45 A.M. by **President Barbi Cudney**.

Chaplain Nita Landes gave the opening prayer.

President Barbi Cudney welcomed to the Board both new faces and those retaining positions. She added that she is available by phone, text, email etc. **Myriam Lavora** and **Lina-Rivera Santana** were appointed as Minutes Approval Committee.

Recording Secretary Lorena Cutt called the Roll. Present were: **President Barbi Cudney** (Genesee Country MOTC), **Vice President Kathlene Lyman** (Schenectady MOTC), **Treasurer Kathy Rucci** (MOTC Suffolk), **Recording Secretary Lorena Cutt** (Greater Rochester MOTC), **Advisor Mary Grace Roach** (Nassau County MOTC), **Parliamentarian and Archivist Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens), **Calligraphy and Chaplain Nita Landes** (Westside Suburban MOTC), **Club Scrapbook Chair Michelle DelleBovi** (MOTC Buffalo), **Librarian Pam Reussow** (Greater Rochester MOTC), **Membership Pins Chair Nancy McPeak** (TNT of CNY), **MSS Scholarship Chair Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens), **MSS Committee Members Lina Rivera-Santana** (Nassau County MOTC), **Nancy Converse** (TNT of CNY), **MSS Committee Member Alternate Glenda Chappell** (TNT of CNY), **Newsletter Editor Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens), **Nominating Chairwoman Colleen O'Connell** (Westside Suburban MOTC), **Nominating Committee Members Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY) and **Lori Connolly** (Greater Rochester MOTC), **Procedure Manual Chair Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens), **Research/Twin Data Registry Chair Doreen Greci** (MOTC Suffolk), **State Meeting Co-Liaison Barbi Cudney** (Genesee Country MOTC), **State Meeting Co-Liaison Debby Barton** (Westside Suburban MOTC), **2014 State Meeting Chair Barbi Cudney** (Genesee Country MOTC), **2014 State Meeting Co-Chair Debby Barton** (Westside Suburban MOTC), **2015 State Meeting Chair Linda Redmond** (TNT of CNY), **2015 State Meeting Co-Chair Nancy Converse** (TNT of CNY), **2016 State Meeting Chair Kathy Rucci** (MOTC Suffolk), **2016 State Meeting Co-Chair Nicole Steffenson** (MOTC Suffolk), **Twin Photo Registry Barbi Cudney** (Genesee Country MOTC), **Webmaster Michele Szatkowski** (Greater Rochester MOTC) and **Website Committee Members Kathy Brousseau** (Schenectady MOTC), **Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens), **Lori Connolly** (Greater Rochester MOTC) and **Phoebe Kannisto** (MOTC Buffalo).

Current vacancies are Newsletter Contest Chair, Unity Project Chair, MSS Committee Members (2) and Ways and Means Committee Member (1)).

Past Presidents in attendance were **Nita Landes** (Westside Suburban MOTC), **Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens), **Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens), **Linda Goldsworthy** (POM of CNY), **Joanne Czajkowski** (TNT of CNY), **Glenda Chappell** (TNT of CNY) and **Mary Grace Roach** (Nassau County MOTC).

Adjustments to the Roll Call made: **Holly Shear** (Schenectady MOTC) will remain as **MSS Fundraiser Chairman** and **MSS Committee Member Alternate Glenda Chappell** will become an **MSS Committee Member**. **MSS Treasurer/Vice Chair Kathlene Lyman** was present but omitted from the Roll Call.

President Barbi Cudney indicated that the Club Directory, Equipment List and Manual and Badge List were being passed around for signatures. Also, the Calendar of Events was provided to all members and reviewed. Lastly, she also reminded everyone about the importance of meeting deadlines.



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President Barbi Cudney asked for a show of hands for the appointment of **Michele Camilleri** as the new **Parliamentarian** and **Mary Grace Roach** as **Advisor**. These appointments were approved by a show of hands.

Vice President Kathy Lyman commented that she was happy to serve and that she had looked over the Vice President materials that she received.

Treasurer Kathy Rucci passed around the proposed budget for review. **Michele Camilleri** indicated that the Archivist line item can be removed as everything is considered equipment which would come out of the Eleanor Siegel Fund. **Michele Szatkowski** was asked if the budget line for Webmaster (website domain fee) was sufficient at \$75. She agreed that it was.

Recording Secretary Lorena Cutt gave her welcoming remarks and that she was happy to remain in the position for the coming year.

President Barbi Cudney indicated that the Midterm Meeting Chairman **Shirley Savage** left early due to illness and gave the highlights for the October 18 Midterm Meeting. Rooms must be reserved by September 15th and the \$40 Registration fee must be mailed to Shirley by October 1st. (Full report attached.)

MSS Chairman Myriam Lavora thanked Barbi for allowing her to serve in this position and commented that she was looking forward to working with her committee members.

MSS Fundraiser Chair Holly Shear was not present. **MSS Treasurer/Vice Chair Kathlene Lyman** advised that an additional \$234 was collected for the calendar raffle and the lottery ticket fundraiser raised \$410 over the weekend.

MSS Treasurer/Vice Chair Kathy Lyman advised of additional income of \$684 (including \$40 adjustment of Karen Nichols registration) and expenses of \$500 (calendar raffle winners) over the weekend, bringing the new balance to \$12,889.95. A full report is attached.

Newsletter Editor Michele Camilleri advised that the deadline for the next issue of the *Presidential Papers* is May 10th. Both incoming and outgoing positions need to submit articles.

Procedure Manual Chairman Myriam Lavora advised that the badge/equipment list was circulated for updating. Revision packets were given to the Officers; other committee members can view the Procedure Manual on-line. She also advised that a hard copy of the manual can be provided upon request. Members should read the manual for everything you need to know to do the job to the best of your ability. Review the position to see if revisions need to be made. Badges for previous positions must be returned for incoming committee members.

2014 State Meeting Chairman Barbi Cudney advised that the \$1,400 loan was repaid to NYSOMOTC as well as \$105 for the State Meeting assessment. **Colleen O'Connell** added that Show and Sell had twenty seven (27) vendors (including 2 clubs), with income generated of \$650 from the outside vendors and \$30 from the two clubs. Her report is attached. Some vendors are interested in coming again for 2015. **Nita Landes** commented that it was nice to have a variety of



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things for mothers. **President Barbi Cudney** also commented that the entire group did a wonderful job and worked well together. **Debby Barton** added her appreciation to her club for all the help and support they received.

2015 State Meeting Chairman Linda Redmond advised that all totes and materials have been received.

2016 State Meeting Chairman Susie Smith and Co-Chair Nicole Steffenson requested the \$1,400 loan for the 2016 State Meeting. The theme is Suffolk's Sweet 20"16". Note: an adjustment to the roll call is made that Susie Smith is the Chair of the 2016 State Meeting in place of Kathy Rucci.

State/National Liaison Mary Lou Surmik was absent. **Mary Grace Roach** passed around the ad for the 2014 National Convention Booklet. A copy of the ad is attached.

Ways and Means Chair Sharon Wetzel was absent. **Lori Connolly** (as previous Treasurer) advised that \$620 was submitted from the basket raffles.

Old Business: There was no old business to discuss.

New Business:

1. **Nita Landes** asked to purchase an album for photos of deceased members. To date, she has three pictures. This album will go beside the Memorial Book. The book will then become part of equipment. **Pam Reussow** asked if photos could be emailed or should they send actual photos in the mail. **Nita Landes** advised that she has an old computer and it is hard for her to open attachments, so they should be sent to her via US Mail.
2. **Myriam Lavora** advised that the MSS Record Book of winners that was included with the materials she received is completely filled. The last page has the two most recent winners, so she will need to purchase a new book.
3. **Michele Camilleri** advised that there was an error on the Eligibility List for Nominating Chair. One individual was listed who only had one year of experience on the Board. This person was in fact nominated by the organization, so it just needed to be on the record that she only had one year's experience. In the future, extra care needs to be given to make sure the lists are correct.
4. **Doreen Greci** asked if the Twin Data Form is to be continuing. Michele Camilleri indicated that for now, it is still to be continued. She further advised Doreen to take a look at old form and see what needs to be updated. The previous chairman needs to provide the records. Pam Reussow will retrieve records to bring them to Midterm. Myriam Lavora will work with Doreen in the mean time.
5. **President Barbi Cudney** reviewed the vacant positions to fill: MSS Committee Member and Committee Member Alternate, Newsletter Contest Chair, Unity Project Chair and Ways and Means Committee Member. The positions were filled as follows: **MSS Committee Member Colleen O'Connell** (Westside



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Suburban MOTC) MSS Committee Member Alternate Lori Connolly (Greater Rochester MOTC), Newsletter Contest Chair Kristen Pace (MOTC Suffolk) and Unity Project Chair Lorena Cutt (Greater Rochester MOTC). The Ways and Means Committee Member position was not filled; President Barbi Cudney will ask Linda Gettings if she is interested. If not, Debby Barton will fill the position. President Barbi Cudney will also confirm that Karen Nichols will be the Midterm Meeting Co-Chair.

Past Presidents Nita Landes, Myriam Lavora, Mary Grace Roach, Michele Camilleri, Glenda Chappell, and Joanne Czajkowski all gave their sentiments about the week-end. President Barbi Cudney added that the Disney theme proved to be a positive theme.

Announcements:

1. President Barbi Cudney reminded that deadlines must be adhered to. If not, it creates a snowball effect.
2. Nancy McPeak advised that she needs attendance sheets for the meetings to update membership records for pins.
3. President Barbi Cudney also advised that 1st time attendees list had a couple errors. But at this time, they may not be able to fix them. Some of the registration forms were not legible. State reps need to review the registration forms prior to turning them in.
4. Lina Rivera-Santana advised all that the Nassau Gala will be held May 20th; theme is Ladies of the 80's. All are welcome.
5. Myriam Lavora relayed a repeated question of why the badges did not include other children. All children are supposed to be listed (even those deceased). Myriam reminded all that we need to keep with procedure. Barbi Cudney, as 2014 State Meeting Chairman, indicated that the question was researched, but she did not understand that it needed to be done. She apologized for the error.
6. President Barbi Cudney also advised that for the evaluation forms, a mistake was made by not having a place for people to put their name on the form or on the ticket for winning notifications. The winning number will be published in the *Presidential Papers* and State Reps will be notified to advise their local clubs.

Chaplain Nita Landes gave a closing prayer.

The Sunday Executive Board Meeting was adjourned by President Barbi Cudney at 10:10 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lorena Cutt

Recording Secretary



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general membership going forward. A vote was taken: 25 Yea votes to continue the research, 31 "Nay" votes, and 4 abstentions (one vote was not present). The research will not continue.

Advisor Glenda Chappell presented a gift to President Mary Grace Roach. Mary Grace then gave some reflections on her term as President.

Parliamentarian Linda Goldsworthy expressed heartfelt gratitude to the current elected officers and vacated the current offices. **Nominating Chairman Lisa Cartini** performed the Installation Ceremony for the new Officers.

Incoming President Barbi Cudney gave an opening statement.

Chaplain Nita Landes gave a closing prayer.

The 49th Annual NYSOMOTC Saturday General Meeting was adjourned by **President Mary Grace Roach** at 3:53 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lorena Cutt
Recording Secretary


Myriam Lavora
Minutes Approval Committee


Michele Camilleri
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Recommended for Approval, this date October 18, 2014

