



NYSOMOTC

Sunday Board Meeting Minutes

April 30, 2017

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**President Lorena Cutt** called the 2017 Sunday Executive Board Meeting to order at 8:28am.

**Chaplain Nita Landes** opened the meeting with a prayer.

**President Lorena Cutt** reported that the Board Directory, Equipment, and Badge inventory lists were being circulated.

**Parliamentarian Kathlene Lyman** and **Advisor Barbi Cudney** will remain in their positions, with the approval of the Executive Board.

**Minutes Approval Committee – Myriam Lavora** and **Barbi Cudney** were appointed by President Lorena Cutt.

**President Lorena Cutt** welcomed everybody and hoped everyone had a great weekend. She had a great weekend and wished everyone a good trip home.

**Recording Secretary Lori Connolly** (Greater Rochester MOTC) called the Roll. Present were: **President Lorena Cutt** (Greater Rochester MOTC), **Vice President Michele Szatkowski** (Greater Rochester MOTC), **Treasurer Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens), **Recording Secretary Lori Connolly** (Greater Rochester MOTC), **Advisor Barbi Cudney** (Westside Suburban MOTC) **Parliamentarian Kathlene Lyman** (Schenectady MOTC), **Archivist Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens), **Calligrapher Nita Landes** (Westside Suburban MOTC), **Chaplain Nita Landes** (Westside Suburban MOTC), **Club Scrapbook Page Chairman Michele DelleBovi** (WNY MOMS), **Librarian Sharon Witul** (WNY MOMS), **Midterm Meeting Chairman Michele Szatkowski** (Greater Rochester MOTC), **MSS Treasurer/Vice Chairman Kathlene Lyman** (Schenectady MOTC), **MSS Committee Members Cathy Renko** (Westside Suburban MOTC) and **Barbi Cudney** (Westside Suburban MOTC), **Newsletter Editor Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens), **Nominating Chairman Susie Smith** (MOTC Suffolk), **Nominating Committee Member Lisa Cartini** (POM of CNY), **Photographer Sharon Atti** (WNY MOMS), **Procedure Manual Chairman Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens), **Research/Twin Data Registry Chairman Doreen Grenci** (MOTC Suffolk), **State Meeting Co-Liaisons Pam Reussow and Ruth Barone** (Greater Rochester MOTC), **2017 State Meeting Chair Pam Reussow** (Greater Rochester MOTC), **2017 State Meeting Co-Chairman Ruth Barone** (Greater Rochester MOTC), **2018 State Meeting Chair Lorena Cutt** (Greater Rochester MOTC), **2018 State Meeting Co-Chair Myriam Lavora** (MOTC Queens), **Ways and Means Chairman Sharon Wetzel** (WNY MOMS), **Ways and Means Committee Members Peggy Fiorini** (POM of CNY) and **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), **Sharon Witul** (WNY MOMS), **Michele Camilleri** (MOTC Queens), **Ruth Barone** (Greater Rochester MOTC), and **Barbi Cudney** (Westside Suburban MOTC).

**President Lorena Cutt** reported that **Glenda Chappell** (TNT of CNY) will be co-chairing MSS Fundraising.

**Treasurer Michele Camilleri** reviewed the proposed budget with the Board. We are leaving the AV budget as is because we don't know what the costs will be for the 2018 State Meeting. The Ways and Means budget line was



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increased to \$795 and the Midterm Chairman was decreased to \$5. A copy of the proposed budget is attached. **President Lorena Cutt made the statement: "If there are no objections, I, President Lorena Cutt, will accept the proposed 2017-2018 fiscal year budget as presented."** There were no objections.

**MSS Treasurer Kathlene Lyman** reported that the 2017 lottery raffles raised \$423, the remaining calendar dates that were sold this weekend brought in \$140. The calendar total is \$1,747 for the 2017 MSS Fundraiser. **President Lorena Cutt** suggested that we try to think of another way to raise funds for the scholarship. Discussion was held on the benefit of adding the MSS donation line to the registration.

**Midterm Meeting Chair Michele Szatkowski** stated that the meeting will be Saturday, October 21, 2017. We will try to get together Friday night for dinner. \$104 for the room rate and be sure to contact the hotel by September 1, 2017 to reserve your room. Michele will be sure to have the information about how to use your tax-exempt on the Midterm registration form. She will also add the MSS donation line to the registration.

**Newsletter Editor Michele Camilleri** announced that the Newsletter deadline is May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Michele also reminded everybody to submit an article for the newsletter introducing themselves in their position, even the committee members. She also likes to receive pictures and articles from the State Reps. The Calendar of Events was handed out, for all to be aware of the deadlines for the newsletter. She reminded everyone that articles should be written considering the coming months.

**National/State Liaison Past Chairman Ruth Barone** will work with Mary Grace Roach to create the Multiples of America convention booklet ad. They will forward it to President Lorena Cutt for her approval and send it to Multiples of America.

**Procedure Manual Chairman Myriam Lavora** advised that she provided the six Officers, the Archivist and the Procedure Manual Chairman their revised procedure packets. As a result of the Friday Executive Board meeting there are a few revisions that are lining up for next year which she will work on. She will work with Michele to post them on the website. The badge list is circulating, if you need a badge for your position, see Myriam.

**2017 State Meeting Chair and Co-Chair Pam Reussow and Ruth Barone** let us know that there were 3 raffle baskets left, but she is checking with the raffle chairman to see if they match her tickets. Ruth advised that they have a tote and two boxes with paper products, serving trays, doilies and silverware for the 2018 Hospitality room. They turned over the raffle tickets and bags with number to **Glenda Chappell** for the 2018 raffle room. They have 2 left over prizes from the Saturday night event that they gave away at the meeting. They also had left over decorations and soda to give away.

**2018 State Meeting Chair Lorena Cutt** will go back and meet with the hotel and talk about things that were brought up, like desserts for the Saturday night event. It will be dinner on your own and just do desserts and maybe cheese for the event. She will look into a Food-truck rodeo, this would be off site. We are working on a DJ for that night and the chairs for the Saturday night event have themes. **Kathlene Lyman** wondered if we can have crock-pots in the Hospitality room. We have a good start to this meeting. The hotel contact has told us that we will all have riverside



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rooms and there is an outdoor pool which will be enclosed by our State Meeting.

Lorena showed everyone and explained the logo designs that were given to her. She passed them around for everyone to view them before the vote was taken to select the winning logo. Workshop ideas were discussed: Easy crafts for kids and grandkids, healthy food ideas, problem solving, project for others, glamour shots of back to the future, chair massage or foot massage, a turtle craft, mani/pedi, bar-tending class, Wegmans food demo, yoga, cupcake decorating, makeup booth, wine tasting, card making, scrapbook decorating frames, family friendly recipe exchange, facial, paint night, guided painting, info about college, first aid/CPR class, how to bring romance back to your marriage, plus others. Lorena will send a list out so we can pick our top ten; the workshops will be selected from the overall top ten choices.

**Old business:** None

**New business:**

1. **2017 State Meeting Co-Chair Ruth Barone** brought up a question about whether or not a local club can use their tax exempt certificate for purchases for things that a hotel provides. Ruth is not asking the organization to consider becoming a 501(c)3. She contacted Multiples of America to ask the question, she also contacted an auditor that audits the books at the non-for profit organization that she works for. The auditor says to be on the safe side, you should not use the tax exempt certificate except for anything but your local club. If they find out you used it, it could cause some issues for you. The Treasurer from Multiples of America stated that they are not able to give tax advice and they recommend contacting a tax professional. Based on feedback from other members hosting conventions in their state, it is our understanding that if the state has a 501(c)(3) the state organization can use the tax exempt certificate, however if the 501(c)(3) is in the local clubs name, they cannot use the tax exempt certificate because the convention is in state's name, not in the local clubs name. Your club could try to use their tax exempt certificate with the hotel. The hotel will usually let the person know if it can be used or not. You could also contact your state government to ask them about this. Then Ruth contacted our **Treasurer Michele Camilleri** to find out if we are a 501(c)(3), we are not, we are a 501(c)(4), a social welfare organization. According to Multiples of America and a tax professional, the only way that we should be using the tax exempt certificate is for your local club, for their benefit. It should not be used to pay for anything at the State Meeting. **Linda Gettings** commented that she needed to show proof that a non-profit organization was asking for a donation, if we can't use it for things like that, then we are not going to get any donations. **Michele Camilleri** added that in the letter, from Multiples of America, it states that they cannot use it because it is in the state's name, we do not put our conventions in the state's name, you are doing it for the state. She suggests we get more clarification on that comment, because it is the local club that is hosting it, and it is separate, and it is in our by-laws that it is a separate thing hosted by a local club. The local club hosts the State Meeting and the checks are through the local clubs. That is a technical point that we need further clarification on. **Barbi Cudney** states that even with the 2018 State Meeting, which the Executive Board is hosting, the local clubs will be helping with this next State Meeting. To Barbi, that is still in the local realm and should qualify us to be able to use it. **Kathlene Lyman** stated that if her club donated two bins of paper products for the State Meeting, the money would come out of their club treasury, so they could use their tax exempt certificate. But if they are



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1 hosting, this is where the question is not very clear. **President Lorena Cutt** thinks that we do need to investigate  
2 it a little more to clarify. If we can give them scenarios, like scenario A - GRMOTC hosts the convention for the  
3 organization, yes or no; can they use their tax exempt certificate? Scenario B - the State Board hosts convention,  
4 can local clubs, who are chairing one of the events of the State convention use their tax exempt certificate to  
5 purchase supplies? **Ruth Barone** asked what are the ramifications because the State organization is a 501(c)(4)  
6 verses a 501(c)(3)? **Michele Camilleri** asked if Ruth could go back to her tax professional and ask these  
7 questions. Ruth will get more information, from a tax professional, on whether a local club can purchase items  
8 with their tax exempt for a state meeting they are hosting. Once she finds out more information, she will pass it  
9 on to President Lorena Cutt, who will then email the findings to the Executive Board. **Michele Camilleri** let us  
10 know that in the by-laws, all meetings should be held in New York State, and only member clubs shall host. The  
11 State Meeting should be self-sustaining. The State organization does not receive any money; it goes from one  
12 club to the next. If you are receiving donations and you are 501(c)(3), your local club can write the letter, not  
13 the State organization. The club that is hosting will receive the donation and see the profit along the lines.  
14 By-law, article 10, section 6, indentation E and F. **President Lorena Cutt** stated that once we have these rules, it  
15 should go in the State Meeting Guidelines for any future clubs or scenarios are clearly outlined.

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17 2. **Chaplain Nita Landes** reported that she had been given this weekend some members' names who have passed. As  
18 a reminder, State Reps need to send the information to her, using the 'Information for the Chaplain' form which is  
19 in the procedure manual. **President Lorena Cutt** asked Vice-President Michele Szatkowski to add this  
20 on her newsletter article to remind the state reps – club news for the Chaplain, use the form in the manual.

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22 3. **President Lorena Cutt** showed everyone the logos again. Lorena numbered all the logos and during the break,  
23 the board members were to pick their top 3 logos.

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25 A ten minute break was taken at 10:00am. The meeting reconvened at 10:14am.

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27 4. **Lisa Cartini** stated that there has never been a new slate of officers after one year. She is wondering if we could  
28 have the elected officers serve a two year term. **Myriam Lavora** let us know that would be a by-law change.  
29 The by-laws state that it is a one year term with a max of two years consecutively. One of the reasons is that we  
30 didn't want to lock someone into a two-year commitment. We have nomination and installations once every  
31 year. **Michele Camilleri** stated that in all of the years of the organization, only one president served the one  
32 year term. **Peggy Fiorini** talked about the time it takes at the meetings to do this and we are trying to get the  
33 younger/newer moms to keep coming. We could always hold a special election if someone cannot do both  
34 years. **President Lorena Cutt** will add this to Old Business to discuss at the Midterm Meeting.

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36 5. **President Lorena Cutt** brought up that Myriam Lavora would like to step down from being MSS Chairman for at  
37 least a year, and that she has not been able to fill the position. Myriam would like Lorena to see if someone  
38 could take over the MSS Chairman, but she could be a sub until a new person is in place. Myriam will be Acting  
39 MSS Chairman until a replacement is found. Lorena will add this to her newsletter article.

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41 6. **President Lorena Cutt** stated that she was thinking about the Publicity position and that maybe it should be



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enhanced to include social media, like Facebook and our website. **Myriam Lavora** mentioned that talking about changes, looking forward, renewing and revisiting all things that are not working anymore, this is a classic example. This is a good example of a position that no longer works the way it was intended. If the publicity can now be made available to other social media, that is more effective. **Ruth Barone** was wondering if we take Publicity and incorporate it into the Website, and pull **Phoebe Kannisto** in to work on social media. **Michele Szatkowski** stated that if we pull Publicity into the Website, then we would be eliminating a board position. She thinks that we should enhance the Publicity position to include the social media. We will add this to Old Business for further discussion at Midterm. In the meantime, **President Lorena Cutt** will reach out to Phoebe Kannisto and current Publicity Chairman Janet Hranek.

**Announcements:**

**2018 State Meeting Raffles:** **Michele Camilleri** reported that \$537.00 was raised from raffle.

**Results of the Logo contest:** **Michele Camilleri** informed that the top three choices were: #9, #8 and #5. **Kathlene Lyman** had a few suggestions for coloring, black and silver, in #9 and in the numbers in #8. **Michele** announced that #9 is the winner, which was designed by **Andrea True** of Greater Rochester MOTC.

**Past Presidents:** **Michele Camilleri** hoped everyone had a good time as she did; she wished everyone well and a safe trip home. **Myriam Lavora** thanked Pam and Ruth for all the work that they put into the past 2 years. She loved the lake and the serenity that it transpired into the feel of the weekend; she looks forward to Owego. **Sharon Witul** was really excited to come to this convention because she knew it would be fun. **Nita Landes** said thank you for a wonderful convention, it was one of the best. She was going to a shower for her 21<sup>st</sup> grandchild, Andrew. **Ruth Barone** wished all safe travels home and she would see us in Owego. **Barbi Cudney** thanked Ruth and Pam, she loved the theme, and flip flops are one of her favorite things. It was so serene and relaxing, it was just a great time. She is glad to see everybody and hopes to see a lot of people at Midterm. God speed on the way home.

**Myriam Lavora** mentioned that she liked the Saturday morning breakfast in the meeting and asked if that was part of the plan. **Pam Reussow** said that it was the plan to try to get more people to come to the meeting in the morning. It seems like it worked and we had a better turnout. Because of the breakfast in the meeting, hospitality did not need to be opened.

**Chaplain Nita Landes** read a closing prayer.

**President Lorena Cutt** adjourned the Executive Board Meeting at 10:46am.



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