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2019 Midterm Board Meeting Minutes

Michele Camilleri
Recording Secretary
10/19/19



2019 Midterm Executive Board Meeting
Saturday – October 19, 2019
Quality Inn, Vestal

The 2019 Midterm Board Meeting was called to order at 8:37 AM by **President Susie Smith**.

Chaplain Joanne Czajkowski gave the Opening Prayer.

President Susie Smith announced the passing of Sharon Atti's mom and Lorena Cutt's dad. Cards were passed for both.

Midterm Chairman Michele Szatkowski announced the hotel has been sold.

President Susie Smith stated that all conversations have a ten-minute limit. She also asked that everyone project their voices so we can all hear.

President Susie Smith appointed **Myriam Lavora and Barbi Cudney** to the **Minutes Approval Committee**.

Recording Secretary Michele Camilleri called the Roll. Present were: **President Susie Smith, Vice President Lisa Cartini, Treasurer Michele Szatkowski, Recording Secretary Michele Camilleri, Parliamentarian Mary Grace Roach, Archivist Michele Camilleri, Calligraphy Mary Grace Roach, Chaplain Joanne Czajkowski, Club Scrapbook Page Contest Chairman Susie Venditti, Membership Pins Chairman Michele DelleBovi, Midterm Meeting Chairman Michele Szatkowski, Midterm Meeting Co-Chairman Shirley Savage, MSS Treasurer/Vice Chairman Kathleen Lyman, MSS Committee Member Barbi Cudney, MSS Committee Member Myriam Lavora, MSS Committee Member Pam Reussow, MSS Committee Member Linda Redmond, MSS Committee Alternate Vikki Quinn, Newsletter Contest Chairman Kristen Pace, Newsletter Editor Ericka D'Auria, Nominating Chairman Kristen Pace, Nominating Committee Member Kristina Bird, Procedural Manual Chairman Myriam Lavora, Research/Twin Data Registry Doreen Greci, State Meeting Co-Liaison Kathy Brousseau, State Meeting Co-Liaison Kathleen Lyman, 2020 State Meeting Co-Chairman Renee Orr, 2021 State Meeting Co-Chairman Peggy Fiorini, 2021 State Meeting Co-Chairman Susie Venditti, State National Liaison Kathy Brousseau, Unity Project Chairman Jill Cerchia, Twin Photo Registry Co-Chairman Diana Donovan-Campisi, Ways & Means Chairman Sharon Wetzel, Ways & Means Committee Member Peggy Fiorini, Webmaster Michele Szatkowski, Website/Social Media Committee Member Michele Camilleri, Website/Social Media Committee Member Lori Connolly, Website/Social Media Committee Member Phoebe Kannisto, Past Presidents: Myriam Lavora, Shirley Savage, Michele Camilleri, Ruth Barone, Joanne Czajkowski, Mary Grace Roach, Barbi Cudney.**

OFFICERS' REPORTS:

President Susie Smith gave her report. Attached.

Vice President Lisa Cartini gave her report. Attached. Total clubs registered 12 with 519 members.



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Recording Secretary Michele Camilleri gave her report. Attached. The minutes for the 2019 Friday Executive Board Meeting were presented for corrections: The corrections were: page 2 line 34 remove the extra t from the word tot towards the end of the line; remove the word “for” after ‘A written request’; page 3 line 46 correct spelling of Kristian to Kristen; page 4 line 7 correct Kristian to Kristen and same line correct Jeanne to Janine.

President Susie Smith gave a unanimous consent statement. **“If there are no objections I, President Susie Smith, will accept the 2019 Friday Executive Board Meeting Minutes of May 3, 2019 as corrected at this 2019 Midterm Board Meeting of October 19, 2019.”** There were no objections.

The minutes for the 2019 Sunday Executive Board Meeting were presented. There were no corrections.

President Susie Smith gave a unanimous consent statement. **“If there are no objections I, President Susie Smith, will accept the 2019 Sunday Executive Board Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2019 as presented at this 2019 Midterm Board Meeting of October 19, 2019.”** There were no objections.

The minutes for the 2019 Saturday General Meeting were presented for corrections. The corrections were: page 4 line 32 correct Daniele Eton to Daniela Eaton; line 34 bold **Phoebe Kannisto**; line 35 change WNY Moms to MOTC Suffolk; page 6 line 19 correct Janine to Jeannine and page 7 line 29 corrected to ‘the handling of donations or cards for members or family members who have passed.’

“I, Myriam Lavora, a member of MOTC Queens, at this NYSOMOTC Executive Board Meeting, move to recommend that the Saturday General Meeting minutes of May 4, 2019 be presented to the General Membership for their consideration and approval at the 2020 Saturday General Meeting.” The motion was seconded by **Shirley Savage**. The motion was approved.

Treasurer Michele Szatkowski reported the following: General Fund Opening \$7145.21, Total Income \$2716.00, Total Expenses \$1039.59, Closing Balance \$8821.62. Eleanor Siegel Fund Opening Balance \$604.37, Total Income \$2000, Total Expenses \$2014.58 Closing Balance \$515.87. Attached.

Parliamentarian Mary Grace Roach gave her report. Attached

Advisor Lorena Cutt absent. **President Susie Smith** reviewed the Evaluation Forms. Report attached. **Editor Ericka D’Auria** commented on the evaluation arrival time. Please stress the importance of listing arrival for scheduling of workshops to your membership’s attendees.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Archivist: Michele Camilleri gave her report. Attached.

Calligraphy Mary Grace Roach discussed her abilities to perform in this position.



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1 **Chaplain Joanne Czajkowski** discussed what she had done in her position. Report
2 attached. She has a book with information on those members who had passed away.
3 **Past President Barbi Cudney** stated she created albums for members who passed.
4 **Procedure Manual Chairman Myriam Lavora** recommended that we put an article in
5 the Presidential Papers asking for photos and information to add to the book. If we are
6 unable to update or add further information the book will be archived.

7 **Club Scrapbook Page Contest Chairman Susie Venditti** gave her report. Attached.
8 The theme for 2020 State Meeting will be “Best Moments with friends.”

9 **Librarian Sharon Witul** absent. **President Susie Smith** read her report. She is always
10 looking for new ideas and is reviewing the Bibliography.

11 **Marie Simmons Scholarship Chairman Linda Goldsworthy** absent. **Kathy Lyman**
12 gave the report. Attached. Applications are available and the deadline for submission
13 is February 20, 2020.

14 **Marie Simmons Scholarship Treasurer/Vice Chairman Kathleen Lyman** report
15 given. Opening Balance \$4889.21, Total Income \$1127.00, Total Expenses \$500.00,
16 Closing Balance \$5516.21. Report attached.

17 **Marie Simmons Scholarship Fundraiser Nancy Converse** absent. No report. The
18 calendars were distributed by Nancy prior to the meeting. She will be collecting Lottery
19 Tickets for the raffle at the 2020 State Meeting. The calendars are due to Nancy
20 postmarked by March 15, 2020.

21 **Membership Pins Michele DelleBovi** gave her report. Attached.

22 **Midterm Meeting Michele Szatkowski** reported there are 36 members registered with
23 35 attending; 10 clubs represented; 7 State Reps and 5 club presidents. She further
24 stated the contract we have with the Quality Inn may be voided by the new owners. **Co-**
25 **Midterm Chairman Shirley Savage** stressed the importance of Michele establishing a
26 deadline as to the hotel honoring the contract or not so that we can move on if
27 necessary. Michele will update the Executive Board on the status of the contract within
28 the next few weeks.

29 **Webmaster Michele Szatkowski** gave her report. Attached. Password for the
30 Executive Board is Friendship and for Member Clubs is Brings Unity (space between
31 brings and unity)

32 **Newsletter Contest Kristen Pace** gave her report. Attached. **President Susie Smith**
33 asked if all clubs have a newsletter and discovered many do not.

34 **Nominating Chairman Kristen Pace** gave her report and asked that everyone submit
35 a resume. Attached. Kristina Bird will cover District 1, Hope Kauffman will cover District
36 2, Jane Martinec will cover District 3 and Janine Weber will cover District 4.

37 **President Susie Smith** called for a break at 10 AM. **President Susie Smith** recalled
38 the meeting at 10:22 AM.



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President Susie Smith asked all board members to submit a report to the Recording Secretary for the Minutes.

Pop up raffles were called.

Newsletter Editor Ericka D'Auria gave her report. Attached. She asked that everyone submit an article for the next newsletter or any newsletter.

Photographer Sharon Atti absent. **Sharon Wetzel** gave the report. Photos for 2019 State Meeting were available in CD and thumb drive.

Procedure Manual Chairman Myriam Lavora gave her report. Attached.

Research/Twin Data Registry Doreen Greci gave her report. Attached. The survey for 2020 will be "NICU experience of Twins Moms."

2019 State Meeting Chairman Kathy Brousseau and Co-Chairman Kathleen Lyman presented the overage \$1178.87 from the 2019 State Meeting to the 2020 State Meeting Committee and gave their Final Report. Attached. **Kathleen Lyman** stated the turtle initiation during the Saturday night event interfered with her scheduled activities. It was decided to move it outside Saturday Event. The Turtle initiators will meet with the Convention Chairman to set up an appropriate time. A thank you for the donation to the Ronald McDonald House of Capital Region was read. **Kathleen Lyman** stated that Linda Goldsworthy paid for a table at Show and Sell. Kathy was unsure if this should be used. An additional \$20 was donated. A discussion followed on to where to donate this money: for purchase of cards from Meghan Roach to use as thank you cards, or should the money go to Show and Sell for the purchase of a table as stipulated by Linda Goldsworthy. The money will be deposited as a Show & Sell Table purchase.

2020 State Meeting Co-Chairman Renee Orr gave the report. She felt they are all set for the next State Meeting. Third Call was turned over to the President for corrections and review. There will be a Niagara Falls Tour on Thursday and the Scandalous Buffalo Tour on Thursday both include dinner after. Many workshops are available including oil making and mixology. A Comedy Show and Dinner is scheduled for Friday Night. Saturday Night will be a 'Carnival of Friendship'. Renee asked about what to do for the Service Project. **Past President Myriam Lavora** pointed out that the 2020 convention will be the 55th Annual State Meeting. **Past President Shirley Savage** suggested that we consider bringing the Service Project into the meeting. **President Susie Smith** did not think it would be a good idea as it could distract from the meeting and interfere with those giving reports and presentations. Renee asked if anyone would donate raffles. **President Susie Smith** suggested 1 raffle donation from each club and 1 from each Executive Board Member. Each club is still asked to contribute an item for the Chinese Auction.

President Susie Smith called for a lunch break at 11:35 am. **President Susie Smith** recalled the meeting at 1:08 pm.



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3 **Recording Secretary Michele Camilleri, Parliamentarian Mary Grace Roach,**
4 **Archivist Michele Camilleri, Calligraphy Mary Grace Roach, Chaplain Joanne**
5 **Czajkowski, Club Scrapbook Page Contest Chairman Susie Venditti, Membership**
6 **Pins Chairman Michele DelleBovi, Midterm Meeting Chairman Michele**
7 **Szatkowski, Midterm Meeting Co-Chairman Shirley Savage, MSS Treasurer/Vice**
8 **Chairman Kathleen Lyman, MSS Committee Member Barbi Cudney, MSS**
9 **Committee Member Myriam Lavora, MSS Committee Member Pam Reussow, MSS**
10 **Committee Member Linda Redmond, MSS Committee Alternate Vikki Quinn,**
11 **Newsletter Contest Chairman Kristen Pace, Newsletter Editor Ericka D'Auria,**
12 **Nominating Chairman Kristen Pace, Nominating Committee Member Kristina Bird,**
13 **Procedural Manual Chairman Myriam Lavora, Research/Twin Data Registry**
14 **Doreen Greci, State Meeting Co-Liaison Kathy Brousseau, State Meeting Co-**
15 **Liaison Kathleen Lyman, 2020 State Meeting Co-Chairman Renee Orr, 2021 State**
16 **Meeting Co-Chairman Peggy Fiorini, 2021 State Meeting Co-Chairman Susie**
17 **Venditti, State National Liaison Kathy Brousseau, Unity Project Chairman Jill**
18 **Cerchia, Twin Photo Registry Co-Chairman Diana Donovan-Campisi, Ways &**
19 **Means Chairman Sharon Wetzel, Ways & Means Committee Member Peggy**
20 **Fiorini, Webmaster Michele Szatkowski, Website/Social Media Committee Member**
21 **Michele Camilleri, Website/Social Media Committee Member Lori Connolly,**
22 **Website/Social Media Committee Member Phoebe Kannisto, Past Presidents:**
23 **Myriam Lavora, Shirley Savage, Michele Camilleri, Ruth Barone, Joanne**
24 **Czajkowski, Mary Grace Roach, Barbi Cudney.**

25 **2021 State Meeting Co-Chairmen Susie Venditti and Peggy Fiorini** and POM of
26 CNY are excited to host the meeting. The theme is "Return to the fun in 2021!" The
27 dates are April 29, 2021 – May 2, 2021 at the Embassy Suites in Syracuse. The rooms
28 are \$119 per night and are all suites. Breakfast and a Manager's Reception are
29 included with your stay. Tax exempt forms are due to the hotel one week before the
30 meeting.

31 **State Meeting Co-Liaisons Kathy Brousseau and Kathy Lyman** had no report but
32 stated they are available to help and offer guidance.

33 **State/National Liaison Kathy Brousseau** reviewed the 59th Annual NOMOTC
34 Convention. Report and Ad attached.

35 **Twin Photo Registry Diana Donovan-Campisi** asked everyone to send items for the
36 Photo Registry. A discussion followed about a digital presentation being played at the
37 next State Meeting. Diana and Melissa will continue to work on this.

38 **Unity Project Jill Cerchia** has not received any items, she asked that you send photos,
39 recipes and stories.

40 **Ways & Means Sharon Wetzel** gave her report. Attached. The theme this year is
41 "Friends" Sharon had suggestions for basket and passed around a sign-up sheet.



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Old Business:

Electronic Banking – Treasurer Michele Szatkowski discussed the options for electronic banking. **President Susie Smith** asked if we would be willing to try this option out. There was a discussion and we agreed that this should be implemented. “**I, Michele Szatkowski, a Member of GRMOTC, at this NYSOMOTC Executive Midterm Board Meeting, move that we include in the options for payment electronic banking using Zelle.**” The motion was seconded by **Pam Reussow**. Motion passed. **President Susie Smith** wanted this process in place by April 2020 so that we may inform the membership that this process can be used.

Flowers for Memorial Service – President Susie Smith asked the Chaplain to confirm the number of stems needed so that a flower can be placed for each deceased member instead of taking the stems out during the ceremony and reusing them. **Michele Szatkowski** was able to donate 50 from her employer. **Michele Szatkowski** will go back to her employer and ask for a total donation of 150 stems.

MoM’s Info Center - President Susie Smith started a conversation on whether it was time to end this program. A discussion followed. It was suggested we put info about each position on Facebook, in the Convention Booklet, and on the table. It was decided that we would not continue with the Moms Info Center. Another discussion followed on where we would present the Photo Albums, Newsletter Contest Entries as well as the Club Scrapbook Page Contest entries. It was decided these items would be placed in the Raffle Room and then brought into the General Meeting. **Twin Photo Registry Co-Chairman Diana Donovan-Campisi** will work on additional digital frames for older photos to be displayed. By a show of hands all were in favor of ending the Moms Info Center.

Super State Rep Point changes - President Susie Smith started a conversation on what the proposed changes to the criteria are. A discussion followed. This matter will be presented again with input for the State Reps at the 2020 Friday Executive Board Meeting. All suggestions should be sent to Lisa Cartini by December 31.

New Business:

President Susie Smith asked, ‘**What does state give to the members?**’ Is there something else we should be offering to the membership that will help bring more people in. **Mary Grace Roach** discussed that she feels the organization is about what we, the members give to the organization. **Kathleen Lyman** felt that networking with other members of State was an asset. The community service project and research are newly expanded items that we offer back to the membership. The Marie Simmons Scholarship is one of the best ways we give back and although not everyone applies it is an opportunity. It was decided that we would ask the MSS recipients to update us on how the scholarship changed their lives.



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The Past Presidents were called on and shared their news and wished everyone well.
Raffles were drawn for the conventions.
Chaplain Joanne Czajkowski gave the closing prayer.
President Susie Smith adjourned the Meeting at 2:28 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Camilleri – Recording Secretary
Myriam Lavora – Minutes Approval Committee
Barbi Cudney – Minutes Approval Committee