



*New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs  
Midterm Executive Board Meeting - Saturday, October 15, 2022  
Quality Inn, Vestal*

**President Lisa Cartini called the NYSOMOTC Midterm Board Meeting on Saturday October 15, 2022, to order at 8:40 AM.**

**Chaplain Kathlene Lyman** was absent. **Nominating Chair Kathy Brousseau** read the Opening Reflection.

**President Lisa Cartini** welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**President Lisa Cartini** appointed **Myriam Lavora** and **Lori Connolly** to the **Minutes Approval Committee**.

**President Lisa Cartini** passed around the Equipment and Badge Inventory lists.

**Recording Secretary Michele Camilleri** called the Roll. Present were: **President Lisa Cartini**, **Vice President Barbi Cudney**, **Treasurer Lorena Cutt**, **Recording Secretary Michele Camilleri**, **Advisor Susie Smith**, **Parliamentarian Ruth Barone**, **Archivist Michele Camilleri**, **Calligraphy Cathy Renko**, **Librarian Kristina Bird**, **Marie Simmons Scholarship Committee Member Merry Chiu**, **Marie Simmons Scholarship Member Myriam Lavora**, **Marie Simmons Scholarship Committee Member Cathy Renko**, **Marie Simmons Scholarship Fundraiser Diana Donovan-Campisi**, **Membership Pins Michele DelleBovi**, **Midterm Board Meeting Chair Shirley Savage**, **Midterm Board Meeting Co-Chair Mary Lou Surmik**, **Newsletter Contest Chair Merry Chiu**, **Nominating Chair Kathy Brousseau**, **Nominating Committee Member Kristina Bird**, **Nominating Committee Member Linda Goldsworthy**, **Nominating Committee Member Cathy Marsicano**, **Procedure Manual Chair Myriam Lavora**, **Research Mariko Denton**, **Twin Data Registry Doreen Greci**, **2023 State Meeting Co-Chair Mariko Denton**, **2024 State Meeting Co-Chair Susie Smith**, **Twin Photo Registry Diana Donovan-Campisi**, **Ways and Means Chair Sharon Wetzell**, **Webmaster Susie Smith**, **Website/Social Media Committee Member Michele Camilleri**, **Website/Social Media Committee Member Lori Connolly**. **Past Presidents: Nita Landes**, **Myriam Lavora (2X)**, **Shirley Savage**, **Michele Camilleri (2X)**, **Ruth Barone**, **Linda Goldsworthy**, **Barbi Cudney**, **Lorena Cutt**, **Susie Smith**.

**OFFICERS' REPORTS:**

**President Lisa Cartini** gave an overview of her activities so far this year. Report attached.

**Vice President Barbi Cudney** gave her report on the status of membership. Report attached.



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2 **Recording Secretary Michele Camilleri** presented the 2022 Friday Executive Board  
3 Meeting Minutes for corrections. The following corrections were made page 2 line 34  
4 change "a new bank" to Chase; page 3 line 6 remove "the"; page 3 line 11 capitalize the "P"  
5 in Parliamentarian; page 3

6 line 17 change "this recommendation" to the Dissolution recommendation; page 4 line 14  
7 add the word "of"; page 4 line 35 add a period after the word year, remove the word  
8 however and capitalize She; page 5 line 15 add Rep after Super State; page 5 line 19  
9 capitalize "Ain't No Stopping Us Now"; page 5 line 41 change Board Password to  
10 NewYear22.

11 **"I, Myriam Lavora, a member of MOTC Queens at this NYSOMOTC Executive Board**  
12 **meeting, move we accept the Minutes of Friday April 29, 2022, Executive Board**  
13 **Meeting as corrected."** Seconded by **Linda Goldsworthy**. All were in Favor.

14 **Recording Secretary Michele Camilleri** presented the 2022 Sunday Executive Board  
15 Meeting Minutes for corrections. The following corrections were made page 3 line 14  
16 create a new paragraph Certificates of Merit; page 3 line 16 add "a" after the word as; page  
17 3 line 26 make maybe into two words; page 4 line 10 remove "Co" from Co-Chair; page 4  
18 line 25 add a period after well wishes, Capitalize All and remove the word "is".

19 **"I, Myriam Lavora, a member of MOTC Queens at this NYSOMOTC Executive Board**  
20 **meeting, move we accept the Minutes of Sunday May 1, 2022, Executive Board**  
21 **Meeting as corrected."** Seconded by **Nita Landes**. All were in Favor.

22 **Recording Secretary Michele Camilleri** presented the 2022 Saturday General Meeting  
23 Minutes for corrections. The following corrections were made: page 1 line 1 add  
24 NYSOMOTC; page 1 line 18 add an "e" to Barone; page 4 line 6 remove the word "to" after  
25 State Meeting; page 5 line 9 add an "e" to Barone; page 6 line 17 remove one "I" for  
26 Daniele; page 7 line 7 add "be" after everyone to; page 7 line 10 add NYSOMOTC.

27 **"I, Myriam Lavora, a member of MOTC Queens, at this NYSOMOTC Executive Board**  
28 **Meeting, move to recommend we present the corrected Meeting Minutes of the**  
29 **Saturday General Meeting, April 30, 2022, to the membership for approval."** Seconded  
30 by **Susie Smith**. All were in favor.

31 **Treasurer Lorena Cutt** stated she has set up the new account with Chase Bank and we  
32 will be able to use Zelle. She informed us that option would be available immediately. The  
33 account will use the email [nysomotcpays@gmail.com](mailto:nysomotcpays@gmail.com). She presented the financial  
34 statements for the General Fund Opening Balance \$6648.04, Total Income \$1444.50, Total  
35 Expense \$549.42, Closing Balance \$7543.12; and the Eleanor Siegel Fund Opening  
36 Balance \$357.44, Total Income \$2165.00, Total Expenses \$2074.10 Closing Balance  
37 \$448.34.



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**President Lisa Cartini** called a break at 9:30 am. She recalled the meeting at 9:58 am.

**Parliamentarian Ruth Barone** reported her activities for the first half of the year. Report attached.

**Advisor Susie Smith** reviewed the 2022 State Meeting Evaluation. Report Attached.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Archivist Michele Camilleri** discussed highlights of the First State Meeting. Report attached.

**Calligraphy Cathy Renko** stated that the work for her position does not begin until closer to the State Meeting. Report attached.

**Chaplain Kathlene Lyman** absent. **Kathy Brousseau** read her report. Attached. The Chaplain felt the Memorial Service needs to be updated. Discussion followed.

**Parliamentarian Ruth Barone** reviewed the Procedure Manual. It was decided that the Chaplain will send out the Memorial Page to the State Reps. They will review the names, letting the Chaplain know which club each name listed belongs to. A member of their local club will state the names of their members during the Memorial Service. The flowers will be placed in the vase by a club representative at the State Meeting. The six officers will place the flowers while the Chaplain reads the names of the members who are not represented during the Memorial Service by a club member. **Chaplain Kathlene Lyman** will be informed of the changes for her to prepare the service for the next State Meeting.

**Club Scrapbook Page Contest** - we do not have a chair for this position. **President Lisa Cartini** read a description of what this position entails. **Melissa Cocchiara**, Westside Suburban MOTC, volunteered to be the Chair.

**Librarian Kristina Bird** gave her report. Attached.

**Marie Simmons Scholarship Chair Shira Dubey** absent. Report read by **Advisor Susie Smith**. Report attached. The Committee needs an alternate. **Vice President Barbi Cudney** volunteered.

**Marie Simmons Scholarship Treasurer/Vice Chair Kathlene Lyman** absent. MSSF Opening Balance \$10,427.35 Total Income \$604.00 Total Expenses \$2000.00 Closing Balance \$9031.35. **Recording Secretary Michele Camilleri** recommended increasing the amount of the scholarships. Discussion followed. This matter will go to the MSS Committee for discussion, and they will present their proposal at the Friday Executive Board Meeting.



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**Marie Simmons Scholarship Fundraiser Diana Donovan-Campisi** gave her report. Attached. She asked how well the Google Form worked for the State Reps. Discussion followed. It was agreed to use the Google Form, a hard copy is also available. **Dawn McDonald** stated that she was unaware that funds could be collected and presented after the October 1 deadline. \$730 was collected in Scratch off ticket sales.

**Membership Pins Michele DelleBovi** gave her report. Attached. **President Lisa Cartini** presented Nita with her 55<sup>th</sup> Pin.

**Newsletter Contest Merry Chiu** gave her report. Attached. Newsletter Entry Form will be included in the Presidential Papers.

**Newsletter Editor Ericka D'Auria** absent. **Advisor Susie Smith** read her report. Please remember to write your articles and submit them in accordance with the deadlines.

**Nominating Chairman Kathy Brousseau** gave her report and presented the Eligibility List for Nominating Chair and President. Report attached. She noted the additions to the Board: **Barbi Cudney** is the Marie Simmons Scholarship Committee Alternate and **Diana Miller** will take on the State/National Liaison position.

**Photographer Sharon Atti** absent. Report Attached. **Advisor Susie Smith** read her report.

**Procedure Manual Myriam Lavora** reviewed the changes to the Procedure Manual including recommendations from the Board Members as well as changing the word usage of Chairman to Chair and using gender neutral identification wording. She gave her report. Attached. She distributed the manual revisions to the Officers and the Archivist. The Eleanor Siegel Memorial Book has not been updated in many years. With the help of the Membership, we will use the Memorial Page created by the Chaplain each year for the Program Booklet and that page will be added to the Memorial Book. The Club Scrapbook Page plaque is not in our possession. The Newsletter Contest plaques are in the possession of the Newsletter Chair. It was suggested that we no longer use the plaques and instead create a virtual plaque on the website. The winners do receive a certificate. It was proposed that we present certificates in a frame for the First Place recipients. Question as to why the Twin Photo Registry Chair received the Club Scrapbook Pages as opposed to the Scrapbook Page Contest Chair. **Vice President Barbi Cudney** stated that she recalls since the Twin Photo Registry has the albums it would be better for her to carry these albums as well.

**Research Mariko Denton** gave her report. Attached. She received some ideas for the new project. This year's project is: *"Relationships between Multiples."* It will be sent via Google Forms. Mariko reviewed the survey. Additional suggestions were made on fine tuning the survey.



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**President Lisa Cartini** called the Lunch Break at 12:08. She recalled the meeting at 1:07 PM

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**Twin Data Registry Doreen Greci** gave her report. Attached.

**2022 State Meeting Chair Peggy Fiorini and Co-Chair Susie Venditti** absent. **President Lisa Cartini** gave the 2022 State Meeting Final Report. Attached. The 2022 State Meeting overage check in the amount of \$1199.39 was presented to the 2023 State Meeting Committee.

**2023 State Meeting Co-Chairs Mariko Denton (and Renee Orr** absent) gave the report on the 2023 State Meeting. The dates are May 4-7, 2023. Third Call will be sent December 1, 2022. Please let the State Meeting Committee know the color of tickets for any raffles that may be available at the State Meeting so that they can purchase matching tablecloths to guide the participants to place the correct tickets for the collect drawing. They are also running a monthly gift card raffle beginning November 1.



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**2024 State Meeting Co-Chairs Susie Smith (& Janine Weber absent)** reported the 2024 State Meeting will be at the Smithtown Hyatt. "Broadway" is the theme. The dates are April 11– 14, 2024.

**State Meeting Co-Liaisons Peggy Fiorini & Susie Venditti** absent. **Advisor Susie Smith** read the report. Attached.

**State/National Liaison Diana Miller** gave a report on the National Convention. They will be doing virtual next year.

**Twin Photo Registry Diana Donovan-Campisi** gave her report and asked that everyone contribute to the registry.

**Unity Project Jane Martinec** absent. **President Lisa Cartini** read her report. Attached.

**Ways & Means Chair Sharon Wetzel** gave her report. Attached. The theme for this year is "I am going to Buffalo and I'm taking..."

**Website Susie Smith** gave her report. Attached. **Cathy Marsicano** asked if all club members could post fundraisers on the Facebook Member's Group page. It was agreed that they could.

**President Lisa Cartini** called a break at 1:50 pm. She recalled the meeting at 2:03 pm.

**Old Business:**

**1. Renaming of Chinese Auction - Procedure Manual Chair Myriam Lavora** began the discussion on possible new names for this fundraiser. Discussion followed. It was agreed it would now be called the State Raffles. By a show of hands all agreed.

**2. Lottery Tickets Fundraiser – Procedure Manual Chair Myriam Lavora** suggested instead using Scratch-off Tickets Fundraiser to avoid any issues with the State "Lottery".

**3. MSS Scratch-off Ticket Raffle - Marie Simmons Fundraiser Diana Donovan-Campisi** drew the winners and announced that 2 were from POM of Nassau, 2 were from MOTC Suffolk and 1 was from Westside Suburban MOTC.

**4. Renaming Chaplain - Nominating Chairman Kathy Brousseau** discussed changing the name as the religious title may be intimidating for some. Discussion followed. It was decided to call the position Reflections Chair. By a show of hands all agreed.

**5. Renaming Calligraphy – Chair Cathy Renko** suggested calling this position Certificates Chair. By a show of hands all agreed.





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- 2 **6. Question as to why Nancy Converse was not continuing as Marie Simmons**
- 3 **Scholarship Fundraiser - President Lisa Cartini** discussed the situation. She read a
- 4 letter that was approved by the Elected/Appointed Officers. Letter attached.
- 5 **7. Procedures for Vacancies - Parliamentarian Ruth Barone** discussed how a position
- 6 is filled after a vacancy. Bylaw Article 5 Officers Section 4 was vague on what to do to
- 7 fill a vacancy. Notice of filling a vacancy must always be given to the membership to
- 8 allow them to participate in filling vacancies of the Elected Officers. She will present the
- 9 Bylaw change at the Friday Board Meeting in May 2023 for discussion and presentation
- 10 to the membership at the 2023 Saturday General Meeting. A two third vote is required
- 11 to approve the proposal.
- 12 **8. Eleanor Siegel Memorial Fund –** This year a donation line item for the Eleanor Siegel
- 13 Fund was added to the Midterm Registration Form. Donations totaling \$175 were
- 14 collected from the 2022 Midterm Registration. **President Lisa Cartini** stated we will
- 15 continue to have MSS donation options on the State Meeting Registration Form and
- 16 Eleanor Siegel donation requests on the Midterm Meeting Registration Form. All
- 17 agreed.
- 18 **9. Signatures on Resumes - Parliamentarian Ruth Barone** reiterated the question the
- 19 Nominating Chair asked at 2022 Sunday Meeting - could the line requiring a signature
- 20 be removed. **Nominating Chair Kathy Brousseau** stated she did not realize that she
- 21 could sign the resumes when she asked for the removal of the signature for Officers
- 22 and Board Members. Therefore, no change will be made to the form at this time.
- 23 **10. Question by Kathlene Lyman why she was not awarded her 35-year Membership**
- 24 **Pin at the 2022 State Meeting – Parliamentarian Ruth Barone** discussed the
- 25 investigation and its results. Kathy Lyman was present at the meeting and registered as
- 26 a Delegate but did not submit a Registration Form or money. It was agreed that she is
- 27 entitled to the Membership Pin, and it will be presented to her at the 2023 Saturday
- 28 General Meeting. It was further asked if any other members were impacted by this.
- 29 **Membership Pins Chair Michele DelleBovi** stated that Jane Martinec also attended.
- 30 Further discussion followed. It was decided anyone who registered for 2020 were
- 31 automatically given their credit for attending. This included those who already submitted
- 32 their registration. Anyone who attended the Virtual meeting would also receive credit for
- 33 attending the 2020 meeting. **Membership Pins Chair Michele DelleBovi** as 2020
- 34 State Meeting Treasurer will create a list of those registered and refunded and those
- 35 who attended the Zoom Meeting will receive credit for attending. **Advisor Susie Smith**
- 36 will create a list of those who attended the 2020 Zoom State Meeting as she has the
- 37 recording for the meeting.
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**New Business:**

1. **Midterm Board Meeting Chair Shirley Savage and Co-Chair Mary Lou Surmik** reported 28 members attended the meeting representing 9 clubs. We went to Donoli's for dinner on Friday. \$175 was collected for the Eleanor Siegel Fund on the registration form. Report attached. Shirley discussed the issues with the hotel and the increase in costs. When the Sales Manager passed away the hotel stated there was no contract. We did have a contract for 2022, 2023 and 2024. The hotel wishes to increase the costs of rooms as well as fees for the meeting room. Shirley will check out other hotels in the area to see what our options are. **Linda Goldsworthy** suggested a Zoom Meeting hook up for Midterm. **Michele Camilleri** suggested we consider moving the meeting to the Albany area. **Nominating Chair Kathy Brousseau** will look into hotels in Albany area. We will table this discussion until the Friday Board Meeting.
2. **2024 State Meeting Co-Chair Susie Smith** began a discussion on increasing the State Meeting Registration fee and referenced Bylaw Article 9 Section 3 Registration Fee proposed an increase in the registration fee from \$40 to \$50 for State Meeting and Midterm. Guest fees would be \$55. Discussion followed. **Michele Camilleri** suggested a survey asking the membership about future increases in the registration fee and possibly adding a fee for the Saturday Night event.

**"I, Michele Camilleri, a member of MOTC Queens, at this NYSOMOTC Executive Board Meeting, move that we increase the Registration Fee for Midterm and State Meeting to \$50."** Seconded by **Myriam Lavora**. All were in favor with one abstaining.

3. **Resignations for all other positions – Parliamentarian Ruth Barone** asked to clarify if we needed to add resignations for all other board positions to Bylaw Article 5. **Procedure Manual Chair Myriam Lavora** stated that the General Procedures page in the Procedure Manual explains the resignation protocol of all other board positions. It was agreed to leave the process in place as it stands.
4. **Change to MSS Fundraising – President Lisa Cartini** discussed sending the MSS Fundraising packets through email and allowing the return of the information via email. It was agreed that we will try it out and then update procedures.
5. **Credentials Mailing Electronically vs. US Postal Service - Parliamentarian Ruth Barone** suggested changing to Standing Rule IV. Publications Letter C - to consider sending/receiving the credential mailing electronically vs. US Postal. It was agreed that we would try this for 2023 and then change the Standing Rule. **Procedure Manual Chair Myriam Lavora** suggested the Parliamentarian send a notice prior to





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the credential mailing date and inform the State Reps of the change in sending out and returning the forms for this year.

**“I, Myriam Lavora, at this NYSOMOTC Executive Board Meeting, move that the 2023 Credentials be sent electronically or via US Mail to the State Reps, Officers and Past Presidents.” Barbi Cudney** seconded. All were in favor.

**6. Contest Plaques - Procedure Manual Chair Myriam Lavora** asked for clarification on the status of the plaques for the Newsletter and Club Scrapbook Page Contests. The Club Scrapbook Page Contest plaque’s location is unknown. It was agreed all plaques will be archived. Starting next year, certificates will be created and framed which will be presented to the First-Place winners; the clubs will be acknowledged on the website.

**Past Presidents** were called upon. They all commented that it was nice to see everyone and what a good meeting we had.

**Chaplain Kathlene Lyman** absent. Closing Reflection read by **Kathy Brousseau**.

**President Lisa Cartini** adjourned the 2022 NYSOMOTC Midterm Board Meeting at 4:02 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Camilleri – Recording Secretary

Lori Connolly – Minutes Approval

Myriam Lavora – Minutes Approval