

**New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs
Saturday General Meeting – May 6, 2023
Embassy Suites by Hilton - Buffalo**

1 Presentation of Colors and Pledge of Allegiance by a local Girl Scout Troop.

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3 **The 58th Annual NYSOMOTC State Meeting was called to order at 8:56 AM by**
4 **President Lisa Cartini.**

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6 **Chaplain Kathlene Lyman** gave the opening reflection and discussed “New
7 Beginnings”.

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9 **President Lisa Cartini** reminded everyone to silence cell phones. She also stated that
10 all discussions would be limited to 10 minutes.

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12 **President Lisa Cartini** appointed **Lori Connolly** of Greater Rochester MOTC and
13 **Linda Morgan** of WNY Moms to the Minutes Approval Committee.

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15 **President Lisa Cartini** welcomed the membership to the meeting.

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17 **Recording Secretary Michele Camilleri** called the Roll. Present were: **President Lisa**
18 **Cartini, Vice President Barbi Cudney, Treasurer Lorena Cutt, Recording Secretary**
19 **Michele Camilleri, Advisor Susie Smith, Parliamentarian Ruth Barone. Past**
20 **Presidents: Nita Landes, Myriam Lavora (2X), Sharon Witul, Shirley Savage,**
21 **Michele Camilleri (2X), Ruth Barone, Linda Goldsworthy, Barbi Cudney, Lorena**
22 **Cutt, Susie Smith. Club Delegates: Greater Rochester MOTC Lori Connolly, MOTC**
23 **Queens Myriam Lavora, MOTC Suffolk Doreen Greci, POM of CNY Peggy Fiorini,**
24 **Schenectady MOTC Jane Martinec, Southern Tier MOTC Mary Lou Surmik, WNY**
25 **MOMs Dawn McDonald, Westside Suburban MOTC, Cindy Sanger, Nassau County**
26 **POM Merry Chiu.**

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28 **President Lisa Cartini** asked for volunteers to act as Pages during the meeting. She
29 appointed: **Laurel Schwartz WNY MOMs** and **Kristina Bird Westside Suburban**
30 **MOTC.**

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Parliamentarian Ruth Barone gave the Delegates Report; Clubs Represented 9 Delegates Votes 27, Officers Votes 6, Past Presidents Votes 12, Total registered Votes 45. Majority + 1 24. Two Thirds 30. She then reviewed the Voting Procedures.

President Lisa Cartini appointment **Diana Miller Nassau County POMC, Cathy Marsicano Nassau County POMC** as Tellers.

REPORTS:

President Lisa Cartini gave her report discussing her activities during the year.

Vice President Barbi Cudney gave her report on her activities during the year.

Recording Secretary Michele Camilleri presented the Saturday General Meeting Minutes for any corrections.

Recording Secretary Michele Camilleri presented the 2022 Saturday General Meeting Minutes. There were no corrections. **"If there are no objections, I, President Lisa Cartini will accept the Minutes for the April 30, 2022 Saturday General Meetings presented this day, May 6, 2023, Annual State Meeting."**

2023 State Meeting Co-Chairs Renee Orr and Mariko Denton (WNY MOMs) gave their report of the activities.

Treasurer Lorena Cutt reported on the Eleanor Siegel Fund: Opening Balance \$357.44, Total Income \$2370.03, Total Expense \$2074.10, Closing Balance \$653.37.

Audit Committee Kathy Brousseau and Michele Camilleri reviewed the Books for the Eleanor Siegel Fund and were found to be correct. **"If there are no objections, I, President Lisa Cartini will accept the Audit Report for the Eleanor Siegel Fund as presented this day, May 6, 2023, Annual State Meeting."**

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Treasurer Lorena Cutt reported on the General Fund Opening Balance \$6648.04, Income \$10131.97 Expenses \$10312.48 Closing Balance \$ 6467.53.

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MSS Treasurer Kathlene Lyman Opening Balance \$10427.35 Income \$3074.00 Expense \$2065 Closing Balance \$11436.35

Audit Committee Kathy Brousseau and Michele Camilleri reviewed the Books for the NYSOMOTC Marie Simmons Scholarship Fund and were found to be correct. **"If there are no objections, I, President Lisa Cartini will accept the Audit Report for the Marie Simmons Scholarship Fund as presented this day, May 6, 2023, Annual State Meeting."**

Parliamentarian Ruth Barone gave her report. She presented the proposed changes/additions to the Bylaws and Standing Rules. She also stated that all motions would require a 2/3 vote to approve as these proposals were not published in advance of the meeting.

Proposed change on to how to handle vacancies in Elected/Appointed Officer and how to fill their unexpired term.

"I, Linda Goldsworthy, a member of POM of CNY, at this NYSOMOTC Annual State Meeting, move to approve the recommended change to Article V Officers Section 4 Letter B as presented." Seconded by **Kathy Brousseau**. All were in favor. Motion approved.

Proposed changes to create guidelines on resignations and the appointment of a replacement.

"I, Shirley Savage, a member of Southern Tier MOTC, at this NYSOMOTC Annual Meeting, move that the changes to Article VI Executive Board Add Section 5

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Resignation be accepted as presented.” Seconded by **Myriam Lavora**. All were in favor. Motion Approved.

Proposed change on the wording for the Nominating Chair and Committee.

“I, Linda Goldsworthy, a member of POM of CNY, at this NYSOMOTC Annual Meeting, move to accept the proposed amendment to Article VII Nominations & Elections Letter A, current Section A will now become Section B, Section C remains the same.” Seconded by **Myriam Lavora**. All were in favor. Motion Approved.

Changing the name of Chaplain to Reflections and Calligraphy to Certificates.

“I, Lori Connolly, a member of Greater Rochester MOTC, at this NYSOMOTC Annual Meeting, move Article VII Section 2 State Committees changes be accepted as presented. Motion seconded by **Myriam Lavora**. All were in favor. Motion approved.

Changing Standing Rule requirement the Midterm Board Meeting be held in the Binghamton Area.

“I, Linda Goldsworthy, a member of POM of CNY, at this NYSOMOTC Annual Meeting, move to approve the I Meetings Letter C – Midterm to read: The location of the Midterm Executive Board Meeting will be determined with the approval of the President in consultation with the Elected/Appointed Officers.” Seconded by **Myriam Lavora**. All were in favor. Motion approved.

Proposed changes to the mailing of credentials

“I, Barbi Cudney, a member of Westside Suburban MOTC, at this NYSOMOTC Annual Meeting, move, to amend Standing Rule IV Publications C to read the credential mailing will be sent via regular mail and/or electronically based on the preference of the State Reps, Officers, and Past Presidents.” Seconded by **Lori Connolly**. All were in favor. Motion approved.

It was previously agreed to stop using the plaques.

“I, Shirley Savage, a member of Southern Tier MOTC, at this NYSOMOTC Annual Meeting, move that Standing Rule V Plaques be removed.” Seconded by **Barbi Cudney**. All were in favor. Motion approved.

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1 Discussion on using gender neutral terminology in the Marie Simmons Scholarship's
2 Guidelines.

3 **"I, Linda Goldsworthy, a member of POM of CNY, at this NYSOMOTC Annual**
4 **Meeting, move to approve the recommended change of Chairman to Chairperson**
5 **and use nongender specific pronouns throughout the guidelines document."**

6 Seconded by **Peggy Fiorini**. All were in favor. Motion approved.

7 Apply new responsibilities to the MSS Fundraiser.

8 **"I, Myriam Lavora, a member of MOTYC Queens, a this NYSOMOTC Annual**
9 **Meeting, move to approve the recommended changes to Article 5 Marie Simmons**
10 **Fundraiser Letter E as presented.** Seconded by **Janine Weber**. All were in favor.

11 Motion approved.

12 Proposed change to Birth Certificate requirement for the MSS Application to include
13 birth certificate of applicant and multiple birth children.

14 **"I, Janine Weber, a member of MOTC Suffolk, at this NYSOMOTC Annual Meeting,**
15 **move to approve the recommended changes to the MSS Guidelines #8**
16 **Applications Letter H as presented."** Seconded by **Pam Reussow**. All were in favor.

17 Motion approved.

18 **Advisor Susie Smith** gave her report. She presented President Lisa Cartini with her
19 President's Plaque and Past President pin.

21 President Lisa Cartini called a Break at 10:55. She recalled the meeting at 11:08

23 **Recording Secretary Michele Camilleri** called the Roll. Present were: **President Lisa**
24 **Cartini, Vice President Barbi Cudney, Treasurer Lorena Cutt, Recording Secretary**
25 **Michele Camilleri, Advisor Susie Smith, Parliamentarian Ruth Barone.** Past
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Twin Data Registry Doreen Grenci gave her report.

Research Survey Mariko Denton presented the results of the survey - Relationships
between multiples.

Acting Nominating Chair Linda Goldsworthy gave her report. She then presented
the Eligibility List for President and Nominating Chair.

President Lisa Cartini called for nomination from the floor. **Jane Martinec** nominated
Kathy Brousseau for President. Kathy accepted the nomination. There were no other
nominations for President. **Linda Gettings** nominated **Pam Reussow** for Vice
President. Pam accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations from Vice
President. **Linda Goldsworthy** nominated **Michele Camilleri** for Recording Secretary.
Michele accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations for Recording
Secretary. **Barbi Cudney** nominated **Susie Smith** for Treasurer. Susie accepted the
nomination. There were no other nominations for Treasurer. Each of the nominees were
called upon to introduce themselves.

**“I, Michele Camilleri, as Recording Secretary for the New York State Organization
of Mothers of Twins Clubs, and on behalf of its membership, cast one vote Kathy
Brousseau for the office of President, Pam Reussow for the office of Vice
President, Michele Camilleri for the office of Recording Secretary and Susie Smith
for the office of Treasurer.**

President Lisa Cartini called for nominations from the floor for Nominating Chair.

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1 **Kathy Brousseau** nominated **Ruth Barone** for Nominating Chair. There were no other
2 nominations for Nominating Chair.

3 **President Lisa Cartini** called for nominations from the floor for Nominating Committee
4 (4 members). **Ruth Barone** nominated **Cathy Marsicano**. Kathy accepted the

5 nomination. **Peggy Fiorini** nominated **Linda Goldsworthy** Linda accepted the

6 nomination. **Shirley Savage** nominated **Mary Lou Surmik**. Mary Lou accepted the

7 nomination. **Merry Chiu** nominated **Jane Martinec**. Jane accepted the nomination.

8 **Janine Weber** nominated **Michelle Kessner**. Michelle accepted the nomination. **Linda**

9 **Goldsworthy** withdrew her name from consideration. **Ruth Barone** candidate for

10 Nominating Chair introduced herself. Each candidate for Nominating Committee

11 Member was called upon to introduce themselves. “**I, Michele Camilleri, as Recording**

12 **Secretary for the New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs, and on**

13 **behalf of its membership cast one vote for Ruth Barone for the office of**

14 **Nominating Chair, Cathy Marsicano Nominating Committee Member, Mary Lou**

15 **Surmik Nominating Committee Member, Jane Martinec Nominating Committee**

16 **Member and Michelle Kessner Nominating Committee Member.**

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18 **President Lisa Cartini** called for bids for the 2025 State Meeting. As none came

19 forward this matter was tabled until after Lunch to allows clubs to discuss the idea of

20 hosting.

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22 **Reflections Chair Kathlene Lyman** conducted the Memorial Service: She reminded

23 anyone who wished to step out of the room may do so.

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25 **President Lisa Cartini** called the Lunch Break at 12:21 pm.

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27 **President Lisa Cartini** recalled the meeting at 1:58 pm.

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29 **Recording Secretary Michele Camilleri** called the Roll. Present were: **President Lisa**

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2024 State Meeting Invitational Skit: MOTC Suffolk presented their skit for the 2024 Co-Chairs **Susie Smith and Janine Weber** discussed their plans. The dates are April 11 – 14, 2024 at the Hauppauge Hyatt. Room Rates are \$155 per night. The Theme is "Broadway".

Club Scrapbook Page Contest Chair Melissa Cocchiara reported 6 clubs participated. 3rd Place Westside Suburban MOTC, 2nd Place WNY MOMs, 1st Place POM of CNY. The other participants were GRMOTC MOTC, MOTC Suffolk and Schenectady MOTC.

Bid for 2025 State Meeting: **Westside Suburban MOTC** offered to host with **Kristina Bird** and **Karyn Audycki** will be the Co-Chairs. "I, **Michele Camilleri**, as **Recording Secretary for the New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs** and on behalf of its membership cast one vote for Westside Suburban MOTC to host the **2025 NYSOMOTC State Meeting.**"

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Newsletter Contest Chair Merry Chiu presented the results of the contest. Nassau County POMC, MOTC Suffolk, WNY MOMs participated in the contest. Westside Suburban MOTC stated they sent in their newsletters to participate but it was not received. 3rd Place WNY Moms, 2nd Place Nassau County POMC, 1st Place MOTC Suffolk.

Vice President Barbi Cudney announced the State Reps for each of the member clubs and presented them with their certificates. Super State Rep Awards were presented to **Doreen Greci - MOTC Suffolk, Diana Miller - Nassau POMC, Lisa Cartini - POM of CNY, Jane Martinec – Schenectady MOTC, Dawn McDonald - WNY MOMs, Kristina Bird – Westside Suburban MOTC , Myriam Lavora - MOTC Queens.**

Marie Simmons Scholarship Chair Shira Dubey presented the 2023 Scholarships to: Joey Drake and Mary Ftiha. She read Thank You letters from each recipient as they were unable to attend.

MSS Fundraiser Diana Donovan Campisi reported the Calendar Raffle raised \$1540. The winning date was chosen.

Membership Pins Chair Michele DelleBovi presented the Membership Pins. There was one first time attendee **Diana Miller**. Three 5 Year Recipients – **Stephanie Leinoff – Nassau County POMC, Cathy Marsicano – Nassau POMC and Mariko Denton – WNY MOMs. 20 Year Recipient – Dawn MacDonald, 25 Year Recipient – Tracy Shaner Westside Suburban MOTC. 30 Year Recipients – Nancy Cootware POM of CNY, Susie Venditti POM of CNY, Anita Roach Westside Suburban MOTC, Sharon Atti WNY MOMs. 35 Year Recipients – Kathlene Lyman Schenectady MOTC, Ruth Barone Greater Rochester MOTC, Shirley Savage Southern Tier MOTC, Mary Lou Surmik – Southern Tier MOTC, 40 Year recipients – Anne Clements - Westside Suburban MOTC, Sharon Wetzel WNY MOMs.**

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Midterm Executive Board Meeting Chair Shirley Savage gave a recap of the 2022 Midterm Meeting. **Kathy Brousseau** discussed the 2023 Midterm Executive Board to be held in Albany Area. Room Rate are \$129.

State/National Liaison Diana Miller July 27-29 in Orlando, FL at Walt Disney World.

Website Social Media/Webmaster Susie Smith reviewed the changes to the website and gave the passwords for the website are as follows: Club Members MariE2023 and Board Members 23ForMe.

Old Business: None

New Business:

2023 Midterm Executive Board Meeting Date Change. **Kathy Brousseau** asked for approval to change the date of the Midterm Board October 13- 14, 2023. Discussion followed. **Parliamentarian Ruth Barone** stated that Article VI Section 3 Letter b requires the Midterm Executive Board Meeting be the 3rd Saturday in October. **“I, Shirley Savage, a member of Southern Tier MOTC, at this NYSOMOTC Annual State meeting, move to set aside Article VI Executive Board Section 3 Meeting Letter B “The third weekend of October for 2023.”** Seconded by **Myriam Lavora**. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Linda Goldsworthy suggested reviewing the entire gender labeling process regarding sexual identification. This matter was tabled.

Installation Of Officers – Susie Smith - Treasurer, Michele Camilleri - Recording Secretary, Pam Reussow - Vice President, Kathy Brousseau - President.

Each Past President was called on to give their thoughts.

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Announcements:

President Lisa Cartini asked that Delegates and Alternates return their empty name pouches, so they may be reused next year. She reminded Board Members (incoming and outgoing to attend the Sunday Board Meeting to transfer files and equipment.

Reflections Chair Kathlene Lyman gave the closing inspiration.

The 58th Annual NYSOMOTC Saturday General Meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm by newly installed President Kathy Brousseau.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Camilleri - Recording Secretary

Linda Morgan - Minutes Approval Committee

Lori Connolly - Minutes Approval Committee