



New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs
Friday Executive Board Meeting - April 25, 2025
Woodcliff Hotels & Spa Fairport

President Kathy Brousseau called the 2025 Friday Executive Board Meeting to order at 8:38 am.

Reflections Kathlene Lyman gave the Opening Reflection. She read two quotes that pertain to us. The first one was from Helen Keller which says, "Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much." The second one is unknown, "Trees without roots fall over." Westside Suburban is dedicating this meeting to Nita Landes. Kathy thought "Nita is the main root of our tree. Then there are other roots and those come from the people who have been here for 30, 40 years. First time attendees are the new branches. We are growing this family tree in this sisterhood of Mothers of Twins." During this reflection, a cardinal landed on the railing, looked into the window and then flew away.

President Kathy Brousseau welcomed everyone to the meeting.

President Kathy Brousseau appointed **Lori Connolly** as **Recording Secretary (Acting)** for the Friday Executive Board meeting and **Lorena Cutt** as **Recording Secretary (Acting)** for the Saturday General meeting.

President Kathy Brousseau appointed **Myriam Lavora** and **Barbi Cudney** to the Minutes Approval Committee.

Recording Secretary (Acting) Lori Connolly called the Roll. Present were: **President Kathy Brousseau, Vice President Pam Reussow, Treasurer Susie Smith, Recording Secretary (Acting) Lori Connolly, Advisor Lisa Cartini, Parliamentarian Ruth Barone, Certificates Cathy Renko, Club Scrapbook Page Contest Chair Melissa Cocchiara, Librarian Kristina Bird, Marie Simmons Scholarship Chair (Acting) Myriam Lavora, Marie Simmons Scholarship Vice Chair/Treasurer Lorena Cutt, Marie Simmons Scholarship Committee Member Lori Connolly, Marie Simmons Scholarship Committee Member Barbi Cudney, Marie Simmons Scholarship Committee Member Sharon Witul, Marie Simmons Scholarship Fundraiser Diana Donovan-Campisi, Membership Pins Chair Michele DelleBovi, Midterm Meeting Chair Lorena Cutt, Midterm Meeting Co-Chair Lori Connolly, Newsletter Contest Chair Melissa Cocchiara, Newsletter Editor Ericka D'Auria, Nominating Chair (Acting) Jane Martinec, Nominating Committee Member Michelle Kesner, Nominating Committee Member Cathy Marsicano, Photographer**



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1 **Karyn Audycki, Procedure Manual Chair Myriam Lavora, Reflections Kathlene**
2 **Lyman, State Meeting Liaison Susie Smith, 2025 State Meeting Co-Chair Kristina**
3 **Bird, 2025 State Meeting Co-Chair Tracy Schaner, 2026 State Meeting Co-Chair**
4 **Ruth Barone, 2026 State Meeting Co-Chair Kathy Brousseau, State/National**
5 **Liaison Diana Miller, Twin Data Registry Doreen Grenci, Twin Photo Registry**
6 **Sharon Witul, Unity Project Jane Martinec, Ways & Means Chair Sharon Wetzel,**
7 **Ways & Means Committee Member Peggy Fiorini, Ways & Means Committee**
8 **Member Linda Gettings, Webmaster Susie Smith, Website/Social Media**
9 **Committee Member Lori Connolly. Past Presidents: Myriam Lavora (2X), Sharon**
10 **Witul, Ruth Barone, Linda Goldsworthy, Barbi Cudney, Lorena Cutt, Susie Smith,**
11 **Lisa Cartini.**

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13 **2025 State Meeting Co-Chairs Kristina Bird and Tracy Schaner** welcomed everyone
14 to the 2025 State Meeting. If you have any concerns, please contact Kristina or Tracy.
15 We will have Breakfast before the Saturday Meeting. There will also be breakfast for
16 the Sunday Board Meeting.

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18 **OFFICERS' REPORTS:**

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20 **President Kathy Brousseau** gave her final report. Report attached.

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22 **Vice President Pam Reussow** gave her report. We have 12 clubs, 321 members. She
23 has worked on the Super State Rep Awards which will be presented at the Saturday
24 Meeting. Report attached.

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26 **Recording Secretary (Acting) Lori Connolly** presented the October 19, 2024,
27 Midterm Executive Board Meeting Minutes for corrections. The following were
28 corrected: Page 1, line 28, add the word committee before Lori, Page 2, line 34, change
29 income to \$2,315.15, Page 3, line 18, change income to \$1,865, Page 6, line 8, add the
30 word committee before Lori, Page 6 line 30, add s to the word vendor. Page 7, line 1,
31 change 6 to VI, add Executive Board after VI, add Members after 1. **"I, Myriam Lavora,**
32 **a member of MOTC Queens, at this NYSOMOTC Executive Board Meeting, move**
33 **that the minutes of the 2024 Executive Midterm Board Meeting be accepted as**
34 **corrected."** Seconded by **Lorena Cutt**. All were in favor. Motion carried. **Lori**
35 **Connolly** read **Recording Secretary Michele Camilleri's** report. Report attached.



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Treasurer Susie Smith gave her report. Eleanor Siegel Fund Opening Balance \$794.47 Income \$2,470.24 Expenses \$2,000 Closing Balance \$1,264.71. She also did a comparison of expenses for this year and last year. General Fund Opening Balance \$5,941.95 Income \$732 Expenses \$5,902.76 Closing Balance \$4,106.44. Report attached.

President Kathy Brousseau appointed **Melissa Cocchiara** and **Barbi Cudney** to the Audit Committee. They will audit the General Fund, Eleanor Siegel Fund, and the Marie Simmons Scholarship Fund.

Parliamentarian Ruth Barone gave her report. Report attached. **Parliamentarian Ruth Barone** mentioned that we will need tellers at the Saturday meeting. The tellers cannot be running for office, have a member of their club running for an office or be a member of a club bidding for a future State Meeting. They may be a delegate or alternate.

As a result of the discussion at the Midterm Executive Board Meeting regarding the email vote process, **Parliamentarian Ruth Barone** presented the proposed amendments to the Bylaws which are recommended for a vote at the Saturday General meeting. **Parliamentarian Ruth Barone** mentioned that this will require a 2/3 vote as the proposed amendments were not pre-published to the membership.

Amendment to the Bylaws Article VI – Executive Board, Section 1 Member, Letter D: amend sub-bullet four and five and add sub-bullet six as follows:

- **Provide instructions how the Board Members are to cast their vote using specific words in their response of Yes or No.**
- **Second email is sent to those Executive Board Members who have not responded. If no response is received within three days, the vote will not be considered in the final tally.**
- **Approval is based on a majority of the votes cast by the Executive Board.**

No further discussion followed.

“I, Diana Miller, a member of Nassau County POMC, at this NYSOMOTC Executive Board Meeting, move to amend Article VI, Executive Board, letter D: amend sub-bullet four and five and add sub-bullet six, as presented.” Seconded by **Myriam Lavora**. All were in favor. Motion carried.



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Amendment to the Bylaws Article IX – Section 6 Vote: add Letter C to state: In the event an elected or appointed officer is unable to attend the State Meeting and an acting member of the Executive Board is appointed, the vote of the elected or appointed officer will be assigned to the individual appointed to take their place.
No further discussion followed.

“I, Myriam Lavora, a member of MOTC Queens, at this NYSOMOTC Executive Board Meeting, move to add Letter C to Article IX State Meeting Section 6 Vote as presented.” Seconded by **Diana Miller**. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Advisor Lisa Cartini gave her report. Report attached.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Archivist Michele Camilleri absent. Report read by **Susie Smith**. Discussion on various options for a storage unit for archived items. **President Kathy Brousseau** suggested that a committee be formed to come up with a recommendation of how to move forward. Tabled until the Sunday Executive Board Meeting. Report attached.

Ways and Means Chair Sharon Wetzel gave her report. The baskets are fantastic, she made labels for the bags and the baskets. She is looking forward to selling tickets this weekend. Report attached.

President Kathy Brousseau called a break at 10:04 am. The meeting was called back to order at 10:17 am.

Certificates Cathy Renko gave her report. She created the certificates as requested. Report attached.

Club Scrapbook Page Contest Chair Melissa Cocchiara gave her report. Theme is "60 years of Diamond Smiles." Five entries this year. Report attached.

Librarian Kristina Bird gave her report. Report attached.

Marie Simmons Scholarship Chair (Acting) Myriam Lavora reported on the committee's work during the past months. The committee suggested increasing the



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calendar fundraiser to 2 dates for \$5. The board members were in favor of the proposed increase. The committee will meet to discuss the changes in the MSS Procedural Guidelines/Bylaws and will bring their findings to the Midterm Meeting. One scholarship will be awarded this year. Recipient Brooke Carter. Report attached.

Marie Simmons Scholarship Treasurer/Vice Chair Lorena Cutt gave her report. Opening Balance \$9,649.35, Income \$2,235, Expenses \$3,538.91, Closing Balance \$8,345.44. Report attached.

MSS Fundraiser Diana Donovan-Campisi was absent from the meeting at this time. **Susie Smith** read the report. Eight clubs participated in the MSS calendar raffle and raised \$864. Report attached.

Membership Pins Chair Michele DelleBovi gave her report. Pins will be distributed at the Saturday General Meeting. Report attached.

Midterm Executive Board Meeting Chair Lorena Cutt gave her report. She reviewed the 2024 Midterm Board Meeting. The expenses were more than the income even with **President Kathy Brousseau** deciding to not incur the expense by staying at the hotel. The 2025 Midterm Board Meeting will be held by Zoom. A committee will get together to discuss the logistics of the Zoom meeting. Report attached.

Newsletter Contest Chair Melissa Cocchiara gave her report. Two clubs participated. She will present the winner at the Saturday General Meeting. Report attached.

Newsletter Editor Ericka D'Auria gave her report. Due date for next newsletter is May 6th. Report attached.

Nominating Chair (Acting) Jane Martinec gave her report. Report attached.

Photographer Karyn Audycki gave her report. Report attached.

Procedure Manual Chair Myriam Lavora gave her report. Report attached.



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2025 State Meeting Co-Chairs Tracy Schaner & Kristina Bird gave their report. 76 members registered, 9 clubs were represented and Show and Sell had 17 vendors. They presented the loan repayment of \$2000. Report attached.

2026 State Meeting Co-Chairs Ruth Barone & Kathy Brousseau gave their report. The theme is "All the Presidents' Friends". The hotel will be the Holiday Inn in Saratoga Springs. Report attached.

Reflections Kathlene Lyman gave her report. Report attached.

Research (Vacant)

State Meeting Liaison Susie Smith & Janine Weber gave their report. Report attached.

State/National Liaison Diana Miller read her report. The 2025 National Convention will be held in Tucson, Arizona. An ad has been created for the National Convention Booklet. Report attached.

Twin Data Registry Doreen Greci read her report. Report attached.

Twin Photo Registry Sharon Witul did not present a report. Suggested a name change. Discussion to be held at the Sunday Board meeting. Photos of twins, families, club events are included in the registry.

Unity Project Chair Jane Martinec gave her report and asked for items to be contributed to the Unity Book. Report attached.

Webmaster Susie Smith gave her report. Discussion on the topic of social media. Not everyone is on social media. Some are using Facebook, TikTok, Instagram and Pinterest. New Passwords: Club Members: LcL2526 Board Members: Xqtiv56 Report attached.

Old Business: None

New Business: None



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1 **Past Presidents** were called upon to give their thoughts.

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3 **Announcements: 2025 State Meeting Co-Chair Kristina Bird** stated that there is
4 lunch in the hospitality room, pizza, wings, pasta with sauce, meatballs, snacks, drinks
5 and desserts. The room will be open until 2pm. **Parliamentarian Ruth Barone** stated
6 that if you are a Delegate or Alternate, you could pick up your credentials at the
7 conclusion of the meeting.

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9 **Reflections Kathlene Lyman** gave the Closing Reflection.

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11 **President Kathy Brousseau** adjourned the Executive Board Meeting at 12:09 pm.

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13 Respectfully Submitted.

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16 Lori Connolly – Acting Recording Secretary

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19 Barbi Cudney – Minutes Approval

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22 Myriam Lavora – Minutes Approval