

**Emerald Valley Mothers of Multiples Club
General Monthly Meeting Minutes - April 3, 2018**

Kelley Mendoza, President called the business portion of the meeting to order at 7:20pm.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS

President: Kelley Mendoza

OFMOTC News

- Tracey, Kelley and Jennifer attended the Spring Board Meeting in Mansfield on March 23-24. For the 2018-2019 year, Jennifer will remain on the Executive Committee as the Executive Secretary and Kelley will remain as the Budget Chair. THANK YOU Tracey and Sheri for your *many* years serving on the OFMOTC Board or as a Committee Chair and representing Emerald Valley so well!
- The 69th Annual OFMOTC Convention “Fun at the Fair” will be in Canton, hosted by the Canton Mothers of Multiples on June 22 and 23rd, 2018. SAVE THE DATE! Emerald Valley pays for ½ of your room and lunch cost. It would be great to have a few new members attend.
- Member Appreciation Night will be Tuesday, April 17, 2018, at 6:30pm. Please join us at the Strongsville Brew Garden for a relaxing Mom’s night out. Emerald Valley would like to honor all of our moms for their membership dedication. Appetizers will be provided. An evite will be created and emailed out to all members. RSVP not mandatory but helpful so that we can be better prepared for seating and assortment of appetizers.
- The 2018-2019 executive board elections will take place. There are 2 open positions for our General Board. They are Publicity and Social. See Kelley or Kim Baga if interested.

1st Vice President: Kim Baga

Kim announced that if anyone is interested in either of the 2 open board positions of publicity or social, please let her know. She also stated that nominations for the Executive Board elections will take place after general business and then Katy will lead us into March of Dimes project of making bracelets and registering for the MOD walk.

2nd Vice President: Jeanette Louis

There are 15 members and 1 guest (prospective member) in attendance. Our total attendance is 16 people. Our prospective member is Tierra Freeman. Tierra has 7 kids including twin 2 year old boys named Everett James and James Everett.

Secretary: Sheri Bickerton

Sheri apologized for the delay in getting the meeting minutes created, emailed out to our members and posted to the website.

Treasurer: Katy Baddorf

● Beginning Balance as of	3/1/18	\$9545.76
● Withdrawals (4)		1805.33
● Deposits (4)		<u>6348.88</u>
● Ending Balance as of	3/31/18	\$14,089.31

Alumni Advisor: Rikki Price

Please check over your binders and make sure all documents are included as we think about transitioning to new officers soon.

Trustee #1: Tracey Miller

No Report

Trustee #2: Jennifer French

No Report

GENERAL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**Fundraising Primary: Christine Mazzeo**

Christine thanked everyone that participated and supported our club's Wing Night. It was a GREAT success! We raised \$4,260.66. The board may discuss the possibility of taking a year off from our primary fundraiser since we have had several profitable fundraisers in the past few years. We may just continue to have smaller (secondary) fundraisers throughout the year next year.

Fundraising Secondary: Kelley St. Clair

Kelley Mendoza reported for Kelley St. Clair. Please keep Kelley's daughter, Paige, in your thoughts and prayers as she will undergo emergency cataract eye surgery. A Sweet Frog's fundraiser is in the works. A poll was taken at the meeting to see what day is best. Those in attendance agreed that Sunday, May 6th is a tentative good day. We will check with Sweet Frog's and then date/time will be announced. On another note, an Amazon Smile account has been set up!! Emerald Valley will receive 0.5% of every eligible Amazon Smile purchase. Shopping Amazon Smile is the same as shopping Amazon. Same products, prices & services are offered. And Amazon Prime can still be utilized. Please visit the website <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/34-1248997> and set this as your default for all future Amazon purchases. Or you can google amazon smile and enter the organization you wish to support. In this case, please choose to support Ohio Federation Mothers of Twins Club Inc. This is our state club's name but Emerald Valley's tax ID is linked to this so the profit checks will be mailed to Emerald Valley Mothers of Multiples Club. We will receive a profit check 4 times a year. Our club will benefit from ALL purchases made under Ohio Federation Amazon Smile account. Please ask your friends and family to click on the Ohio Federation organization for all of their purchases too! Every little bit adds up!!!

Historian: Kim DeGross

Look through photos and send them to my email (Kimberly.r.degross@gmail.com) if you want to see them in the slideshow/memory book. The June meeting will showcase pictures of our kids, members, holiday parties, social events, Mom's nights out, fundraisers etc. Don't be left out, send Kim pics!

March of Dimes: Katy Baddorf

The walk will be held Sunday, April 29th at Wade Oval in University Circle. The walk kicks-off at 10am. There are many fun activities both before and after the walk. We hope Emerald Valley has a good turn-out of members walking together. Katy announced that she brought her computer to help assist anyone who wishes to register for the walk or chooses to make an online donation to MOD. She also brought supplies for making bead bracelets in honor of any baby that you know that has passed before birth, during pregnancy or within their first year of life.

Mentoring: Jeanette Louis

There were 2 new members that joined since the last meeting - Terra Davis and Catherine Lueckel. They will be paired up with a mentor. If anyone else wishes to be added to the mentor list, let Jeanette know.

Mother of the Year: Jennifer French

Our nominees will be announced after all of the chairmen reports have been reported.

Newsletter: Sheri Bickerton

Please email your newsletter articles to Sheri by the 20th of every month to ensure that the newsletter can be created and emailed out to all members within 1 week of each month's meeting.

Parties: Courtney Gall

The spring party will be on Sunday, May 20th, at North Park, in Brunswick on Grafton Rd. (across from Kidder Elementary School – west of N. Carpenter Rd). Hotdogs, chicken & drinks will be provided. It is requested that each member bring a side or dessert to share. An evite for rsvp'ing will be created and a sign up genius will also be created to avoid too many duplicates of side dishes, appetizers & desserts.

Philanthropic: Danielle Gomez

Danielle completed a Philanthropic write-up for Birthcare of Medina County. Kelley Mendoza submitted our philanthropic application at the OFMOTC spring board meeting. All applications from each local multiples club will be eligible for a chance to be awarded a grant for their submitted organization. The voting will take place by all members present at the OFMOTC Convention on June 23, 2018, in Canton.

Publicity: Katie Matson

A cover letter and 10 new club brochures were distributed to University Hospital Parma and Southwest General. The packets are already put together. We are looking for volunteers to distribute a packet to Fairview Hospital, UH Main Campus & McDonald's Women's Hospital. We would also appreciate if anyone wants to take brochures to their pediatrician's office. Please see Kelley for packets/brochures.

Social/Playgroups/School-Age: previously Courtney Gall – now Christine Mazzeo

Courtney Gall had requested to step down from this board position. Christine Mazzeo has accepted to fulfill the vacancy until the end of the 2017-2018 club year. Christine recapped the events that were listed in the April newsletter.

- Sunday, April 8th, Get Air from 10-11 is Toddler time. Christine Mazzeo & Kim DeGross are going. Older kids are able to come after 11 for open jump.
- Sundays, 4/8/18 thru 5/13/18 (skipping 4/29/18) - Healthy Kids Running Series. It is a 5 week running session for kids Pre-K through 8th grade. Race is at Cobblestone Park in Medina. Cost is \$35 to register. See website for more details. www.healthykidsrunningseries.org
- Sunday, 4/15/18 thru Sunday, 4/22/18 Show kindness throughout the community with your kids. Random Acts of Kindness all week! Google it for lots of kid-friendly ideas!
- Tuesday, 4/17/18, 11:30am Meet at N.R. McDonalds on Rte. 82 just east of State Rd. Kids can play and eat lunch. Moms can socialize!
- Tuesday, 4/17/18, 6:30pm Member Appreciation Night at Strongsville Brew Garden.
- Sunday, 4/22/18, a fun get-together of painting rocks and taking a nature hike to hide the rocks was going to take place at Coe Lake Park in Berea. Danielle will announce an alternate site as it was discovered that the park is currently under construction.
- Monday, 4/23/18, 11:30am-12pm Storytime at N.R. Library for 3-5yr olds (not in K yet)

Special Needs: Christine Caudill

No Report. See March newsletter for Special Needs events happening around the area.

Sunshine: Angie Davis

- Bethany Joyal is in attendance. She brought her sweet newborn baby boy, Isaiah, to the meeting. He was born on 2/23/18. Bethany has upcoming surgery scheduled, please keep in your prayers.
- Another member, Megan Perkins, also had her baby on 3/5/18. Graham joins his twin brothers Ean and Anderson.
- Danielle Gomez could not be here tonight but please keep her family in your prayers as they are mourning the loss of her mother-in-law who passed away, surrounded by family, last Sunday.

Twins Day: Christine Mazzeo

Registration is now open for the 2018 Twins Day Festival. Visit www.Twinsday.org and download the form and send it in. The theme is TD:18 “Two-Player Mode”. Christine brought forms to the meeting for anyone who would like one. The cost is \$15 per set of twins to register. \$30 for quads. 5yrs and under are free unless you would like them counted in “twins registered” attendance number. Start thinking of your costume/outfit to coordinate with this year’s theme. Pac-Man, Mario Brothers, etc. We will not have a float this year but we will plan to walk as a group as we did last year.

Website: Rikki Price

The meeting minutes and social calendar is uploaded on our website. www.evmomc.org

The chairmen reports are finished. We will now have an election of new officers for 2018-2019. And then Jennifer French will conclude business as she announces of our 2018 Mother of the Year nominees.

Election of New Officers

Elections for 2018-2019 Executive Officers was held – conducted by Kelley Mendoza:

President – Kim Baga nominated Kelley Mendoza.	Congrats to Kelley as President.
1st Vice President – Courtney Gall nominated Kim Baga.	Congrats to Kim as 1 st V.P.
2nd Vice President – Christine Mazzeo nominated Jeanette Louis.	Congrats to Jeanette as 2 nd . VP.
Treasurer – Courtney Gall nominated Katy Baddorf.	Congrats to Katy as Treasurer.
Secretary – Christine Mazzeo nominated Sheri Bickerton.	Congrats to Sheri as Secretary.
Alumni – Rikki Price	
Trustee 1 – Tracey Miller	
Trustee 2 – Jennifer French	

All 2017-2018 Executive Board members have agreed to fulfill a second term in their respective positions for the 2018-2019 club year. Kelley asked all executive board members to stand for a round of applause.

Kelley also announced the names of our members who volunteered to serve on the General Board:

There are still a couple positions available (Publicity & Social) See Kelley if interested in a position.

Fundraising (Primary) – Board may elect to take 1 year off due to very high success over past few years

Fundraising (Secondary) – Kelley St. Clair

Historian – Kim DeGross

March of Dimes – Christine Mazzeo

Mother of the Year – TBD pending results of 2018 Mother of the Year

Newsletter – Kim DeGross

Parties – Courtney Gall

Philanthropic – Christine Mazzeo

Publicity – Open

Social – Open

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Presentations of Mother of the Year Nominees ~ conducted by Jennifer French

Jennifer read the write ups for our 3 nominees. Each nominee was asked to join Jennifer in the front of the room. Jennifer presented each nominee with flowers and read their specific write up.

Congratulations to our 3 nominees – Katy Baddorf, Angie Davis & Christine Mazzeo

The winner will be chosen by the Toledo Mothers of Twins Club and will be announced at our special dinner on Tuesday, May 1st, at Santo's (Florence Room) on Pearl Rd (next to the Islander – near I-71) Pictures of the nominees holding their flowers were taken at the meeting by Tracey Miller.

The business portion of the meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

Katy Baddorf gave instructions for making the March of Dimes bead bracelets. Members had time to socialize, get acquainted with prospective new member and make bracelets of which Katy had brought all of the supplies. Katy was also available to help anyone who wanted to help register/donate to the MOD walk.