

## **Emerald Valley Mothers of Multiples Club**

### **General Monthly Meeting Minutes - November 7, 2017**

We began our November meeting at 7pm with our guest speaker, Ann Salek. She is an Estate Planning Attorney for a Medina Law firm, Critchfield, Critchfield & Johnston LTD. A few of the areas that she provided informative guidance was in Elder Law, Trusts, Living Wills, Power of Attorney, Financial Power of Attorney and Health Care Power of Attorney. She stressed the importance of naming guardians and trustees through a will. Specific provisions can be set up so that money and assets cannot be touched by anyone but the trustee. Additionally, setting up a trust provides security against divorce, bankruptcy and other such crisis. She was very informative! Our members were very receptive and asked a lot of questions. A ball park figure was given when asked what she would charge to do a will. Approximate cost for a single person's will is around \$650; for a couple - \$850; and if you include a trust along with your will, the cost could range somewhere possibly between \$1500 - \$2000. Of course, everyone's situation and needs are different so these are just approximate costs.

Kelley Mendoza, President, called the business portion of the meeting to order at 8:30pm.

### **EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS**

#### **President: Kelley Mendoza**

Kelley welcomed everyone to the November meeting. She announced that she attended the OFMOTC fall board meeting on October 21-22, 2017, with Tracey Miller, Sheri Bickerton and Jennifer French. She highlighted a few key points from the OFMOTC board meeting. Those highlights included:

- 35 members were present at OFMOTC
- A committee was formed to look at and possibly change the Recognition Report format. It was decided to not make any changes at this time. The format will stay the same for 2018.
- The OFMOTC general budget was approved as amended
- The Winter Newsletter Deadline is January 22, 2018. If anyone would like to help me write the EV article, let me know :)
- OFMOTC will not have a fundraiser this year, mainly due to the convention having a profit
- OFMOTC uses both Big Tent and Facebook for communication. If you have not joined one or both of them, please do.
- The program for the day was Holy Yoga taught by Katie Noble. Holy Yoga embraces the essential elements of yoga: breath work, meditation and physical postures. We all had a nice time centering ourselves through our mind and body as well as relieving a bit of stress.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Kim Baga**

Kim stated that she is looking into having 2 massage therapists come to the December meeting. Possibly offering 10 minute massages for a minimal cost. Nothing is confirmed as of yet. However, she did confirm that we will be making therapeutic neck warmers. Each member will need to bring a clean, knee size sock (think soccer style – long sock). Rice will be provided. Tracey offered to bring essential oils to use in this craft and Kelley will bring zip ties to close up each sock. If desired, members may bring snacks and/or appetizers to the December meeting for all to share.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Jeanette Louis**

Jeanette welcomed Jennifer Long to another meeting. Jennifer came to last month's meeting in October and has since joined as an EV member.

There were 12 members and 1 guest speaker in attendance.

Member directories have been printed and were set out on the table for each member to take one.

**Secretary: Sheri Bickerton**

The monthly meeting minutes will be completed and emailed to the club within one week of every meeting so if you are unable to make a meeting, please read the minutes. Rikki will also post the meeting minutes on the new website under our "Member's Only" page.

**Treasurer: Katy Baddorf**

- Beginning Balance as of 10/1/17 \$10,423.09
- There were 6 Withdrawals (1,097.26)
- There were 5 Deposits 618.00
- Ending Balance \$ 9,943.83

Katy confirmed that she has filed Emerald Valley's 990N tax information.

Katy emailed an updated budget spreadsheet to all Executive Board members. She will resend this spreadsheet and include all Executive and General Board members.

**Alumni Advisor: Rikki Price**

Not in Attendance. Kelley Mendoza mentioned that Rikki does not have classes on Tuesdays for the next school semester and looks forward to being able to attend meetings. Any changes to anyone's board position can be emailed to Rikki so that updates can be made.

**Trustee #1: Tracey Miller**

No report

**Trustee #2: Jennifer French**

The PO Box was last checked today. There was no mail received.

**GENERAL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Fundraising Primary - Christine Mazzeo**

Wing Nite in March ~ Collection of items and baskets should be brought to any monthly meeting. A money collection bucket was mentioned for members to donate money to for the benefit of purchasing lottery tickets and or other items that will be needed for another successful Wing Night Fundraiser.

### **Fundraising Secondary - Kelley St. Clair**

Kelley contacted the Strongsville Chipotle. They are booking fundraisers 6 weeks out! We may hold off on this until January! Amazon Smile update - a percentage of sales will come back to the organization. Still working on setting this up for our club. Katie Baddorf was able to change information when filing EV 990N form. Emerald Valley is now reflected as the name on our 990N as dba under Ohio Federation Mothers of Twins Club.

### **Historian: Kim DeGross**

Not in attendance. Per Kelley, Kim requested that members continue to post pictures to our FB page. Pictures can also be emailed directly to Kim. Her email address is: [Kimberly.r.degross@gmail.com](mailto:Kimberly.r.degross@gmail.com)  
The slideshow is looking great so far!

### **March of Dimes: Katy Baddorf**

Katy mentioned that the walk will take place again at Wade Oval on April 29, 2018. She also mentioned that November 17, 2017, is World Prematurity Day.

### **Mentoring: Jeanette Louis**

Jeanette announced that we have 3 new members so far. She will be in contact with both the mentor and the mentee so they know who they are paired up with.

### **Mother of the Year: Jennifer French**

Jennifer asked members to start thinking about who they would like to nominate for Emerald Valley's 2018 Mother of the Year. Nomination forms will be available and distributed in January.

### **Newsletter: Sheri Bickerton**

Sheri reminded the board members that their newsletter articles should be emailed to her by the 20<sup>th</sup> of every month. She will continue to send out a reminder email about a week prior to the 20<sup>th</sup>. She also reminded members that if their article contains an event with a specific date or a specific deadline to be met, it needs to be emailed to Courtney Gall by the 15<sup>th</sup> so that Courtney has enough time to add the event information into the monthly social calendar and still be able to email the final calendar by the 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **Parties: Courtney Gall**

The Christmas Party will be on December 17<sup>th</sup>, from 5pm-7:30pm at Jennings Senior Center on Rte 21 (next to St. Basils). Santa will arrive at 5:30pm. Parents and kids can wear their pajamas and enjoy cookies and milk. Courtney mentioned having a table set up for kids to make cards for the residents of Jennings Senior Center. Please bring stencils, stickers or any other item that can be used to make creative cards. Please NO Glitter! Santa will be available for picture taking and will give each child a little treat. The evening will end with Santa reading a story.

### **Philanthropic: Danielle Gomez**

Danielle thanked those who brought donations to the November meeting to support Project Night Night. She announced that a direct link was posted on our member only Facebook page to allow people to make monetary donations online. That link is <https://fundly.com/project-night-night-1> Donations will be collected again at the December meeting on 12/5/17. The December meeting night will be the deadline for turning in all donations. Emerald Valley has partnered up with Kent Honor Society and the Southwest Italian Club in an effort to collect donations so that together we can help provide several tote bags to those children who are less fortunate and brighten their day. The goal is to donate 250 bags this year! Danielle announced that the Southwest Italian Club received a very generous donation of \$500 today!

### **Publicity: Katie Matson**

No report - Not in attendance

### **Social/Playgroups/School-Age: Courtney Gall**

\*Courtney announced that she sent out an event sign up on Facebook for the Strongsville Market District Tour on Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30pm. She requested that members meet at 5:15pm in front of the Eagle's Nest. The event is set up to allow 16 kids to attend which is why the sign up was created.

\*There was discussion about changing the Mom's Night Out to see the Bad Mom's movie at Middleburg Hts. theater from Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>.

\*A playdate at Strongsville McDonalds is set up for Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, at noon.

\*Unrelated to Emerald Valley, but Courtney announced that the Brunswick PTA is hosting a Preschool Preview Night at Brunswick High School on Center Rd. in the East Gym from 6-8pm. Anyone interested in checking out local preschools under one roof is more than welcome to attend. It is open to the public.

### **Special Needs: Christine Caudill**

No report – Not in attendance

### **Sunshine: Angie Davis**

Angie announced that Marge Ainsworth, from the Toledo Mothers of Twins Club had passed away. Not only was Marge an active member for many years and a past President, but more importantly, she was the founding member of the Toledo Mothers of Twins Club! She also had a hand in the formation of Ohio Federation Mothers of Twins club where she had additionally served as a President. She will be fondly remembered and greatly missed. A sympathy card was mailed.

Angie also congratulated Tonya Russell on the birth of another grandbaby!

### **Twinsdays: Christine Mazzeo**

No Report – Not in attendance

### **Website: Rikki Price**

Not in attendance but Kelley relayed Rikki's message that if anyone sees any changes that need to be updated on our new website, please let Rikki know.

No additional business was presented to the club. The meeting was adjourned at 9:21pm.