

Emerald Valley Mothers of Multiples Club ~ General Monthly Meeting Minutes 11/6/18

Kim Baga, 1st Vice-President, introduced our 3 panelists at 7:20pm.

Molly Cope – Intervention Specialist. Molly attended Ashland University to obtain a bachelors in education. She is currently attending graduate school for middle school counseling. She teaches as an intervention specialist at North Royalton Middle School where she works with children in the high intense/low development room.

Cheri Wojton – Occupational Therapist. Cheri graduated from Eastern Michigan University with a degree in Occupational Therapy. She currently works as an occupational therapist at the Sensory Connection, LLC, a pediatric private practice in Brunswick, and also spends some time at the Middleburg Early Education Center in Middleburg Heights, primarily on a consultative basis.

Megan Perkins – Speech/Language Pathologist. Megan received her bachelor's degree at The Ohio State University where she majored in speech and hearing science and completed graduate school in 2007 at the University of Akron. Megan is a school speech-language pathologist at Columbia Local Schools where she currently works with children and adolescents in grades K-12. She has 11 years of experience ranging from the clinical, hospital and school settings among populations of birth to adult. She previously worked at Monarch and Language Learning Associates. Megan is a mother of twin 3 1/2 year old boys, Ian and Anderson, and 7 month old Graham. She is a member of EV and currently lives with her family in Medina and has experience with the IEP process as a parent and professional.

Our panelists gave us an overview of a typical day in each of their fields. They answered questions from our members and provided us with information, suggestions and helpful resources. The panel concluded at 8:30pm. Kim thanked our panelists for their time and dismissed them before moving on to business.

Kim Baga, 1st Vice-President called the business portion of the meeting to order at 8:45pm.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS

President: Kelley Mendoza via Kim Baga

Kelley sent her apologies since she could not be at the meeting. She was really looking forward to hearing our professional panel and all their great information. On Kelley's behalf, Kim Baga thanked both Christine C. and Christine M. for planning the Halloween party. Sounded like it was a lot of fun! She reminded all Officers to please take a close look at the bylaws and mark any sections that are unclear or that you feel should be discussed in further detail to decide if updates need to be made. There will be an Executive Board and General Board meeting in January. Officers will be contacted soon about possible meeting dates. Kelley was looking for feedback on what we want to do for our December meeting.... Do we want ugly sweater contest? Bring potluck / heavy appetizers so we eat and mingle? Should we do a \$10 gift exchange or \$10 gift card exchange? A suggestion for each member to bring a pair of Christmas socks filled with item(s) to total \$10 was liked by all in attendance. Sock stuffing suggestions included a \$10 gift card, mini liquor bottles, candy, jewelry, bath & body etc. There was a mani/pedi night on the social calendar but several members had a conflict with the date of Wed., Nov. 14. Kelley wanted to remind everyone to consider purchasing a few Super Bowl squares to support our EV fundraiser.

1st Vice President: Kim Baga

Kim announced that she will not be able to attend the December meeting.

2nd Vice President: Jeanette Louis

Member directories have been printed and were set on the table for each member in attendance to take. There were 9 members and 2 panelist guests in attendance. (one panelist was included in member count).

Secretary: Sheri Bickerton

No Report

Treasurer: Katy Baddorf

- Beginning Balance as of 10-1-18 is \$12,418.88
- Withdrawals \$861.41
- Deposits \$124.00
- Ending Balance as of 10-31-18 is \$11,681.45

Send all communication to our PO Box or bring to a monthly meeting.

Katy announced that EV is now registered as a charitable organization in Ohio. The process has also been completed to file for the previous three years. This is a yearly filing requirement and will be added to the Treasurer's procedures.

Alumni Advisor: Rikki Price

Not present – No Report

Trustee #1: Tracey Miller

The Bylaws will be carefully reviewed and changes will be made at our executive board meeting in January. Any suggestions regarding changes to our current By-Laws should be emailed to both Tracey Miller and Rikki Price by Nov. 30, 2018. Tracey will be reviewing and compiling changes & updates to be presented and discussed by our EV board members at our board meeting in January. Final vote on any changes/updates will take place at the February meeting or the 1st meeting following the board meeting.

Trustee #2: Jennifer French

No Report

GENERAL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fundraising Primary - None

Fundraising Secondary - Kelley St. Clair

**Chipotle Fundraiser!

November 17th, 4:00pm – 8:00pm

Strongsville Chipotle (Pearl Rd. Location)

Bring in the flyer posted to FB or show on your smart phone – 33% of the proceeds will go to Emerald Valley! Note: Sales need to be over \$300 in order to receive our 33% profit. Cannot order online.

**Selling Football Squares \$5.00 each! The football squares board was brought to the Nov. meeting and will continue to be brought to meetings through the Feb. meeting. All squares need to be sold by our February meeting on Feb. 5, 2019. The AFC & NFC numbers of 0-9 will be drawn at the Feb meeting. The numbers drawn will be placed on the board for the AFC & NFC teams. The number will represent the ending digit of the score for each quarter to determine the winner of each quarter. Great FUNdraiser for our club! Your family & friends can purchase squares too!

Historian: Kim DeGross

Keep taking pictures at club events, social outings and of your kids/family special occasions. Post pictures on our EV Facebook page and/or email pictures to Kim to be used on our end of year slideshow.

March of Dimes: Katy Baddorf

No Report

Mentoring: Jeanette Louis

Sarah Mink, new member, has been set up with a mentor. Tricia Cardilino, another new member, will be set up with a mentor soon.

Mother of the Year: Katy Baddorf

Informational forms for Mother of the Year were in the EV November newsletter. Kim also brought and handed out some forms at the meeting. She would like each member to complete a form and return it to her at the next meeting or email it to her. Katy has received 3 back so far. She is also looking for suggestions for new places to have our Mother of the Year dinner in May. Some suggestions were Rosewood Grill and J-Bella. If you have any suggestions, please email them to Katy ASAP.

Newsletter: Kim DeGross

Officers and chairs, please plan on submitting your newsletters articles on the 15th of each month.

Parties: Courtney Gall

Christmas Party Dec. 9th tentatively 4-6pm. Santa will be joining the party!

Looking at doing a buffet dinner, dance party and possibly a movie. Looking for suggestions for places to have the event. St. Marks Church is tentative. Other suggestions were United Church of Christ on West St. in Berea. Spokes, off River Styx, in Medina was also suggested but has a max of 60 people and may not be big enough for our X-mas party but would make a great mom's night or kids social event.

Philanthropic: Christine Mazzeo

Jeanette is collecting any Veterans cards that were made. She will forward them to Christine. Christine also offered to pick up any cards from anyone that has them. Please contact Christine directly for pickup arrangements.

Publicity: Rikki Price and Megan Perkins

Megan would like to consider an additional FUN approach to help promote our club to prospective new moms of multiples. Some suggestions were to create and deliver bibs/burp towels with EV's name and maybe a cute saying or logo on the item. Possibly a hand sanitizer bottle with a cute saying on the label. Megan has other unique suggestions but stated that Publicity only has a budget of \$25. Could the budget be increased if we decide to create an item to better promote our club to prospective members? She also needs to get the box of brochures and business cards from Rikki or Kelley – whoever has them. She will be sending out a list of places that would be great to get flyers & business cards to. Specifically, doctor's offices, fertility centers, high risk areas and NICU's.

Social/Playgroups/School-Age: all board and chairs

No Report – See the Social calendar for upcoming events

Special Needs: Christine Caudill

Not Present - No Report

Sunshine: Angie Davis

No Report

Twinsdays: Christine Mazzeo

Not Present – No Report

Website: Rikki Price

Not Present – No Report

Additional business was presented to the club by Katy B. Katy announced that she would like to organize a weight loss challenge after the New Year if there are interested members in participating. Those in attendance liked the idea. There will be a \$10 buy-in fee. Weigh-ins will be Jan, Feb, Mar & Apr, 2019. The biggest percentage of weight loss at the end will win 50% of the money collected. The other 50% will be given to EV. If anyone is interested in joining this, please email Katy Baddorf. More information will follow in the next newsletter/monthly meeting.

The business portion of the meeting was adjourned at 9:25pm.

Everyone was invited to join together at Two Bucks across the street for food, drinks & social time.