MMOJ COMMUNITY MEETING
Saturday, October 7, 2023
5:00-5:15 pm

MINUTES

Present: Jerry Bires, Suzanne Bires, Cheryl Brandi, Jim Brandi, Ann Cooke, Luca Cruzat, Anna Davis, Mary Al Gagnon, Elena Garcia, Joan Meehan, Joan Pesce, Jan Rigdon, Michael Rigdon, Jeanne Schmidt, Andrea Seabaugh, Kathryn Shea, Dotty Shugrue, Mary Kay Staudohar

Joan Pesce, Board President, called the meeting to order at 5 pm. immediately following our virtual liturgy. Joan stated that the purpose of this meeting was to vote on two issues: Annual Memorial Donation for all deceased MMOJ members around All Saints Day and the Board recommendation for 2023 Annual Memorial Donation. She reminded the members that the Annual Memorial Donation was explained in the Minutes of the July 11, 2023 Board Minutes distributed after the meeting. The Board recommendation for 2023 was explained in detail in an email from Cheryl Brandi, Outreach Coordinator, sent in the last week of September.

A motion to approve the Annual Memorial Donation in memory of all the deceased members of MMOJ community around All Saints Day, November 1st was made by Mary Kay Staudohar, seconded by Elena Garcia and approved unanimously.

A motion to approve the 2023 Memorial Donation to Green Peace for $1000 and People's Catholic Seminary for $1000 was made by Dotty Shugrue, seconded by Mary Al Gagnon. Discussion:
Joan Meehan asked why the international group Greenpeace was recommended rather than a local group. Cheryl Brandi responded that this donation is separate from the quarterly projects which include local area recipients and other projects can be selected each year. Michael Rigdon noted that these two

projects represent causes that deceased members supported. Kathryn Shea noted that Greenpeace has the highest approval rating on Charity Navigator. Joan acknowledged her understanding. Joan Pesce then called for the vote on the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Checks will be sent to Greenpeace and People's Catholic Seminary, and the donation will be reflected in our financial report.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Pesce, Board President