

Mary Mother of Jesus Inclusive Catholic Community
Annual Meeting zoom
December 10, 2022

Call to Order: 5:35 pm

Opening Prayer: Joan Pesce

Introduction of Board of Directors: Joan introduced each of the board members and thanked them for all the work they have done. She thanked Michael and Suzanne for scheduling the presiders and readers for liturgy, as well as the IT team.

Approval of Minutes of Dec. 4, 2021. Michael Rigdon made a motion to approve the Minutes of December 4, 2021, Mary Montavon seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Budget: Presented by Mary Montavon

Fiscal Year 2022 - As of October 31, 2022

Contributions received: \$14,117

Total expenses: \$14,339

Net Income: (\$222)

From contributions received MMOJ made the following donations in 2022

St. Andrew.	\$5,000
Monthly Tithing	\$705.85
ARCWP.	\$500
Miscellaneous.	\$1,467.20
Total donations.	\$7,673.05 (more than 50% of contributions)

Costs associated with St. Andrew

Donation.	\$5,000
Tech facilitator	\$1,590
Technology upgrade	\$ 2,493
Liability insurance.	\$809.37
Total.	\$9,892.37 (70% of contributions)

Proposed budget for 2023

Budget is similar to 2022 with expected contributions at \$18,515 - new expenses include a laptop computer for treasurer's work and Liturgical materials.

Highlighted differences based on MMOJ donation to St. Andrew.

With a continued \$500 monthly donation we project Net Income of \$742

With a \$300 monthly donation we project Net Income of \$3,143

Without a monthly contribution to St. Andrew projected net income would be \$9,352

Kathryn Shea made a motion to approve the proposed budget without donation to St. Andrew and hybrid equipment and contractor expenses. Elena seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by the membership.

MMOJ SURVEY RESULTS: Joan Pesce

Joan focused the discussion by reviewing where we began in 2020 at the beginning of the Covid-19 shut down with the decision to celebrate liturgy virtually on zoom until we could return to St. Andrew facility. In 2021, we decided to continue with virtual liturgies

and explore simultaneous in-person and virtual (hybrid) until Covid subsided. Plans were developed and the use of St. Andrew audio/video equipment was established. We agreed to re-evaluate after 6 months. After only three hybrid liturgies with audio/visual issues each time creating unsatisfactory in-person/zoom experiences, we need to decide how to proceed for 2023. The Survey questions regarding liturgy and the survey results were reviewed.

Members engaged in a lengthy discussion and overwhelmingly agreed to celebrate liturgies virtually on zoom only each Saturday at 4 pm. We agreed that we had progressed as a community to become “a church without walls.” MMOJ will leave the facility at St. Andrew on a weekly basis but make arrangements to use the facility for special events/celebrations for a rental fee at that time. We will also request continued use of the Memorial Garden at St. Andrew and will make a donation annually. The Board will work on clearing MMOJ materials stored in the closet in the vestibule of the church as well as obtain a P.O.Box with an address for MMOJ mail. These plans will be shared with Rev. Mary Alice Mulligan as soon as possible. The members also agreed to the option to meet in person occasionally for prayer or other spiritual activities on a day other than Saturday with no virtual connection.

Outreach: Cheryl Brandi

The results of our recent survey showed support for continuing to tithe 5% monthly to charitable causes and make special donations twice a year as the budget allows.

To review, our quarterly tithing recipients for 2022 were: (1) Coalition of Immokalee Workers Fair Food Program; (2) All Faiths Food Bank of Sarasota; (3) Community Foundation of Sarasota-Season of Sharing (Hurricane Ian relief); and (4) Meals on Wheels of Sarasota (city and some adjacent county areas). Additional lump sum donations were made to the World Central Kitchen (Chef Andres) for helping feed people of Ukraine, the Community Foundation of Sarasota Suncoast Disaster Recovery Fund (Hurricane Ian), and the Mindy Simmons Memorial.

For 2023, based on this year's survey, the top four recipients for quarterly donations are: (1) All Faiths Food Bank of Sarasota; (2) Meals on Wheels of Englewood, Sarasota County; (3) Coalition of Immokalee Workers Fair Food Program; and (4) Food for the Poor (provides food, medicine, shelter to the poor in Latin America and the Caribbean.) The next two closely ranked recipients were (5) The Florida Center for Early Childhood; and the (6) Salvation Army of Sarasota. The board has agreed to target these last two for lump sum contributions during the year as the budget and special circumstances permit.

A suggestion was made during the meeting that in choosing donation recipients, consideration be given to the percentage of donation used by a charity for actual programs relative to overhead/administrative costs. One organization that can help with this assessment is charitywatch.org.

Mary AI made a motion to accept the outreach proposals. Michael Seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by the members.

Closing Blessing at 6:57pm: Joan Pesce

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary AI Gagnon, Secretary

