MMOJ 2024 ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 25, 2025 5:40 PM/ET; 4:40 PM/CT
MEMBERS PRESENT: Elena Garcia, Andrea Seabaugh, Susie Savodnyik, Michael Rigdon, Beth Ponce, Bridget Mary Meehan, Joan Pesce, Dotty Shugrue, Cheryl Brandi, Jim Brandi, Jeanne Schmitt, Jane Shugrue, Suzanne Bires, Jerry Bires, Joan Meehan, Mary Montavon, Jack McKillip, Mary Al Gagnon.

AGENDA-THEME: MMOJ MOVING FORWARD AS COMPANIONS ON THE JOURNEY
Meeting was called to order and Joan led opening prayer.

Reflection: Bridget Mary led a discussion of the significance of the Jubilee Year noting that more than 30 million visitors are predicted to visit Rome this year to celebrate a year of forgiveness.

Opening Remarks: Joan led a discussion about where MMOJ community has been and our many of accomplishments made.

Introduction of Board Members 2024: Joan named the board members: Joan Pesce (President), Mary Montavon (Treasurer), Andrea Seabaugh (Secretary), Beth Ponce, Suzanne Bires, Jeanne Schmitt, Cheryl Brandi, Michael Rigdon. Lee Breyer, Consultant.

Approval of Minutes of Annual Meeting 2023: Michael made motion to approve minutes as read, Dotty seconded motion. Andrea cast one vote noting "AYE" Minutes were approved unanimously.

Election of Board of Directors for 2025: There were 4 vacant seats. Mary Montavon has stepped down as Treasurer. Jeanne Schmitt will become a voting member to fill 4th seat. The rest of the members shall remain the same. Jane made a motion to approve the board members, Beth seconded. Andrea cast vote noting "AYE" Board of Directors were unanimously approved.

Evaluating 2024-Where We Have Been: Joan noted some of the accomplishments of finishing our second year as a church without walls, some of which are as follows: We participated in the 2nd Synod sending input to Vatican; donations to non-profits have been increased; Michael took the lead to set up the retreat for March 5, 2025; and we have acknowledged the voices of the community in the survey responses.

Budget Projections 2025- Community Discussion: Mary Montavon stated $19,000 in checking with additional $3,000 in 2nd account. $20,000 was moved to a CD which has earned $372 in interest. A lengthy discussion followed with ideas from community for the consideration of future use of funds.

MMOJ 2024 Annual Survey Results-Community Discussion: Jack led the discussion of the survey consisting of 3 areas: liturgies, outreach, and potential activities for the future to consider. 18 responses were returned.

Outreach Projects: Cheryl named the 4 organizations that will each receive $1,000 quarterly donation: Church Women United of Carbondale, Coalition of Immokalee Workers, All Faiths Food Bank, and Food for the Poor. In addition, $500 yearly contribution to St. Andrew is made. Suzanne will serve as point of contact for receiving suggestions on new outreach ideas from members with Mary Kay and Kathryn offering to assist.
Looking Forward to 2025: Joan led the discussion of various ways as a group to consider standing up and speaking out for Social Justice and Equality. Major focus on standing up and speaking out for justice and equality by contacting Congressional representatives and using social media; and supporting Women's Ordination Conference "Catholic Women Strike" by including MMOJ ICC on their list of spiritual community support for participants.
Adjournment: 7:00 PM/ET; 6:00 PM/CT
Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Seabaugh, Secretary