Saint Marianne Cope Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

June 15, 2026

Present: Deacon Peter Dohr, Margy Holyst, Karen Wolgast, Gerald Hoffkins, Dean Ganskop, Lisa Mercadel, Diane Gargano, Diane Gears, Kelly Brunacini, Lou Ann Owens

Absent: George Samarakody

Guest: Jere Rentzel

Meeting Called to Order: 6:29 pm

1. Opening Prayer - Deacon Peter
2. Minutes from May 18, 2026
    1. Dean Ganskop pointed out that an update under Parish Updates was inadvertently omitted in the minutes
        1. Add to the May 18, 2026 minutes: Ice Rose Lane Property - process continues to move forward toward sale of the property
    2. Motion to approve Dean Ganskop
    3. Second Diane Gargano
    4. Minutes approved with the above addition
3. Approval of Agenda
    1. Motion to approve: Margy Holyst
    2. Second Karen Wolgast
    3. Approved without changes
4. Knights of Columbus: Jere Rentzel, Grand Knight
        1. Independent of the Parish and thank SMC Parish for providing them space, a home and family
        2. Programs focus on Faith, Life, Family and the Community
    2. Handout was provided by Jere
        1. Hoping to include more parishioners in game night
        2. Focus of Fish Fries this year was to bring people together and was successful
        3. Entire parish invited to August Golf tournament and October Fest in September
        4. Jere shared Knights charitable involvement in SMC and the community
5. Parish Updates: Deacon Peter Dohr
    1. Deacon Peter distributed the Parish Updates before the meeting. Questions/Discussion:
    2. Ice Rose Lane Property
        1. Process continues. Working with attorney
        2. Next steps include looking at marketing the property
        3. Town assessment (taxes) $366,000
6. What Are Hearing From Parishioners
    1. Interest from young adults for a Bible Study geared to them and opportunities for service projects
    2. Still using a box for a cajon in Liturgy of the Word with Children
        1. Lisa Mercadel volunteered to, along with her husband Daryl, to get information to Gerald Hofkins so one can be purchased.

        2. People who use on-line donating are still getting envelopes. Many suggestions were made and Deacon Peter shared that reviewing this is something that was discussed to be looked at in future
7. Other
    1. Our Sunday Visitor
        1. 75 commitment cards already received
        2. Parish witnessed at all Masses this past weekend regarding Ministry involvement and inviting others to participate
    2. Budget
        1. PC members received ahead of meeting. Will be in bulletin this coming weekend
    3. New PC Members
        1. This is Karen Wolgast's last meeting. Thank you Karen!
        2. Lou Ann and Deacon Peter will get a bulletin article ready to invite parishioners to consider becoming a member of PC
8. Closing Prayer - Deacon Peter
9. Next Meeting: August 17, 2026
    1. Note that Margy will not be able to attend so someone else to take minutes.
10. Meeting Adjourned: 7:31 pm

Submitted by Margy Holyst
June 19, 2026