Saint Marianne Cope Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2026

Present: Deacon Peter Dohr, Margy Holyst, Karen Wolgast, Gerald Hoffkins, Dean Ganskop, Lisa Mercadel, Diane Gargano

Absent: George Samarakody, Diane Gears, Kelly Brunacini, Lou Ann Owens

Guest: none

Meeting Called to Order: 6:32 pm

1. Opening Prayer - Deacon Peter
2. Minutes from April 20, 2026
    1. Motion to approve Dean Ganskop
    2. Second Diane Gargano
    3. Minutes approved without changes
3. Approval of Agenda
    1. Motion to approve: Karen Wolgast
    2. Second Margy Holyst
    3. Approved without changes
4. Parish Updates: Deacon Peter Dohr
    1. Deacon Peter distributed the Parish Updates before the meeting.
       Questions/Discussion:
        1. Sidewalks delayed due to weather earlier in Spring
        2. CMA: Have met our goal
        3. Community Stewardship Committee met. Community building will be one of the things the committee will focus on.
        4. Sidewalks and drainage: work is still scheduled to be done by Affronti and will also include needed drainage at the rectory.
        5. Our Sunday Visitor program will launch in June. Deacon Peter has made some cost saving adjustments to mailings.
        6. Electronic sign: estimates ranging from $30,000 to $50,000. Deacon Peter will share with Building and grounds Committee.
5. Parish Survey: Deacon Peter Dohr
    1. Daryl Mercadel has made the updates that we discussed last month. Deacon Peter would like to have survey on the new website as that will launch soon and would serve a dual purpose
6. Strategic Plan: Deacon Peter
    1. PC members reviewed individually since last meeting.
    2. Become evident that 2 year timeline will be too short
    3. Margy Holyst made a motion to approve the Strategic plan with the modification that the implementation timeline can extend into 2028.
    4. Second from Dean Ganskop
    5. All were in favor
7. What Are Hearing From Parishioners
    1. Council Members discussed need for event space given the need to use Parish Hall for Mass. Deacon Peter said that he is looking at space usage and how can be better used. Suggestions included combining rooms to make a bigger room and constructing a basic hall on the property

2. Question about why weekly collections are not in bulletin - have moved to a quarterly report
3. Discussion about Communion at 10:30 Mass, with taking more time in back. Margy suggested moving the chairs back a bit so when the EMs from the front go to the back to assist, there is actually room for 4 lines. Current positioning limits flow to 4 EMs because of the Baptismal Font.

8. Other
    1. Santa's workshop - revised proposal was submitted and Deacon Peter said Staff will give their feedback in next few days. Anticipated date is Dec 5th.
    2. Our Sunday Visitor - see Parish Updates number 5
9. Closing Prayer - Deacon Peter
10. Next Meeting: May 15, 2026
11. Meeting Adjourned: 7:46 pm

Submitted by Margy Holyst
May 21, 2026