

Franciscan Ministries Board Meeting
February 17, 2026 - Minutes

Attendance: Sr. Marilyn Trowbridge, Sr. Ann Cecile Albers, Marie Giffen, Don Evers, Michael Barnett, Jeff Risk, Guillermo Villa, Alen Amini, Elaine Ward. **Absent:** Marci Peebles

Welcome and Prayer: Michael welcomed all and called the meeting to order. Sr Marilyn offered a Lenten blessing.

Consent Agenda: There was brief discussion of the program metrics with concern raised that even though Tau numbers have rebounded since Covid they are still down long term. We agreed to discuss this more in depth during the Executive Committee meeting. Michael moved to accept the consent agenda, Elaine seconded, and all approved.

Budget: Elaine welcomed Don back and noted that he was in a better position to review the budget. Don expressed concern about outside revenue being down along with the program numbers. Funding from the Congregation remains steady. Historical metrics were discussed and trends. Guillermo suggested a small retreat to help think about the strategic future of our other programs now that we have addressed the Tamar's situation.

Need for Treasurer: Michael raised the subject of the need for a treasurer as Elaine has done double duty and would prefer to be secretary only. Don agreed to meet with Marie to give her an in-depth review of the financials to decide if she would consider the treasurer role.

Tamar's/Hatmaker Property Update: Michael sought a Price Hill realtor and talked with someone at Cutler Real Estate. The preliminary market value is \$179K. Next step is a more detailed inspection and valuation for Sr. Mara. Sr. Thalyte asked that we check references of Price Hill Will with other local organizations. It was reported that the Sisters of Charity Foundation has funded Price Hill Will and donated a house. There was a question asked about the current status of the house and Sr. Marilyn said all the items have been removed and the house is being maintained.

Status of the Wentzel Donation: Since the estate has officially closed, we are charged with redirecting the donation to an appropriate non-profit where the funds can be used to match the original intent of the gift. Marci has consulted the family. Mr. Wentzel was a volunteer with the Franciscan Friars in Mt Airy. There is interest from the family in the Friars' St Anthony of Padua Shrine. The shrine offers a variety of services that we need to learn more about, including outreach and anti-poverty programs. Marie noted that this situation (transferring a gift to

another entity) can be tricky, as the gift is restricted. She emphasized that it will be important to have everything well documented.

Medical Coverage: The transition to Christian Brothers medical coverage (joining the employees of the Congregation) has been bumpy, with approvals for individuals' treatments in flux. Sr Marilyn reported that overall, there has been satisfaction with the coverage over the years.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Ward, secretary