



BOARD REPORT

April 28, 2026

Board & Governance

- Srs Wilma and Thalyta were in town from April 1-16. Sr Marilyn and Marci met with them regarding FM.
- Franciscan Ministries “Continuing Existence” paperwork for the State has been completed (5yr renewal).
- Madison and Marci continue to work on gathering and analyzing data from the Ministries.

Staffing Items

- Madison Yee just completed her 1st full year with Franciscan Ministries.
- Myesha “Smiley” Christman resigned her position in the Mobile Program effective March 1.
- Arethea Flowers, licensed cosmetologist, was hired and began providing services on April 1. She was hired as PT at an average of 28hrs a week. We are trying to bring her up to 30hrs, and we have added one site (St Clare) with two more potentially in the works to reach this average.

Development

- 2026 general and ministry giving as of April 21, 2026 = \$ 26,604
- 2026 outside grants received as of April 21, 2026 = \$ 975 (*SeedMoney 2025*)
- The 2025 Appeal totaled out at \$7,496 – with some monies filtering in through March
- Working on making fixes and updating mis-entered / not entered data in Donor Perfect - ONGOING

General Information / Considerations for the Board

- January 1, 2027 is the 15year anniversary of FM’s incorporation.
- Upon assessment the current costs absorbed by FM regarding the Barn, Renee and Marci approached Sr Marilyn about re-evaluating the division of expenses as the last agreement concerning these items was created prior to COVID when the Barn was still functioning as a rental facility. A new agreement was reached wherein FM still will pay a \$6,000 fee to the Convent to cover general expenses, maintenance, and usage. However, the Sisters will now receive and pay the Duke Energy bill for the entirety of the Barn. Up until now, FM had been paying this monthly invoice. In 2025, this line item totaled approximately \$24,000.
- As of January 1, the FM staff was added to the Franciscan Sisters of the Poor’s health/dental/vision plan administered by Christian Brothers and provided through Aetna. Christian Brothers continues to be very difficult to work with – especially concerning pre-existing and newly diagnosed conditions as well as ongoing diagnostic testing for Madison Yee. Marci has not had many issues (beyond claims billing correctly as most providers are not familiar with Christian Brothers and their somewhat convoluted process) however, her health situation is much currently more straight forward.
- After Congregational approval for sale of the property, Price Hill Will and Franciscan Ministries continue to be in conversation regarding the sale of Tamar’s Center. An inventory has been taken of what remains in the building – what will be removed and what will stay onsite. We will need to hire movers for a (half?) day. The House is running on minimal utilities, and staff is occasionally going down to spot check. Additionally, the security system and cameras are still running.
- Due to the closing of Tamar’s, the executors of the Wenzel Estate requested that the funds, if at all possible, be transferred to another Cincinnati Franciscan entity because the programming originally intended is no longer available. Their indicated preference is the St Anthony Shrine on Colerain Ave as Mr Wenzel had ties to that community. The estate itself is already closed. In reaching out tot the Shrine, they do not currently do much direct service – they act more as a funder for other agencies (like United Way).

Franciscan Ministries' Haircuts program actually receives monies from them a few times a year - \$3,200 in 2025 and \$1,300 in 2026. Since 2017, gifts total \$20,851.

- There has been an ongoing credit card complication ever since Sarah Wagner resigned. When FM (Renee, Holly, Marci, Don) went and met with our USBank rep to add Holly James to the card upon her hire and to update cards, we discovered that the credit account we use is not usually used for non-profits. As it was set up, Sarah was connected to the account in such a way that we cannot remove her without completely closing the account, and we cannot add anyone to the account without her signature. To close and reopen a similar account, someone from FM would have to sign on as "owner" so to speak. Don discouraged this option, and no one at FM felt comfortable taking on this role. We applied for a different non-profit specific account that does not have this signatory requirement. We were denied (from what our rep can determine) due to the fact that our past 990s reflected that we operated at a loss (much in part due to the \$100,000 cap we maintain). We have been revisiting this regularly trying to submit updated numbers to see if we now qualify to shift. With the most recent 990 is now in play, Renee and Marci are trying to schedule a meeting with a new rep (our previous rep left USBank) to explore this option.

Programs

The Community Garden

- The Garden is full, landing at 112 plots for the season. 6-8 individuals remain on the waitlist. Gardeners are everywhere!
- Staff turned on the water in mid-April only to discover a faucet leak. Zins Plumbing was contacted. The leak is not repairable, and the full faucet had to be replaced at a cost of \$1,250. This maxed out our maintenance budget for the year. Three days later, two more faucets were leaking. The water has again been turned off, and the plumbing company has again been called. We are waiting for their assessment and estimate.
- Marci has again applied for CRS Rice Bowls local funds to support the cost of water in the Garden. We have received funds five of the last six years.

Haircuts from the Heart

- Myesha "Smiley" Christman resigned her position in the Mobile Program effective March 1.
- Arethea Flowers was hired and began providing services in the Mobile Program on April 1.
- Travis Johnson continues to man Haircuts at MMH, weekdays from 8:30a-12:30p.
- The voucher program continues - there have been 94 reimbursements already in 2026.
- Marci went to an Outreach Commission meeting at the Church of the Incarnation in March to give a presentation as part of the application process for a grant for the voucher program. We have received monies from them each for the last three years. This is the last year we are eligible to apply until re-invited.

Tau House

- In March we received a call from Boston College. One of their scheduled spring break trips was in jeopardy as the location had just called and cancelled on them only two weeks prior to when the trip was to start. Thankfully, because of our strong relationships with our partner sites, we were able to plan and execute an entirely new trip for them on the same time frame. They were a delight to work with.
- Summer sights have been confirmed, and we are starting into the prep phase for the summer season – coordinating paperwork, receiving final payments and planning sheets, answering last minute questions, and pulling together all the various moving parts that make our groups' stays smooth and successful.
- Marci is meeting with a gentleman to help convert the existing transom windows on the 2nd and 3rd floors and select and install the window AC units to complete the cooling project we started in the fall.
- A full deep clean of Tau is scheduled for late May right before our first summer group.
- We have groups scheduled from May 25 – July 10. (Only 4 days within that period will see the House empty). Groups seem to have front-loaded this season – probably in response to the summer heat.
- We already have two bookings, deposits in hand, for 2027.