

**Franciscan Ministries
Board Meeting
July 16, 2025 – Emergency Meeting**

Attendance: Guillermo Villa, Sr. Marilyn Trowbridge, Sr. Ann Albers, Michael Barnett, Maria Giffen (phone), Jeff Risk, Marci Peebles, Elaine Ward.

Absent: Alen Amini

Topic: Recent safety concern at Tamar's Center and staff response

Prayer: Sr. Marilyn

Background: Sister Marilyn gave a brief background and history of Tamar's.

Discussion: The board spent time discussing the program, the status going forward, progress of the new cooking program, staff requests and communications, and security.

Noted were: inconsistency of recent staff communication about safety and the break in, opposition of staff to working out of the Barn or other location (despite services at the house being with non-Price Hill people), concern about lack of accountability of Tamar's staff, and recognition that the current staff, though well intentioned, may not be the right people to develop new programing. Aside from these concerns, the board unanimously agreed the building needs to be closed (at least temporarily) until security is evaluated.

Motion 1: *In review of the history, security, and recent program struggles the board recommends closing the Tamar's program.* This motion was passed unanimously.

The board is open to the development of a women's program in the future, as identified in the strategic plan.

Motion 2: *We are closing the building at this time and if it is used in future, it would first require a full security evaluation.* This motion was passed unanimously.

Next Steps: Sr Marilyn will reach out to the Congregation. Sr. Marilyn and Michael will work with the staff.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Ward, secretary