

Franciscan Ministries Board Meeting

May 19, 2025

Attendance: Sr. Marilyn Trowbridge, Sr. Ann Cecile Albers, Michael Barnett, Alen Amini, Jeff Risk, Guillermo Villa, Marci Peebles, and Elaine Ward, secretary.

Executive Report

Marci (Interim ED) referenced her written report on recent Franciscan Ministries (FM) activities. She shared the following highlights: meeting with Marie Giffen, CPA and potential board member, hiring for vacancy at Haircuts from the Heart which allows for a June 1 restart of the mobile service, Tau House is ready to host their first summer group this week, and FM received \$10K for first quarter donation from the Peddler and a grant from Catholic Relief Services to pay for water in the garden. (See report, which includes correction of Mobile Program start as June not May.)

New Board Member

Based on Marci's favorable opinion and our review of Marie Giffen's application and credentials Guillermo made a motion to approve Marie Giffen as a new board member, Sr. Ann seconded, all approved with one abstention. (Jeff abstained since Marie is a personal friend.) Motion passed and we will invite Marie to the next Board meeting.

Tamar's Committee Update

Jeff reported progress at two meetings to reinvent Tamar's. The committee is working to define the essence of what the program will become but we know it will be a change in direction with centering on communal activities to help women be supported and find a sense of community. Much is to be done. We need to sharpen who the target audience is, plan to measure impact (it is not simply a social function), create curriculum, and offer activity with guided conversation and goals.

Finance Report

Elaine reviewed the Finance Report provided by Don Evers and was pleased to note that the issue raised last meeting about the carryover of an outstanding balance with the Congregation is resolved. For background, FM had not been billed by the Congregation for our portion of Christian Brothers insurance costs during 2024 and this liability remained on the books. FM has paid and the Congregation will make sure the bills are annual.

Strategic Plan

The report summarizes the work ahead. Michael says sub-elements still need work to finalize. Jeff hopes to have next steps soon for 1B. Work groups on plan will be: A-Refueling goal- Sr. Marilyn and Alen, B- Tamar's group already formed and working, C-Staff stability and capacity- Michael and Alen.

Prayer

Prayer was offered seeking strength and wisdom to carry out year one plan.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM.