

River Valley Alliance Church
Governing Board Meeting
January 17, 2019

Present: Tim Beine, Charlene Flint, Joe Haberkorn, Chris Mertens, Justin Roberts, Greg Schroeder, Jeremy Walker.

Absent: Matt Colosky, Dan Ellsworth, Pastor Dave Zimmermann

Guests: Pastor Caleb Atkins, Pastor Michael Golemi, Robin Walker.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. As the Chair and the vice chair are both absent, Charlene Flint **moved** to make Greg Schroeder Chair pro tem of this meeting. Second by Jeremy Walker. Motion carried. Pastor Atkins opened the meeting with prayer. A devotion by Justin Roberts was offered on the story of Hagar and “The God who Sees”.

Greg Schroeder goes over the church calendar for January and February. He mentions that the Annual Meeting will be held on January 27.

Senior Pastoral Report: A written report was submitted. Pastor Zimmermann and Dan Ellsworth met in December and fine-tuned the new strategic marketing plan. After the annual meeting, specific assignments will be given. River Valley’s newly conceptualized logo has been given to a graphic designer. The new logo will be revealed with the new marketing plan in September. Pastor Zimmermann requests that the Constitution and Bylaws Committee set some more specific guidelines and procedures for the Nominating Committee. Jourdan Westenberg will be making a video of the church’s inventory for insurance purposes. It should be done by mid-February. Pastor and Mrs. Zimmermann will be in Israel with other pastors from the Western Great Lakes District, January 14-23, 2019.

Disciplemaking Ministries:

Adults: A written report was submitted. The plan for the remainder of the Spring and into summer is to have separate classes for men and women. Men will be studying *Wild at Heart* while women will be studying *Captivating*. Pastor Atkins is identifying a team of 10-12 people made up of individuals and couples who have a heart for discipleship to go through in-depth small groups training materials to prepare for home discipleship groups. Both a new ladies’ Bible study and Precepts are starting up again for the winter/spring. The men’s Dwelling in the Word group at Rose Garden has been renamed to the *Breakfast Brothers*. This group will start to go through a men’s devotional curriculum that gets them deeper in the Word and facilitates great Kingdom conversation. A new session of Tables of 8 is starting up.

Technology: There was a computer malfunction this month that was handled excellently by Badgerland Computers and Networking. Google reports that River Valley has had 315 active users of the website in the last 28 days. In the last 30 days, Clover Sites report that there have been 106 media plays on the website.

Middle School and High School: A written report was submitted. There are several major events coming up that are being planned. First, is the high school retreat – Oasis. Pastor Golemi

will be taking a group of students to Camp Forest Springs, February 1-3 for a time of renewal and challenge. Secondly, February 9 is the Bread of Stone concert at the YMCA. The third event is LIFE 2019. The LIFE team will be hosting a lunch before the annual meeting to raise funds for LIFE 2019.

Children: A written report was submitted. Both Awana and Discovery Land have begun the winter quarter. There are seven new kids in Awana. Fifty children attended the Christmas Eve Service.

Elder Report: An oral report was submitted. At the Elders' meeting, they reviewed the membership list. They also went through the Report of the Nominating Committee. Discussion. This will be addressed further by the Bylaws Committee in 2019.

Finance Report: A written report was submitted by Tim Beine. As of December 31, statement balances were: Checking \$119,546.87 and Money Market \$2,000.73. Credit Card Debt for November was \$4,126.88. Revenues exceeded expenses by \$7,901.62. The Build the Future Sinking Fund balance as of December 31, 2018 is \$170,282.34.

Impacts (Missions) Report: No report was received. Mike Friedl, Rebecca and Josephine Wangerin are attending Converge missions conference in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Service and Benevolence Report: A written report was submitted. Deposits of \$1,303.00 were made. Disbursements for December were \$0. The end-of-month balance for the Benevolent Fund is \$10,976.79. A meal was provided for the Teen Challenge group after they participated in all three services. They are always appreciative of being provided with this meal before the trip back to Milwaukee. This coming month the deacons and deaconesses will be looking to train a new Deacon and reallocate tasks where appropriate.

Treasurer's Report: A written report was submitted. As of the end of 2018, River Valley had 3.77% or \$21,974.33 more income than expenditures based on a linear budget. Income was 7.41% over budget and expenditures were 3.63% over budget. The average budgeted monthly cost of River Valley operations in 2018 was **\$48,523.33**. Average monthly collection at YE was **\$10,262.45**(online) + **\$31,083.56** (traditional) = **\$41,346.01** for an average deficit of **\$7,177.32/mo**. This amount was less than the annuitized 2017 over-contribution amount, **\$11,468.42/mo**. by **\$4,291.20/mo**. The Governing Board has done a good job of monitoring income and expenses throughout 2018.

After a prayer over the ministry reports by Chris Mertens, it was **moved** by Tim Beine to accept all ministry area reports. Second by Joe Haberkorn. **Motion passed.**

Trustee Report: An oral report was given. At the last Trustees' meeting they talked over activity list for 2019. Pastor Golemi's office/Youth Room will be finished. Then work will begin on the prayer room.

Tim Beine **moved** to accept the Trustees' report. Second by Joe Haberkorn. **Motion passed.**

Each of the reports in their entirety is available in the church office upon request.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Allocation to Sinking Fund: It was **moved** by Justin Roberts to transfer \$2,000 from the General Fund to the Build the Future Sinking Fund. Second by Joe Haberkorn. Discussion. **Motion** fails.

Annual Meeting: The Annual Report has been posted on the church website. Hard copies are available upon request.

Justin Roberts closed the meeting in prayer. Tim Beine **moved** to adjourn at 6:54 p.m. Second by Joe Haberkorn. **Motion passed.** The next Governing Board meeting will be held on Thursday, February 21, 2019 at 6 p.m.

The minutes contained in this report pend final approval by the Governing Board at the next formal meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Flint
Governing Board Secretary
River Valley Alliance Church