

River Valley Alliance Church
Governing Board Meeting
January 18, 2018

Present: Tim Beine, Bruce Cochrane, Charlene Flint, Joe Haberkorn, Justin Roberts, Greg Schroeder, Ron Sokovich, Jeremy Walker, Pastor Dave Zimmermann.

Absent: Matt Colosky, Dan Ellsworth, Pastor Michael Golemi

Guests: Pastor Caleb Atkins, Jeff Parker, Robin Walker

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. Justin Roberts opened the meeting in prayer.

Previous Minutes: A **motion** was made by Bruce Cochrane to approve the December 21, 2017 Minutes. Second. Motion carried.

Pastoral Report: Pastor Zimmermann: A written report was submitted. Pastor Zimmermann's goals for 2018 include to establish an Acts 1:8 Commission. That commission will seek the Lord in how River Valley can best reach out to our community. This commission will look at what is currently being done to reach out to the community and determine how or if those current ministries need to be strengthened. The commission will also seek the Lord's direction in how to reach out to the community with the Gospel. Pastor Zimmermann also plans to focus on finding methods to encourage greater involvement from River Valley faithful attenders in service activities. BNY Productions (Bread of Stone) has the sanctuary measurements. They will be recommending speakers and checking to see which of the wireless mics will need to be replaced with the new FCC regulations. They will be making an appointment after the speakers are in place to re-tune the sound system and train the sound operators. Pastor Zimmermann attended the CMA Converge (Missions) Conference with Mike Friedl and Cory Schultz. He gave an enthusiastic report of his time there. River Valley's missions program has come a long way since Pastor Zimmermann and Mike Friedl first attended Converge 3 years ago. The team attending was invited to share about River Valley's missions program at one of the breakout sessions.

Disciplemaking Ministries:

Adults: A written report was submitted. Two new Sunday school classes began on January 7. Hebrews has been attended by about 40 people while the Art of Marriage has seen over 30 people in attendance. Monthly events continue to happen at River Valley. This month the ladies had coffee and Bible study. The men will be having breakfast on January 20. No Regrets is right around the corner and tickets are on sale now. The senior adult fellowship will have a potluck January 23. **Elexio:** A transition to the new Elexio system will take place. At the next Governing Board meeting, Pastor Atkins will have the new proposal with attached costs. This is not going to be a custom app like Pastor Atkins had hoped for. Pastor Atkins is working on an updated password book to be stored securely at River Valley. He will collect relevant passwords for church-owned accounts and services and compile them into an updated list.

Middle School and High School: A written report was submitted. In the high school class, they have been looking at some targeted passages in the book of Genesis. The goal is to draw out the meaning of the text, and to address any apologetic concerns. The high school youth group will be attending OASIS – the high school retreat from January 19-21. Pastor Golemi requests covering this event as a whole in prayer, but especially the River Valley teens. Many of them are at a critical juncture in their faith journey. There are 20 people going on the trip this year (including leaders). In struggling with what to teach to the middle school youth, Pastor Golemi had a question and answer time. The unforeseen blessing was that they asked him questions for an hour and 10 minutes (over 2/3 of the youth group time). He was amazed at their maturity, and for their zeal

for the Lord Jesus! These question and answer times solidified two things in the youth: 1) It is okay to have doubts, as long as they are willing to seek out an answer, and 2) Their questions are evidence of a deepening faith (as opposed to a lack of faith as some might believe). Preparations continue for the outreach with Bread of Stone. Pastor Golemi requests to pray earnestly, and often that the Lord would bless the outreach. Pray for His Holy Spirit to prepare people's hearts for the Truth. Pray for the band's leading worship to be confident and accurate. Pray for the lost!

Children: A written report was submitted. Teachers are still seeing new kids attend Discovery Land. Since Fall of 2017, there have been over 55 different kids attend Discovery Land (k-5th grade). Attendance still averages around 25 kids each Sunday, but there are new kids still coming. Praise God! Mrs. Walker will be registering for the Watertown Children's Fair that will be held April 21. There used to be an Awana booth at this fair many years ago, but not for quite some time. Mrs. Walker will create a booth that highlights Awana and Discovery Land as ministries available at River Valley for children.

Elder Report: A written report was submitted. (See Sr. Pastoral Report) At the Elder meeting there was discussion regarding having Sunday School during July and August. No firm decision was made. Some discussion was held regarding the restructuring of the Elder duties that will be necessary because of the departure of Ron Sokovich as Elder.

Finance Report: A written report was submitted by Tim Beine. As of December 31, statement balances were: Checking \$74,461.80 and Money Market \$80,154.51. Actual cash balances reflecting year-end giving was substantially more as the recently passed US Tax Cut and Jobs Act made it expedient for some donors to make donations in 2017 for 2018. Credit card debt for December was \$3,088.19. Revenues exceeded expenses by \$149,332.44*. The Build the Future Sinking Fund balance as of December 31, 2017 is 85,995.60.

* Represents year end giving.

Impacts (Missions) Report: No report was submitted.

Service and Benevolence Report: A written report was submitted. Deposits of \$1,451.00 were made. Disbursements for December were \$1,009.35. The end-of-month balance for the Benevolent Fund is \$6,949.97. January is typically a busy month for the deacons and deaconesses. The deacons and deaconesses will be providing a meal for Teen Challenge on January 21 after the third service. They will also be helping with the potluck before the annual meeting on January 28. The kitchen is nearly complete, and the deacons and deaconesses will be working with people inside and outside that committee to reload and label the new kitchen. They are excited to have this reworked space for future gatherings and are very appreciative of the work done by the trustees to provide such a beautiful, workable space.

Treasurer's Report: A written report was submitted. December Financial Report includes all contributions made in 2017 but not yet deposited in Chase Bank as of 12/31/2017. The Treasurer's report states cash balances deposited as of 12/31/2017. The Treasurer elected to exclude year end deposits from annual report to avoid the illusion of excess cash. Significant year end contributions were made in advance for 2018 to take advantage of tax deductibility that would otherwise have been lost if contributions were made in 2018. There is currently \$80,000 in money market savings to be reallocated to long-term CDs in a local bank. The current money market account does not provide competitive interest rates, and is not necessary given current cash balances. Long-term CD rates will provide approximately 1.4% APY. If a CD needs to be cashed-in the penalty will be 6 months interest, leaving a net 0.70% interest rate, still superior to the current money market rate. Greg Schroeder made a **motion** to move the \$80,000.00 from the money market account be reallocated to a long-term CD. Second. Discussion. Motion carried. Greg Schroeder **moved** to transfer \$10,000 from the

General Fund into the Build the Future Sinking Fund. Second. Motion carried. The Annual Giving Reports are completed and in the process of delivery.

Trustee Report: A written report was submitted. Countertops were installed as of January 15. Plumbing will be installed within the next ten days. The double oven is ordered and will be in by mid-February. The new Fob enter system will be installed and implemented on January 25. Bulletin announcements will be run for the next two Sundays informing the congregation of the new system.

Bruce Cochrane made a **motion** to accept all ministry area reports. Second. Motion carried. Each of the reports in their entirety is available in the church office upon request.

Old Business:

Policy Committees: Facility: Did not meet in December. Worship: Traditional worship service policy still to be done. Benevolent Fund Policy: Jen Roberts got the historic documents and procedures into a workable, electronic form that is being reviewed by deacons and deaconesses this month. River Valley History Update to Handbook: The church history will be updated by the Governing Board Secretary in the next month. Storage of Minutes and Records: The Governing Board Secretary has sent all Minutes from 2017 to River Valley's Treasurer for permanent storage.

New Business: Youth Missions Trip: Jeff Parker introduces himself and gives a presentation and detailed information regarding options for a youth short-term mission trip. Discussion. Bruce Cochrane made a **motion** to proceed with Youth Mission Trip for 2018. Second. Motion carried. Post Official Ballot: This has been done. Annual Meeting Jan 28: It has been posted, but will be posted in the bulletin again. Purge non-permanent documents: To be done. IRS tax forms: Done. Change payroll: Done. 1099 and 1096 forms: Done.

Bruce Cochrane **motioned** to adjourn. Second. Motion carried.

Justin Roberts closed the meeting in prayer, especially praying for the OASIS retreat this weekend. The annual meeting will be held January 28, 2018 at 1 p.m. The next Governing Board meeting will be held on February 15, 2018 at 6 p.m.

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

Charlene Flint,
Governing Board Secretary
River Valley Alliance Church