

Present: Dominic Alvarez, Tim Beine, Matt Colosky, Charlene Flint, Chris Mertens, Justin Roberts, Greg Schroeder, Jeremy Walker, Pastor Zimmermann

Absent: Dan Ellsworth, Ron Sokovich

Guests: Pastor Caleb Atkins, Diane Fraley, Rich Fraley, Todd Grady, Pastor Michael Golemi, Robin Walker

The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. Pastor Zimmermann opened the meeting with a reading from Isaiah 26:3-8 and prayer.

Previous Minutes: Greg Schroeder **moved**, Jeremy Walker seconded, that the Minutes from the December 2019 Governing Board meeting be approved. **Motion passed.**

Senior Pastoral Report: A written report was submitted. "Progressing In Blessing" will be on Matthew 5:1-10, the Beatitudes, and will cover February and March. The Israel trip was truly blessed by God in so many ways. All the participants came away with so much information to process and realizing that there is way more to uncover in this special land. District Conference for the Western Great Lakes District will be held at River Valley from April 27-29. Pastor Zimmermann has been invited by District Superintendent, Jeff Brown, to attend the Exponential Conference in Florida from March 1-5. The conference will focus on inspiring, encouraging, and equipping church leaders.

Disciplemaking Ministries:

Adults: A written report was submitted. Adult Sunday School began for the winter term on January 5. Greg Stadler is teaching the second half of Luke and Pastor Atkins is teaching "Solomon: Life, Love, Wisdom". Pastor Atkins has transitioned to a video recording of his class. No Regrets conference will be held at Elmbrook Church on February 1. Starting February 9, a new small group initiative will begin at River Valley. Pastor Atkins will be facilitating a small group lesson. At the conclusion of this lesson there will be an opportunity to split into three different rooms. One room for women, one for men, and one for couples. In this small group setting participants will discuss the lesson as well as spend time in prayer and fellowship.

Technology: In the last 30 days there have been 308 active users of River Valley's website as well as 49 media plays.

Middle School and High School: A written report was submitted. The high school Sunday school class continues their word-by-word study through the Gospel of Matthew. Justin Roberts sent out a letter to the parents of all middle school students at River Valley to let them know about the upcoming "Social Apologetics" focus during Sunday school. Some of the topics will be: Internet Safety, LGBTQ+ and Gender Identity, Abortion, Gun Control, and Depression and Anxiety. Pastor Golemi continues to plan the Youth Retreat, and requests prayers. There has been much interest from both middle school and high school students. Pastor Golemi has had lunch with many of the returning college students during their winter break from school.

Children: A written report was submitted. At the end of the winter quarter (end of February), kids will be taking their yearly Discovery Land test to see if what they are being taught is being retained. This was also the second year for the family advent Christmas books. Book 2 received high reviews from the families

that took part. Awana Grand Prix will be Saturday, March 7 from 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. in the church basement.

Impacts (Missions) Report: A written report was submitted. Unity of Faith 2020 has had its third training session and has upcoming fundraisers including lunch on Sunday before the annual meeting. The current missions' financial balances were submitted.

Local Missions: Safe Families is continuing to support two families. There will be a trauma training opportunity in February. This will be open to other Safe Families groups around southern Wisconsin. The current local missions' financial balances were submitted.

Elder Report: A written report was submitted. Pastor Atkins is planning some small men's retreats throughout the year rather than one larger one. Discussion was held about elder roles with the coming transition to a new elder. Security for services was discussed. The elders further discussed preferred Bible translations.

Service and Benevolence Report: A written report was submitted. Deposits of \$2,752.00 were made. Disbursements for December were \$1,555.55. The end-of-month balance for the Benevolent Fund was \$11,362.29. A meal was served for the Teen Challenge group on January 12. Work is ongoing for transitioning to the new deacons and deaconesses.

Trustee Report: An oral report was given. Security cameras will allow recording for up to two weeks. Recording may be downloaded. Eighteen cameras will cover the entire building.

Finance Report: A written report was submitted by Tim Beine. As of December 31, statement balances were: Checking \$79,711.35 and Money Market \$2,001.72. Credit Card Debt for December was \$2,318.36. Revenues exceeded expenses by \$ 21,880.07. The Build the Future Sinking Fund balance as of December 31, 2019 was \$181,500.09.

Treasurer's Report: A written report was submitted. Diane Fraley, incoming assistant treasurer, and Jason Culotta, incoming treasurer, were trained on the counting process and some of the responsibilities. Total income was 0.78% over budget. Total expenditures were 6.72% over budget. The average budgeted monthly cost of River Valley operations in 2019 was \$52,280.42. Average monthly collection was \$46,469.01 for a deficit of \$5,811.40/mo. Average giving per month in 2019, per attendee was \$136.53.

After a prayer over the ministry reports by Dominic Alvarez, it was **moved** by Tim Beine to accept all ministry area reports. Second by Jeremy Walker. **Motion passed.**

All reports are available in their entirety in the church office upon request.

Old Business:

New Business:

Security Cameras: Matt Colosky **moved**, seconded by Charlene Flint, that we move forward with the security cameras system from AMI Telecom pending approval of the 2020 budget by the congregation. Discussion. Motion passed. Justin Roberts moved to amend the motion for the money to come from the Sinking Fund. Second by Chris Mertens. Discussion. **Amendment failed. Original motion passed.**

Allocation to Sinking Fund: Greg Schroeder **moved** to transfer \$2,000 from the General Fund to the Build the Future Sinking Fund. Second by Matt Colosky. Discussion. **Motion failed.**

Additional person to process weekly check count: Greg Schroeder **moved** that Pastors Atkins and Zimmermann be authorized to assist in the check counting procedure in the absence of Teresa Vogt. Second by Tim Beine. **Motion passed.**

Dominic Alvarez closed the meeting in prayer. Greg Schroeder **moved** to adjourn. Second by Tim Beine. **Motion passed.** The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Flint
Governing Board Secretary
River Valley Alliance Church