

River Valley Alliance Church
Governing Board
October 15, 2020

Present: Dominic Alvarez, Matt Colosky, Jason Culotta, Charlene Flint, Diane Fraley, Todd Grady, Chris Mertens, Justin Roberts, Don Vehlow, Pastor Zimmermann

Absent:

Guests: Pastor Caleb Atkins, Pastor Michael Golemi, Jen Roberts, Robin Walker

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Matt Colosky opened the meeting with a devotion on Psalm 146 and prayer.

Previous Minutes: Matt **moved**, second by Chris that the Minutes from the September 2020 Governing Board meeting be approved. **Motion passed.**

Senior Pastoral Report: A written report was submitted. A meeting was held with Building God's Way. This company is impressive in their dedication to Biblical principles and assisting with healthy building projects for churches. If River Valley needs to resurface the parking lot, the existing location of the parking lots will not change. A rolling meeting will be held on Sunday, October 25 at all 3 services for congregational approval of the Nominating Committee. Discussion was held regarding the manner of voting during the pandemic. Sadly, Bill Richter has resigned as Elder. The ordination service for Pastor Atkins and Pastor Golemi will be held on Sunday, October 18. It is at 6pm at Plymouth Alliance Church. This will be livestreamed as well.

Disciplemaking Ministries:

Children: A written report was submitted. Discovery Land met in person on September 20 and 27. There were 33 and 30 kids in attendance, respectively. Appleton Alliance has been creating elementary and preschool online Discovery Land's for all the churches using their curriculum. This has been a valuable resource for River Valley. The first Awana Zoom meet-up was on Sept 30. Overall, there are 37 kids doing Awana-at-home. Operation Christmas Child boxes are here.

Middle School and High School: A written report was submitted. Each week in youth group they are focusing on things foundational to the Christian faith. Two questions are discussed: 1) What does it mean to be a Christian? and 2) How do I show someone how to become a Christian?

Adults: A written report was submitted. Women's Bible studies began this week. Pastor Atkins will be leading a Digging-Deeper-type group beginning on October 19. Griefshare will begin October 21. The marriage enrichment course will be held on Sundays at 11:00. Pastor Atkins is praying for unique ways to continue discipleship activities at River Valley in 2021. He will be learning from and talking with other discipleship leaders to try and formulate some plans for the coming year.

River Valley Online

River Valley YouTube Subscribers as of 10/13/20: 211

Overall Views in the last 28 days: 1,300

Overall Watch Time in the last 28 days: 295 hours

Matt prayed for the ministry team and staff.

Impacts (International Missions) Report: A written report was submitted. No meeting or report for October. The Impacts Team is in the process of rebuilding.

Local Missions: A written report was submitted.

Haus of Peace – A current guest has 4-week old baby-addicted to drugs. New guests coming soon.

Cornerstone of Grace is planning for an opening launch sometime in November. All funds coming in through October 31, unless designated, will be matched up to \$30,000 for the housing of individuals at Cornerstone of Grace.

Elder Report: A written report was submitted. The elders met twice in October, spent time in prayer, and discussed what approach should be taken toward meeting together in the building on October 4 & 11.

Service and Benevolence Report: A written report was submitted. Deposits of \$3,625.00 were made. Disbursements for September were \$1,280.00. The end-of-month balance for the Benevolent Fund was \$24,938.47.

Trustee Report: A written report was submitted. Projects were discussed and budget costs were assigned. A Building Use Request was referred to the Governing Board. Discussion was held regarding new quotes and the timing of a new parking lot.

Finance Report: A written report was submitted by Diane Fraley. As of September 30, 2020, statement balances were: Checking \$146,510; Credit Card Debt \$3,424. Expenses exceeded revenues by \$2,974. The Build the Future Sinking Fund balance as of September 30, 2020 was \$192,545.

Treasurer's Report: A written report was submitted. The 2019 financial review has been scheduled with Daniel Vang of the District for Oct. 21st. Income continues at 4% over budget and expenses are 8% below budget for the first three quarters of the year. River Valley remains in a healthier financial position than may have been expected this spring.

Chris Mertens presented the Governing Board monthly calendar for September, October, and November.

After a prayer over the ministry reports by Dominic Alvarez, it was **moved** by Chris Mertens to accept all ministry area reports. Second by Justin Roberts. **Motion passed.**

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

Old Business:

Worship Policy: To be presented in November.

New Business:

Building Use Request: Todd Grady **moved** to approve the building use request for Angie Clouse to hold monthly Brownie meetings for Troop 7103 on the 3rd Monday of each month, pending receipt of their certificate of insurance, to be renewed at the end of each year. Diane Fraley seconded. **Motion passed.**

Electronic Voting: Don Vehlow **moved** that due to the unprecedented covid situation those members unable to vote in person at the meeting to approve the Nominating Committee may submit an email vote by October 25 at 11:30 a.m. Votes must be submitted to rvac@rivervalley.org. Dominic Alvarez seconded. **Motion passed.**

Covid Phase 1 Email Vote: On October 1, Matt Colosky **moved** that River Valley will follow the Phase 1 and 2 guidelines of the City of Watertown. Second by Justin Roberts. The **Motion** was **passed** unanimously.

Chris Mertens closed the meeting in prayer. Matt Colosky **moved** to adjourn. Second by Jason Culotta. **Motion passed.**

The next meeting will be November 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlene Flint
Governing Board Secretary
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