

River Valley Alliance Church
Governing Board
November 19, 2020

Present: Dominic Alvarez, Matt Colosky (via Zoom), Jason Culotta, Charlene Flint, Todd Grady, Chris Mertens, Justin Roberts, Don Vehlow, Pastor Dave Zimmermann

Absent: Diane Fraley

Guests: Matt Keever, Jen Roberts, Robin Walker

The meeting was called to order at 6:54 p.m. Todd Grady opened the meeting with a devotion on thanksgiving, Lamentations 3:22-23, and prayer.

Previous Minutes: Chris Mertens **moved**, second by Jason Culotta, that the Minutes from the October 2020 Governing Board meeting be approved. **Motion passed.**

Senior Pastoral Report: A written report was submitted. In-person worship has greatly declined as the Covid numbers are spiking. The Nominating Committee met Monday, November 16. The following leadership positions are to be filled for 2021: Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, 2 Elders, 1 Trustee, 1 Deacon, and 2 Deaconesses. Pastor Caleb Atkins and Chris Mertens are in contact with Doug Jerred of the District Office to check into the possibility of a virtual annual meeting. Doug oversaw the virtual district conference that was held last April. Pastor Zimmermann will record a simple Thanksgiving greeting that will be premiered on Wednesday, November 25 in place of the annual Prayer and Pie event that normally happens on Thanksgiving Eve. Discussion is being held on an alternative for the Christmas Eve service this year.

Disciplemaking Ministries:

Children: A written report was submitted. In-person Discovery Land has been suspended for a few weeks as Covid cases are on the rise, and specifically, among members of River Valley. Online Discovery Land will still be offered to families as an at-home option. River Valley is taking part in a 'Family Challenge' linked from the Discovery Land's kids take-home papers. Awana continues as at 'at-home' program, with monthly Awana Zoom meetups. Advent books are being provided to River Valley families. These books, for kids 8 and up, are story-based historical fiction, that lead up to the birth of Christ through different children's eyes.

Middle School and High School: A written report was submitted. Due to the River Valley's abundance of caution, there remains no Sunday school. Youth group concluded discussions on "What It Means to Be a Christian" and "How We Can Share Our Faith with Others." The middle school students are focusing on how to deal with anxiety in a biblical way. Attendance has been steady with a drop off due to several families being in isolation/quarantine. Pastor Golemi is meeting with the leaders every Sunday night at the conclusion of high school youth group. Pastor Golemi is encouraging and instructing seven different individuals. These include current high school students, former students, and other adults in the River Valley congregation.

Adults: No report was submitted.

Charlene Flint prayed for the ministry team and staff.

Local Missions: A written report was submitted. Weekend Food to Go & Grow is still delivering to some families. Michelle Altman of Cornerstone of Grace is transitioning into full-time ministry.

Impacts (International Missions) Report: A written report was submitted. Following are the balances in the Impacts account:

Cornerstone of Grace	\$929.23
Supporting our Students with	
School Supplies	\$541.22
Local Mission Total:	\$1065.03
Great Commission Fund	\$44,311.40

Please note that these balances will rollover into 2021 because the money has been specifically donated.

Elder Report: A written report was submitted. At their meeting, the Elders discussed the annual review of the membership list. They also discussed plans for upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas services in expectation that the pandemic will continue to be an issue at least into early 2021.

Service and Benevolence Report: A written report was submitted. Deposits of \$2,545.00 were made. Disbursements for October were \$1,772.00. The end-of-month balance for the Benevolent Fund was \$25,711.47. River Valley is once again blessed with Benevolent donations that exceed disbursements. There has been no need to meet in person over the last month and there have been no events in church due to Covid restrictions.

Finance Report: A written report was submitted by Diane Fraley. As of October 31, 2020, statement balances were: Checking \$148,263; Credit Card Debt \$3,204. Revenue exceeded expenses by \$1,753. The Build the Future Sinking Fund balance as of October 31, 2020 was \$192,965.

Treasurer's Report: A written report was submitted. Revenue growth continued to slow in October and ministry expenses remain 20% below budget. Net income is 2% over budget and net expenses are 9% below for the first ten months of the year. River Valley continues to be in a healthy financial position.

Trustee Report: An oral report was submitted. The Trustees did not meet this month; however, they are bringing forth a motion to enter into a contract with Wolf Paving for replacement of the parking lot. (See New Business.)

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

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

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

Old Business:

Worship Policy: No revisions at this time.

Position Description Review: All position descriptions have been reviewed. Only the Elders' position description has not yet been completed.

New Business:

Parking Lot Replacement: Jason Culotta **moved** to enter into a contract with Wolf Paving for replacing the parking lot at a price of \$118,972.28 plus a contingency fund of \$50,000 for unforeseen circumstances. Second by Todd Grady. Discussion. **Motion passed.**

2019 Financial Review: Don Vehlow **moved**, second by Chris Mertens. To approve the 2019 Financial Review. **Motion passed.**

2021 Budget: Dominic Alvarez **moved**, second by Justin Roberts to accept the budget for fiscal year 2021. Discussion. Chris Mertens **moved** to table approval of the 2021 budget, second by Dominic Alvarez. **Motion passed.**

Justin Roberts **moved**, second by Chris Mertens to go into Executive Session. Meeting went into Executive Session at 8:54 p.m.

Charlene Flint **moved** to go back to regular session. Jason Culotta seconds. **Motion passed.**

Jason Culotta closed the meeting in prayer. Jason Culotta **moved** to adjourn. **Motion passed.** The meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

The next meeting will be December 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Flint
Governing Board Secretary
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