

River Valley Alliance Church  
Governing Board  
December 17, 2020

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

**Absent:**

**Guests:** Pastor Caleb Atkins, Matt Kever, Jen Roberts, Robin Walker

The meeting was called to order at 6:30p.m. Robin opened the meeting with a devotion on the simplicity of the gospel and prayer.

**Previous Minutes:** Jason Culotta **moved**, second by Don Vehlow, that the Minutes from the November 2020 Governing Board meeting be approved. **Motion passed.**

**Senior Pastoral Report:** A written report was submitted. The temporary cancelling of the 11:00 service seems to be going ok. Indicators for resumption of this service will mostly be when we are pushing the capacity guidelines for the 9:30 service. To date, there have been 48 people in our River Valley family who tested positive for COVID-19. Approximately 3 of them are actively battling right now. There have been 4 deaths. The work of the Nominating Committee is almost complete. Nominating Committee nominations: Secretary, Colleen Kluber; Assistant Treasurer, Matt Kever; two Elders, Ray Werth and Greg Schroeder; one Trustee, Cindy Chartier; one Deacon, Rick Tortomasi; two Deaconesses, Shannon Colosky and Jean Tortomasi. A big thank you goes to Mrs. Walker for stepping courageously into the *huge* role of Youth Group leader.

**Disciplemaking Ministries:**

**Children:** A written report was submitted. Mrs. Walker has been making deliveries of the Advent Reading Books that are loaned out each December to the families of River Valley for kids ages 8+. She has also provided Advent resources for those families with kids under the age of 8. Awana's December Zoom meetup had 15 kids. This is for kids K-5. There is a game and a small lesson. In the new year Mrs. Walker will be keeping Awana as an 'at-home' learning program and continue the monthly zoom meetups. Mrs. Walker is making and will be delivering Christmas gift boxes for the kids at River Valley. The boxes will contain a variety of crafts and toys. There are about 60 children taking part in either the Awana ministry or Discovery Land.

**Youth Group:** A written report was submitted by Pastor Atkins and Mrs. Walker. Mrs. Walker has taken the role of leading youth group for this transition time. She is leading a 6-week study on the Book of James. Her goal is to pour into the kids and create a strong community among themselves. Each week kids fill out a prayer card and swap them; so that each week the kids are praying for one of their peers. Pastor Atkins will be teaching some in January and February to address mental health needs within youth. Many students struggle with anxiety and depression even when there isn't a pandemic, and this year has not made it easier. The teaching will also help them to understand what their friends are going through even if they do not struggle themselves.

**Adults:** A written report was submitted. The new Joy Task Force had an excellent meeting this month and is looking forward to the Cookie Stroll on the 19<sup>th</sup>. It will be good to focus less on "what we can't do" and more on safe things that we "can do". Pastor Atkins has taken a more hands-on role with this year's in-

reach and will personally be doing the Amazon shopping once he gets the lists. Over \$600 has been collected. Requests are down. Final plans are being put together for the logistics of River Valley's drive-in Christmas Eve service. An alternative video version will also be available for those who do not wish to or cannot attend. The women's event on December 12<sup>th</sup> was a success albeit being quite different from previous years. Some viewed the recorded presentation here at River Valley, while others watched from home. The video currently has 135 views and had 20 live views as it was being premiered.

### Technology

River Valley YouTube Subscribers as of 9/15/20:	213
Overall Views in the last 28 days:	1,455 views
Overall Watch Time in the last 28 days:	384 hours
Unique Views in the last 28 days:	339 viewers

Matt Colosky prayed for the ministry team and staff.

**Local Missions:** A written report was submitted. Cornerstone of Grace is experiencing delays in the house opening and placements. They are resting in God's perfect timing. Safe Families has the director position still available.

**Impacts (International Missions) Report:** A written report was submitted.

Following are the balances in the Impacts account:

Cornerstone of Grace	\$1,909.23
Supporting our Students with School Supplies	\$541.22
Local Mission Total:	\$2,045.03
Great Commission Fund	\$47,576.90

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

**Elder Report:** A written report was submitted. At the Elder meeting Pastor Atkins updated the Elders on the Joy Task Force. This task force was put together to brainstorm ideas for connecting people together again. The first activity is Saturday, the 19<sup>th</sup> Cookie Walk. Other activities through the spring are in the planning stage. They also discussed plans to have Pastor Atkins take a sermon series in early 2021. More discussion was held regarding the logistics of the Annual Meeting.

**Service and Benevolence Report:** A written report was submitted. Deposits of \$2,130.00 were made. Disbursements for November were \$1,304.55. The end-of-month balance for the Benevolent Fund was \$26,536.92. River Valley Benevolence Fund continued the blessed trend of generous donations that exceed the requests for payments. The Benevolence Committee asks that if you know of anyone that is in need please encourage them to contact the church office or the Benevolence Committee.

**Finance Report:** A written report was submitted by Diane Fraley. As of November 30, 2020, statement balances were: Checking \$165,356; Credit Card Debt \$2,339. The Build the Future Sinking Fund balance as of November 30, 2020 was \$189,916.

**Treasurer's Report:** A written report was submitted. Revenue growth continued at a fair pace in November and ministry expenses are nearly 23% below budget. Net income is 2% over budget and net expenses are 11% below for the first eleven months of the year. RVAC maintains a healthy financial position.

**Trustee Report:** A written report was submitted. The parking lot project is tentatively scheduled for May, 2021. This may change depending on the weather. A project manager has been assigned to River Valley.

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

After a prayer over the ministry reports by Pastor Atkins it was **moved** by Justin Roberts to accept all ministry area reports. Second by Matt Colosky. **Motion passed.**

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

The Governing Board moved to Executive Session at 7:30.

The Governing Board returned to regular session at 7:55.

#### **Old Business:**

2021 Budget: Chris Mertens **moved**, second by Dominic Alvarez to remove from the table approval of the 2021 budget. **Motion passed.** Jason Culotta presented changes that were made to the budget since the November meeting, which the Governing Board approved. Justin Roberts moved to accept the budget for fiscal year 2021. Second by Matt Colosky. Discussion. The 2021 Budget was approved as accepted. **Motion passed.**

Elder Position Description review: This will be looked at by Pastor Zimmerman and Jen Roberts.

#### **New Business:**

Compensation agreements: Jason Culotta **moved** to approve the pastor housing/parsonage allowance elections as submitted by the pastors to the treasurer for 2021. Second by Charlene Flint. **Motion passed.**

Robin Walker closed the meeting in prayer. Diane Fraley **moved** to adjourn. Dominic Alvarez seconds. **Motion passed.** The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

The next meeting will be January 21 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Flint  
Governing Board Secretary  
River Valley Alliance Church