

River Valley Alliance Church
Governing Board
December 19, 2019

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

Absent: Ron Sokovich

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:33 p.m. Pastor Zimmermann opened the meeting with a reading from Isaiah 40:1-5 and prayer.

Previous Minutes: The Minutes from the November Governing Board meeting were approved.

Closed Session

Old Business:

Tabled Motion to Approve 2020 Annual Budget: Pastor Zimmermann **moved** to take the motion off the table. Greg Schroeder seconds. Motion is taken off the table.

Jeremy Walker **moved** to amend the main motion to decrease budgeted Elexio Community expense from \$5,500 to \$3,300. Second by Pastor Zimmermann. **Motion passed.**

It was **moved** by Jeremy Walker second by Matt Colosky to amend the main motion to change Elexio Giving from \$1,700 to \$3,600. **Motion passed.**

Justin Roberts **moved**, second by Greg Schroeder, to amend the main motion to change Love Offering Expense from \$100 to \$750. **Motion passed.**

Jeremy Walker **moved** to amend the main motion to change the Fellowship Expense from \$11,000 to \$10,000. Greg Schroeder seconds. **Motion passed.**

Pastor Zimmermann **moved** to amend the main motion to increase Counseling Expense from \$1,100 to \$1,400. Second by Matt Colosky. **Motion passed.**

Pastor Zimmermann **moved** to amend the main motion to increase Sanctuary/Worship Expense from \$6,600 to \$7,500. Justin Roberts seconds. **Motion passed.**

Jeremy Walker **moved** to amend the main motion to change Adult Sunday School expense from \$1,600 to \$2,000. Second by Matt Colosky. **Motion passed.**

Pastor Zimmermann **moved** to amend the main motion to change Awana expense from \$2,930 to \$3,400. Motion dies from lack of second. Justin Roberts **moved**, Pastor Zimmermann seconds, to amend the main motion to change Awana expense from \$2,930 to \$3,500. **Motion passed.**

Jeremy Walker **moved** to amend the main motion to change Awana income from \$2,980 to \$3,400. Greg Schroeder seconds. **Motion passed.**

Greg Schroeder **moved** to amend the main motion to change Property & Liability Insurance from \$5,800 to \$6,600. Pastor Zimmermann seconds. **Motion passed.**

Dominic Alvarez **moved**, seconded by Matt Colosky, to amend the main motion to decrease Church Maintenance from \$10,600 to \$6,600. **Motion passed.**

Matt Colosky **moved** to amend the main motion to increase Church Cleaning from \$11,300 to \$13,300. Charlene Flint seconds. **Motion passed.**

Matt Colosky **moved** to amend the main motion to increase In-Reach Income from \$0 to \$500. Second by Justin Roberts. **Motion passed.** Pastor Zimmermann **moved** to change In-Reach Expense from \$1,250 to \$500. Matt Colosky seconds. **Motion passed.**

Jeremy Walker **moved** to amend the main motion to change Parsonage –Tax Exempt Property Service Charge from \$800 to \$400. Matt Colosky seconds. **Motion passed.**

Greg Schroeder **moved** to amend the main motion to change the general income from \$450,280 to \$448,410. Matt Colosky seconds. **Motion passed.**

Motion passed to approval of 2020 budget to recommend to the congregation.

New Business:

Amend Bylaw Addendum Article VI: Pastor Zimmermann **moved** to amend Bylaw Addendum Article VI by including “if the interim committee member is elected by the congregation for the vacated seat’s remaining term, and if that term is not at least one-half expired, the remaining term will be considered a single term for the purpose of Governing Board term limits.” Chris Mertens seconds. Discussion. Pastor Zimmermann **moved**, Matt Colosky seconds, to table this motion. **Motion is tabled.**

Addition to the Constitution and Bylaws addendum: Composition of Nominating Committee: Greg Schroeder **moved** that since the Senior Pastor must sit on the Nomination Committee, and to avoid an appearance of weighting the Nomination Committee, appointments from the Governing Board and elections from the congregation to the Nomination Committee should avoid placing more than one River Valley employee or their immediate family member to the Nomination Committee. Second by Dominic Alvarez. Discussion. **Motion passed.**

Addition to the Church Calendar Feb: Recording passwords: Greg Schroeder **moved** that employees of River Valley will update all IDs and passwords for accounts used in the course of their River Valley employment. ID and password lists will be stored annually in the church drop safe and confirmed to the Governing Board at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Governing Board. Justin Roberts seconds. Discussion. **Motion passed.**

Housing Allowance Resolution: Matt Colosky **moved** to approve the amounts provided by Pastor Zimmermann (\$3,000), Pastor Atkins (\$18,500), and Pastor Golemi (\$12,000) for housing allowance. Second by Justin Roberts. Discussion. **Motion passed.**

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

Use of church: Greg Schroeder **moved**, and Matt Colosky seconded, to allow the Horton family use of the church basement on December 21. **Motion passed.**

Dominic Alvarez **moved**, Pastor Zimmermann seconded, to break for a 5-minute recess. **Motion passed.** Pastor Zimmermann **moved** to reconvene. Second by Jeremy Walker. **Motion passed.**

Senior Pastoral Report: A written report was submitted. New members received on December 8 were Jason and Rebekah Culotta, Bethany Kiepert, Don and Pat Treichel, Luke and Kayla Pitzner, Richard and Diane Fraley, Ray and Yvonne Werth, Kim Wood, Joel and Carol Edwards, Diane Schleicher. The Nominating Committee has completed their work and have set forth nominees for the open positions. Pastor Zimmermann and Nancy will be in Israel from January 13-22.

Disciplemaking Ministries:

Adults: A written report was submitted. Pastor Atkins has finished the requirements for Ordination and all that is left is the oral interview. A Marriage Enrichment Small Group will be held starting in January. Sunday school classes for adults resume January 5. Pastor Atkins is working on a plan for a potential Sunday night group format as well as forming three new small groups that would start in January or February. Changes have been made to the Elexio service which will save River Valley approximately \$865.

Middle School and High School: A written report was submitted. Sunday School and Youth Groups are on recess until January 5. Pastor Golemi is planning a retreat for River Valley junior and senior high school students for January 31 – February 2.

Children: A written report was submitted. The Discovery Land kids will be singing at the Christmas Eve services this year. There has been some new recruitment for nursery staff. People who checked nursery on the service interest form have all been contacted and are working on their background check information.

Impacts (Missions) Report: A written report was submitted. Budget vs. income vs. expense numbers were provided.

Local Missions: A written report was submitted. Budget vs. income vs. expense numbers were provided. Forty families are being served with breakfast backpacks. Currently one family is being care for through the Safe Families program by providing meals, babysitting and building relationship skills.

Elder Report: A written report was submitted. The elders reviewed the membership list and identified non-active members to be removed from the active membership list. They also reviewed the nominating committee notes and discussed a list of potential elder candidates.

Service and Benevolence Report: A written report was submitted. Deposits of \$1,665.00 were made. Disbursements for November were \$3,776.00. The end-of-month balance for the Benevolent Fund was \$11,340.84. The deacons and deaconesses will be helping serve a meal for Teen Challenge, January 12.

Trustee Report: An oral report was given by Pastor Zimmermann. A workday will be scheduled in January to replace more lights.

Finance Report: A written report was submitted by Tim Beine. As of November 30, statement balances were: Checking \$57,831.28 and Money Market \$2,001.63. Credit Card Debt for November was \$5,209.21. Expenses exceeded revenues by \$4,975.11. The Build the Future Sinking Fund balance as of November 2019 was \$179,762.77.

Treasurer's Report: A written report was submitted. Year to date, River Valley has had 9.84% less income than expenditures (\$51,447.00), based on a linier budget. Total income is 15.30% under budget. Total expenditures are 5.46% under budget. General funding remains a concern with 24.76% less than expected. Year to date average giving per month, per attendee is \$129.76.

After a prayer over the ministry reports by Chris Mertens it was **moved** by Jeremy Walker 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.

Pastor Golemi closed the meeting in prayer. Jeremy Walker **moved** to adjourn. Second by Matt Colosky. **Motion passed.** The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Flint
Governing Board Secretary
River Valley Alliance Church