

River Valley Alliance Church
Governing Board
February 20, 2020

Present: Dominic Alvarez, Matt Colosky, Jason Culotta, Charlene Flint, Diane Fraley, Todd Grady, Chris Mertens, Bill Richter, Justin Roberts, Jeremy Walker, Pastor Zimmermann

Absent:

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

The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. Justin Roberts opened the meeting with a devotion from Romans 15:5 and prayer.

Previous Minutes: Jeremy Walker **moved**, Matt Colosky seconded, that the Minutes from the January 2020 Governing Board meeting be approved. **Motion passed.**

Pastor Zimmermann gave a PowerPoint presentation for the Governing Board Orientation followed by prayer.

Senior Pastoral Report: A written report was submitted. The District Conference for the Western Great Lakes District will be held at River Valley from April 27-29. Cheryl Atkins and Nancy Zimmermann will be coordinating food and amenities for the event. This event will be of no cost to River Valley. Pastor Zimmermann had a conversation with Building God's Way (BGW) for investigation of developing a site plan and future expansion plans for River Valley. Pastor Zimmermann will be attending the Exponential Conference in Florida from March 1-5. Expenses for this conference are covered by the Western Great Lakes District.

Disciplemaking Ministries:

Adults: A written report was submitted. The attendance to the No Regrets Conference experienced a big drop off in attendance. Pastor Atkins will be evaluating what the next steps should be. Either an NCAA tournament watch party or a Men's breakfast will be held, depending on the success of the Badgers. Sunday night small groups got off to a good start. There were 24 adults who participated. Seven separate devices tuned in live to the zoom broadcast as well.

Technology: Pastor Atkins will be using a password manager service, Dashlane, for the staff accounts to manage passwords, change passwords seasonally, and quickly find lost passwords to accounts. Pastor Atkins uploaded Ken Sina's testimony and special music to River Valley's YouTube channel. There have been 2.9k views so far. In the last 30 days there have been 330 active users of River Valley's website as well as 57 media plays.

Middle School and High School: A written report was submitted. A "Social Apologetics" study is being held during Middle School Sunday school. This past week Justin Roberts taught on the dangers of social media and the internet, and how they might utilize those platforms in godly ways. There has not been a drop in attendance. The middle and high school youth groups discussed the evidences for the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, demonstrating that it is not just some story we read in a book that we believe. The youth retreat was a monumental success. Bruce Cochrane and Greg Schroeder helped prepare and serve meals, stoked and fed the fire, and made sure everyone was well taken care of. While at the cabin there were three sessions. The sessions focused on: Four fundamental worldview questions; our identity: "In Christ"; and the power of our testimony.

Children: A written report was submitted. On February 23 the Discovery Land kids will be tested on how well they know the wordless book colors and verses, and basic Bible knowledge to discern if the methods being used are being effective with the children. Children's Fair will be Saturday, April 25. River Valley will be having a booth again this year. Roughly 600 kids come through that Saturday, so River Valley's presence is important to maintain at this community event. The Grand Prix will be Saturday, March 7 from 9 – 11:30 a.m. in the church basement. There are 59 racers signed up so far for this event.

Impacts (Missions) Report: No report was submitted.

Local Missions: The Elders reviewed and approved Cornerstone of Grace as a new Acts 1:8 ministry. Michelle Altman will be the champion.

Elder Report: A written report was submitted. Bill Richter was welcomed as a new Elder. The following roles will be assumed by the Elders for 2020: Administration: Chris Mertens; Missions/Prayer: Justin Roberts; Assimilation: Bill Richter; Counseling/Visitation: Dominic Alvarez; and Worship: Matt Colosky. The Elders will more routinely review the membership lists in May, August and November. This will be done so that we can more closely monitor church attendance of members and have conversations as needed throughout the year rather than just at annual meeting time.

Service and Benevolence Report: A written report was submitted. Deposits of \$2,474.00 were made. Disbursements for January were \$845.00. The end-of-month balance for the Benevolent Fund was \$12,991.29. Don Vehlow will be transitioning into the role as the Deacon Representative to the Governing Board. The deacons and deaconesses decided to have seven voting members decide on benevolent request this year.

Trustee Report: A written report was submitted. Todd Grady was welcomed as the Trustee representative to the Governing Board. The Trustees reviewed their job duties. Security cameras have been installed. The basement door is in stock and will be installed soon. The Trustees will contact Hepp Excavating to evaluate getting the stoop cut and sloped away from the building.

Finance Report: A written report was submitted by Diane Fraley. As of January 31, statement balances were: Checking \$87,747.58 and Money Market \$2,001.80. Credit Card Debt for January was \$3,888.54. Revenues exceeded expenses by \$ 8,036.31. The Build the Future Sinking Fund balance as of January 31, 2020 was \$180,348.19.

Treasurer's Report: A written report was submitted. For January 2020, income was 6% below budget and expenses 15% below budget. In 2019, the average monthly expenses were \$52,280.42. Average monthly collections were \$10,853.23 (online) + \$35,636.21 (traditional) for a total of \$46,469.01 – and a deficit of \$5,811.40/mo.

After a prayer over the ministry reports by Bill Richter it was **moved** by Matt Colosky 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.

Chris Mertens presented the Governing Board monthly calendar for January, February and March.

Old Business:

New Business:

Governing Board Vice-Chair: Charlene Flint **moved** to approve Chris Mertens as the vice-chair of the Governing Board. Second by Dominic Alvarez. **Motion passed.**

Missions' Committee Approval: Matt Colosky **moved** to appoint Rebecca Wangerin, Ron Jones, Chris Oestreich, Mike Friedl, Carmen Carothers, Liz Atkins, Jeannetta Westenberg, and Addy Schultz to the Missions' Committee. Justin Roberts seconded. **Motion passed.**

Corporate Resolution of Authorized Persons: Diane Fraley **moved** to approve the Corporate Resolution for Authorized Persons. Second by Bill Richter. **Motion passed.**

Conflict of Interest: The Conflict of Interest forms were signed by the Governing Board members. Bill Richter, Justin Roberts, Jeremy Walker and Pastor Zimmermann reported a conflict of interest.

Adjust Budget Based on Changes from Annual Meeting: No changes necessary.

Alternate Counters: Diane Fraley **moved** to approve John Flint, Mike Kujawski, Rick Tortomasi, and Jean Tortomasi as authorized alternate counters. Second by Matt Colosky. Motion passed.

Matt Colosky and Dominic Alvarez closed the meeting in prayer. Jeremy Walker **moved** to adjourn. Second by Jason Culotta. **Motion passed.** The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Flint
Governing Board Secretary
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