

River Valley Alliance Church
Governing Board Meeting
February 21, 2019

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

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:49 p.m. Pastor Zimmermann opened the meeting with prayer and Justin Roberts gave a devotion on pride.

Previous Minutes: It was **moved** by Tim Beine to approve the January 17, 2019 Minutes. Second by Greg Schroeder. **Motion passed.**

Dan Ellsworth is confirmed as Vice Chairman of the Governing Board, with Dave Zimmermann as Chairman. Pastor Zimmermann requests that the Vice Chairman run the Governing Board meetings. There are no objections. Pastor Zimmermann goes over the Organizational Chart with the new responsibilities for 2019. He lists elected officials and ministry heads. Chris Mertens will be the Elder representing Missions. Due to health reasons, Mike Friedl is stepping down as Impacts coordinator. Rebecca Wangerin will be the International Missions coordinator. Kathy and Ed Dean will serve as the Domestic Missions coordinators. Dominic Alvarez will be the Elder overseeing Counseling and Visitation. As the contemporary worship leader, Brian Gerike will assume responsibilities for audio and the sound booth. By default, this will include traditional service audio concerns as well. Under Pastor Atkins' responsibilities, Discipleship is changed to Growth Groups and Mentoring is changed to Care Groups. Ron Sokovich will be the Lead Trustee and serve on the Governing Board. Greg Schroeder **moved** to approve the 2019 River Valley Organizational chart pending appointment by the Service and Benevolence Committee of their representative to the Gov Board. Second by Tim Beine. No Discussion. **Motion passed.**

Senior Pastoral Report: A written report was submitted. The National Day of Prayer is May 2. River Valley will be joining with the other Watertown E-churches to observe this day of prayer. The prayer meeting will be held at River Valley. Pastor Zimmermann will be directing the Watertown Community Choir. The performance will be presented in the Watertown High School Auditorium on Sunday, April 7. Jourdan Westenberg has completed the inventory video for insurance purposes. Pastor Zimmermann has given approval to the Impacts Team to move forward with the preliminary planning of a June 2020 mission trip to Thailand. They will have a trip outline and budgetary considerations ready for board approval before September 30, 2019. The Audio Video Project Team asks that the approved AV projects in the 2019 budget can begin. The AV team would like to begin with the projector project. River Valley has been asked to host the Western Great Lakes 2020 District Conference for 100-120 individuals, to be held April 27-29.

Disciplemaking Ministries:

Adults: A written report was submitted. March 10th will start the new session of Sunday school. Men and women will both have 10-week classes on the heart and soul of their respective gender. Pastor Atkins has received responses from several prospective leaders who want to be part of the foundational leadership team for new growth groups. Participants will be going through an 8-week curriculum.

Technology: Badgerland Computers and Networking has given River Valley a quote on internet and PC monitoring. Google reports that River Valley has had 273 active users of the website in the last 28 days. In the last 30 days, River Valley has had 119 media plays on the website.

Middle School and High School: A written report was submitted. Pastor Golemi administered surveys to both middle and high school groups to gauge several factors. The surveys asked questions about spiritual disciplines, interpersonal relationships at school and at church, ways to improve their youth group, and how to get teens to connect with ministries. Oasis was a fun and rewarding experience. This year Dan Boal (the head of Alliance Youth) was the speaker. The Bread of Stone concert and outreach went very smoothly this year. Michelle Beine, Brian Gerike, and the staff at the YMCA did a fantastic job in planning and promoting this event. River Valley's LIFE 2019 team continues to come up with ways to earn funds for the trip. Over \$2,100 of the \$7,000 needed has been raised.

Children: A written report was submitted. Discovery Land is experiencing slow, but steady growth. Pre-School is growing. If all the pre-schoolers were there on the same Sunday, there would be 23! Children's Fair will be Saturday, April 13. This year Betsy Gerike and Michelle Biene will be hosting a Music Camp booth at the Fair. Mrs. Walker has fully reviewed all the materials that were provided in the Church Law & Tax Child Sexual Abuse Awareness Program. This DVD program is fantastic for those in charge of placing volunteers within Child Ministry, but not necessarily for those serving as volunteers. Mrs. Walker states that the current procedures are exactly what they recommend. Background checks for all youth workers have been completed.

Elder Report: A written report was submitted. The elders welcomed Dominic Alvarez as Elder. Pastor Zimmermann reviewed the organizational chart with the group so that each elder knows which area he is responsible for. Pastor Zimmermann and Pastor Atkins talked about the growing need for home and hospital visitation.

Finance Report: A written report was submitted by Tim Beine. As of January 31, statement balances were: Checking \$113,248.09 and Money Market \$2,000.81. Credit Card Debt for January was \$8,515.54. Expenses exceeded revenues by \$6,298.78. The Build the Future Sinking Fund balance as of January 31, 2019 is \$170,288.06.

Impacts (Missions) Report: A written report was received. At the February Impacts meeting Rebecca and Josephine Wangerin and Mike Friedl shared about their experiences at the Converge Conference. River Vallley's IMPACTS program is doing many things well that many other churches struggle to achieve. Carmen Carothers is going to add the responsibilities of Advocate Leader to her Pray-er Leader commitment. In 2019 River Valley will have visits from

Debbie Vik and Ead as well as Sukprasan and Eve and Brian and Abby Lindsay. Plans are being made.

Service and Benevolence Report: A written report was submitted. Deposits of \$2,148.70 were made. Disbursements for January were \$2,431.00. The end-of-month balance for the Benevolent Fund is \$10,694.49. Due to various circumstances the February Deacon/Deaconess meeting has not taken place. It is scheduled for February 24. At that time, they will provide some training for the newest Deacon, Collin Nemeth, review areas of responsibility, and decide on who will be serving as the Governing Board representative for 2019.

Treasurer's Report: A written report was submitted. To start 2019, River Valley had 8.66% less income (\$4,526.12) than expenditures, based on a linear budget. Total Income was 29.82% under budget but expenditures were 21.17% under budget. The average budgeted monthly cost of River Valley operations in 2019 is \$52,280.42. Average monthly collection through January was \$8,366.10 (online) + \$26,359.01 (traditional) = \$34,725.11 for a deficit of \$17,555/mo. This is not the best beginning. However, River Valley's current cash position is good, and it is reasonable to begin some of the budgeted projects.

Trustee Report: A written report was submitted. At the Trustees meeting, they established a Trustee of the Day. Each Sunday a Trustee is responsible for the smooth operation of the church property. The Trustees went over the work list for the year and prioritized. Finishing the prayer room will be the first thing on the list.

After a prayer over the ministry reports by Matt Colosky it was **moved** by Ron Sokovich to accept all ministry area reports. Second by Jeremy Walker. **Motion passed.**

Each of the reports in their entirety is available in the church office upon request.

New Business:

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

Appoint of Missions Committee: Chris Mertens **moved** that the following people will be on the Missions Committee: Liz Atkins, Carmen Carothers, Mike Friedl, Ron Jones, Chris Oestreicher, Addie Schultz, and Rebecca Wangerin. Second by Matt Colosky. **Motion passed.**

Gov. Board Conflict of Interest: The Conflict of Interest form was signed by the Governing Board members. Tim Beine, Justin Roberts, Jeremy Walker, and Pastor Zimmermann reported a conflict of interest.

Corporate Resolution of Authorized Persons: This was signed by the corporate officers.

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

Authorized counters. Greg Schroeder **moved** to authorize Greg Schroeder, Tim Beine, Jen Roberts, Betsy Ellsworth, and Teri Lott as counters. Second by Ron Sokovich. **Motion passed.**

Western Great Lakes 2020 District Conference: Justin Roberts **moved** that River Valley accept the invitation to host the 2020 Western Great Lakes District Conference. Second by Ron. Discussion. **Motion passed.**

Trip to Holy Land: Pastor and Nancy Zimmermann will be sponsoring a trip to the Holy Land in January of 2020. There would be no cost to River Valley. Greg Schroeder **moved** that River Valley establish an account to handle the pass through of funds for a January 2020 trip to the Holy Land. Second by Justin Roberts. Discussion. **Motion passed.**

Audio Visual Project: Pastor Zimmermann **moved** to move forward with the Audio-Visual project to release \$15,000 from the 2019 budget up front beginning with the projectors pending demonstration. Second by Matt Colosky. Discussion. **Motion passed.**

Building Use Requests: Ron Sokovich **moved** to allow Marge Corrick-Gross to use the church building on March 10. Second by Jeremy Walker. **Motion passed.** Ron Sokovich **moved** to allow Ameer Mertens to use the church building on March 17. Second by Pastor Zimmermann. **Motion passed.** Ron Sokovich **moved** to allow Lily Madison and Heidi Hanus to use the church building on March 23. Second by Greg Schroeder. **Motion passed.** Ron Sokovich **moved** to allow Brandon and Kayla Von Rueden to use the church building on March 10. Second by Justin Roberts. **Motion passed.**

Justin Roberts closed the meeting in prayer. Greg Schroeder **moved** to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. Second by Matt Colosky. **Motion passed.** The next Governing Board meeting will be held on Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 6 p.m.

The minutes contained in this report pend final approval by the Governing Board at the next formal meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Flint
Governing Board Secretary
River Valley Alliance Church