

River Valley Alliance Church  
Governing Board  
March 21, 2019

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

**Absent:** Pastor Dave Zimmermann

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

The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. Matt Colosky opened the meeting with prayer and a devotion on Philippians 4:8-9.

**Previous Minutes:** It was **moved** by Ron Sokovich to approve the February 21, 2019 Minutes. Second by Greg Schroeder. **Motion passed.**

**Senior Pastoral Report:** A written report was submitted. Twelve individuals have gone through the membership class. The Elders will conduct interviews of applicants on April 2 and the new members will be welcomed to River Valley at services on April 14. The Watertown Community Choir did not attract enough singers, so the event has been cancelled. Metro Sound has been given the go ahead to order a test projector and lens. These will be demonstrated at River Valley at a time to be determined.

**Disciplemaking Ministries:**

**Adults:** A written report was submitted. Between the men's class and the women's class, there were 63 people attending the new adult Sunday School series. There are 18 people who are interested in receiving growth group leadership training. The goal is to have this group of leaders trained in time for the fall kickoff. Planning is in the process of River Valley having at least one all-church event each month to bolster connection and fellowship.

**Technology:** Google reports that River Valley has had 253 active users of the website between February 15 and March 15. In the last 30 days, River Valley has had 120 media plays on the website.

**Middle School and High School:** A written report was submitted. Middle School Sunday school class has been in the book of Judges over the last few weeks. They are encountering what happens when every man does what is right in his own eyes. The high school Sunday school class continues to study the more common pictures used in the Bible that illustrate salvation. The middle school youth group is going through "Unlocking the Mysteries of Genesis" series produced by the Institute for Creation Research. The high school youth group is going over apologetics. The goal is that they would be able to use this information to present the Gospel to friends in a loving and respectful manner. Since Pastor Golemi began this series, the group has grown, and most have consistently come back.

**Children:** A written report was submitted. Debbie Vik shared at Awana on March 13. She did a fantastic job sharing with the kids. On March 20 Collin Nemeth will be sharing on his recent missions' trip. Having missionaries at Awana enhances the program. Awana is in its final weeks. Awana awards night will be April 24. Children's Fair will be Saturday, April 13 at the High School.

Mrs. Walker is working with Betsy Gerike and Michelle Beine to put together a Music Camp booth and get the word out about River Valley's Music Camp which will be held July 22-25.

**Elder Report:** A written report was submitted. At their February meeting the Elders watched a video by John Stumbo regarding engaging today's culture. The Elders reviewed chapter 2 of the book Eldership and the Mission of God. The chapter is focused on what the mission of the church really is and what things can derail us from that mission.

**Finance Report:** A written report was submitted by Tim Beine. As of February 28, statement balances were: Checking \$105,607.04 and Money Market \$2,000.89. Credit Card Debt for February was \$4,265.96. Expenses exceeded revenues by \$7,641.05. The Build the Future Sinking Fund balance as of February 28, 2019 was \$170,824.26.

**Impacts (Missions) Report:** No report was filed. The IMPACTS team had a variety of all-church and specific ministry events in March. Quite a few people enjoyed getting together with Debbie Vik and Ead.

**Service and Benevolence Report:** A written report was submitted. Deposits of \$914.50 were made. Disbursements for February were \$1,465.00. The end-of-month balance for the Benevolent Fund is \$10,143.99. At their February 24 meeting the Service and Benevolence Committee defined roles and responsibilities and provided updates on several benevolent requests. It was voted to have Jeremy Walker serve as Head Deacon and governing board representative. The Service and Benevolence Committee also met on Saturday, March 2 with Pastor Zimmermann to discuss a new format around serving at functions at River Valley.

**Treasurer's Report:** A written report was submitted. Year to date River Valley had 12.28% less income (\$12,843.99) than expenditures, based on a linear budget. Total Income was 32.54% under budget but expenditures were 20.26% under budget. The average budgeted monthly cost of RVAC operations in 2019 is \$52,280.42. Average monthly collection through February was \$8,480.64 (online) + \$26,373.97 (traditional) = \$34,854.61 for a deficit of \$17,425.81/mo.

**Trustee Report:** A written report was submitted. Miscellaneous repairs have been made throughout the church. Tax-exempt status has been reviewed. Two quotes will be coming from Badgerland Computers and Networking and from Petsche Consulting to update the wifi system. The new projector project is progressing. The trustees are investigating putting outlets in the loft for the projectors. A plan was submitted and approved to finish the Prayer Room.

After a prayer over the ministry reports by Dominic Alvarez it was **moved** by Tim Beine to accept all ministry area reports. Second by Ron. **Motion passed.**

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

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

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

Appointment of Lay Delegates: Ron Sokovich **moved** to appoint Nancy Zimmermann, Jerry Arndt and Evie Arndt as certified lay delegates to the 2019 General Council of the Christian and Missionary Alliance. Second by Charlene Flint. **Motion passed.**

Approval of Church History Update: Greg Schroeder **moved** to approve the church history update in the Employee Handbook as written. Second by Jeremy Walker. **Motion passed.**

Credit Card Policy: Jeremy Walker **moved** to approve the Credit Card Policy as written. Second by Justin Roberts. **Motion passed.** Discussion was held regarding limiting the number of people to have credit cards. It was **moved** by Justin Roberts and seconded by Matt Colosky to amend the Credit Card Policy by adding point 10 – “It is at the sole discretion of the Governing Board to remove card access at any time.” **Amended motion passed.** Greg Schroeder **moved**, and Tim Beine seconded that we collect Laurie Haberkorn’s card and to not issue a new card to Nancy Zimmermann. **Motion passed.**

Disciple Making Ministry Policy: Ron Sokovich moved to accept the Disciple Making Ministry Policy as written and submitted. Second by Jeremy Walker. Motion passed.

By Bylaw Review Committee Creation: Tim Beine **moved**, and Matt Colosky seconded to create a Bylaw Review Committee headed by Greg Schroeder. Members to be submitted and approved at next month’s Governing Board meeting. **Motion passed.**

Audit Team Creation: Greg Schroeder **moved** to create an audit team made up of Ron Sokovich and Chris Mertens. Justin Roberts seconded. **Motion passed.**

Building Use Policy Clarification: Matt Colosky **moved**, and Jeremy Walker seconded to accept the Building Use Policy clarification as written and submitted. This would change the Policy from “River Valley Administration will present all request forms to the Governing Board for final approval (Governing Board meets on the Third Thursday of the month).” to “River Valley Administration will present all request forms to the Trustee Board for final approval. At the Trustee or Governing Board’s discretion, a final decision on building use is subject to the Governing Board.” **Motion passed.**

Justin Roberts closed the meeting in prayer. Justin Roberts **moved** to adjourn at 7 p.m. Second by Greg Schroeder. **Motion passed.** The next Governing Board meeting will be held on Thursday, April 25, 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