

River Valley Alliance Church  
Governing Board Meeting Minutes  
April 20, 2017

**Present:** Pastor Caleb Atkins, Josh Barnet, Tim Beine, Dan Ellsworth, Charlene Flint, Pastor Michael Golemi, Joe Haberkorn, Justin Roberts, Greg Schroeder, Ron Sokovich, Jeremy Walker, Robin Walker, Pastor Dave Zimmermann.

**Absent:** Bruce Cochrane

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. Golemi opened the meeting in prayer.

**Previous Minutes:** Dan made a **motion** to approve the March 23, 2017 minutes. Second. Motion carried.

**Pastoral Report:** Pastor Zimmermann: A written report was submitted. Work on Vision 2022 with the Ministry Team will continue. Pastor Zimmermann will finish preaching on “John 4: Abundant Life: Jesus’ Prescription” on June 11<sup>th</sup>. He will preach on the Names of God from June 18 through August. Another wonderful Holy Week is over. Thanks go to many for the wonderful events of this week. Attendance was great with over 200 on Good Friday and over 620 spread out among the three Easter services. Discussion was held regarding moving meetings to Tuesdays during June, July, August. No decision was reached.

**Disciplemaking Ministries:**

Adults: A written report was submitted. Pastors Zimmermann and Atkins met with a pastor from Crosspoint Church to get some ideas regarding small groups. Pastor Atkins’ heart is to have a thriving and reproducing small group culture at River Valley. Many people are continuing to make Adult Sunday School a priority. Pastor Atkins is considering some fresh options for a new believers’ class. The men’s breakfast was well attended. They discussed Jesus’ triumphal entry. The ladies will be having a tea on May 6. On April 25, the Seniors will be holding a potluck. Pastor Atkins preached at Orchard View Alliance Church in Janesville.

Jr. and Sr. High School: A written report was submitted. The Real Jesus class continues for the high schoolers on Sunday mornings. Pastor Golemi shares the scandalous nature of Jesus lineage, birth, and early years with the students, as well as to begin taking an in depth look at the unique qualities of His earthly ministry. Pastor Golemi is concluding the study of the book of James in the high school youth group. He is thankful for the impeccable nature in which the middle school youth volunteers handled his absence! Pastor Golemi is blessed to be working with a team who are very eager and capable of leading.

Children: A written report was submitted. There were approximately 55 children age 3- grade 5 in Discovery Land on Easter Sunday. The highest attended service was 3<sup>rd</sup> service with 24 kids. April 26 is Awana Awards Night. Theresa Oestreicher has stepped down as Awana Commander. Mrs. Walker requests prayer for the Lord’s direction on filling this position. May 14<sup>th</sup> is testing day. In the Discovery Land curriculum, the students are ‘tested’ once a year to see what they actually know. This will give Mrs. Walker a baseline to compare future years to, and see areas where Sunday morning teachings need to be more intentional. Main concepts of testing include basic bible knowledge of Old Testament/New Testament, what it means to be ‘saved’, what the wordless book means and other

basic Christian living questions. Parents will receive their child's test so they can see how their child answered the questions.

**Elder Report:** A written report was submitted. The Elder board meeting was held on April 13, 2017. Eight new persons have applied for membership. The elders have conducted interviews and new members will be received soon. Sound booth coordination, vote reporting at the Governing Board level, and Thailand craft sales, were briefly discussed.

**Finance Report:** A written report was submitted by Tim Beine. March, 2017 expenses exceeded revenues by over \$900.

**Impacts (Missions) Report:** A written report was submitted. The Impacts Leadership Meeting was held on April 9. Easter Breakfast details were discussed. Year-to-date Great Commission Fund contributions continue to lag and are 22.8% below target. The "thermometer" poster to raise awareness for GCF giving is completed and ready for display. Plane tickets for the Unity of Faith Trip were purchased this week, costing \$1,190 each. This was \$710 per ticket under budget. Recent missions budget and travel arrangement activities highlight the need for new policies. Maintaining a surplus carryover from one fiscal year to the next or establishing a sinking fund may be useful. A policy proposal will be created for the Governing Board. The EXIT signs are at the sign maker and the Team Bio Pamphlet is well underway. As of April 2, 2017, \$18,350 (nearly 75% of the projected need) has been raised. Events in progress are: Discount certificates from Marcos Pizza, Cupcakes & Crafts Sale, Dining to Donate, and Walk-A-Thon.

**Service and Benevolence Report:** A written report was submitted. Deposits of \$1,159.00 were made. Disbursements for March were \$1,160.00. The end-of-month balance for the Benevolent Fund is \$3,048.90. The process of updating the binder that has been used for the Service and Benevolence team in the past has begun. Several items and procedures need to be updated as the church has grown.

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**Treasurer's Report:** A written report was submitted by Treasurer, Greg Schroeder. Greg Schroeder made a **motion** to move \$10,000 from the general checking account to the "parking lot" Sinking Fund. Second. Motion carried. River Valley has received a donation of securities into its brokerage account. It is recommended that a small balance be retained in the brokerage account to keep it open (e.g., \$200). Dan Ellsworth made a **motion** to keep \$200 in the brokerage account to keep it open. Second. Motion carried. It is recommended that the Governing Board establish policy for the mission board and the processes regarding fund raising etc. so that determinations are not perceived to be personal.

**Trustee Report:** A written report was submitted. No formal Trustees' Meeting was held in April. Several Trustees attended the Severe Weather Spotters Training seminar at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. The trustees will work up a severe weather evacuation plan and also a fire escape plan, indicating where people should go in the building for severe weather and an outside gathering location in case of a fire. There will be an emergency escape plan and maps in each room.

Dave Zimmermann made a **motion** to accept all ministry area reports. Second. Motion carried. Each of the reports in their entirety is available in the church office upon request.

**Old Business: Policy Committees:** The Policy Committees are: Elexio, Facility, Children, Financial, and Missions. Some policies will be brought to the Governing Board by the June Governing Board meeting.

Employee Handbook History: At the April meeting, payroll changes were approved. These changes are

at the bottom of 3.4. in the Employee Handbook. The Secretary updated the history section for 2016. Jeremy Walker **moved** to accept these changes. Second. Motion carried.

**New Business:** Video ministry: Video equipment has not yet been purchased. This will be done soon. Governing Board Secretary Quarterly Report to Congregation: This has been completed by the Secretary and will be presented to the congregation. Audit Committee: Ron Sokovich will be on the Audit Committee this year, and he will find two more people to serve. Tim Beine will serve only in an advisory capacity. This year the Treasurer, Benevolent Fund, and Missions will be audited. Music Ministry: Josh Barnet noted that the electronic drums are no longer working properly. An acoustic drum set is being borrowed. Discussion was held regarding acoustic drums vs. electronic drums, a shield, microphones, and pricing. Josh Barnet will check in to electronic drums and traditional drums and will send a proposal to the Secretary. The Governing Board will vote electronically.

Greg Schroeder made a **motion** to adjourn. Seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:20. The next Governing Board meeting will be held on May 18, 2017 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