

River Valley Alliance Church
Governing Board
May 16, 2019

Present: Dominic Alvarez, Tim Beine, Matt Colosky, Dan Ellsworth, Charlene Flint, Justin Roberts, Jeremy Walker, Pastor Dave Zimmermann

Absent: Chris Mertens, Greg Schroeder, Ron Sokovich

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Pastor Zimmermann opened the meeting with prayer and a devotion on seasons of discipleship.

Previous Minutes: Minutes from the April meeting were approved.

Senior Pastoral Report: A written report was submitted. The National Day of Prayer was May 2. River Valley was very well represented. The entire congregation from New Beginnings Church (CMA) from Madison will be attending River Valley on June 23. They will attend 9:30 Sunday School and the worship service at 11 a.m. There will be 30-40 attending. Jeff Brown, Western Great Lakes District Superintendent and Doug Jerrod, Western Great Lakes District Assistant to the superintendent thank River Valley for continued support of both the District and the Great Commission Fund. Pastor Zimmermann and Nancy will be attending General Council for the CMA in Orlando May 26-June 2. River Valley's pastors and staff have set the alarms on their phones for 10:02 each day, referring to Luke 10:2. The district is encouraging everyone to set alarms as well and pray that the Lord would raise up people for Kingdom work.

Disciplemaking Ministries:

Adults: A written report was submitted. May 12 was the kickoff for the new adult Sunday School classes. There were 62 in attendance. The first two training meetings for new growth group leaders have been held. The response of the new leaders has been enthusiastic. The Women's Ministry events have had great attendance and great impact for women in this congregation and visitors. The Women's Ministry team is working on getting a nationally known speaker for an event occurring sometime in 2020 as well as planning an offsite retreat to happen in the fall of 2019.

Technology: The new Wi-Fi system is up and running. Google reports that River Valley has had 321 active users of the website in the last 30 days. In the last month, River Valley has had 124 media plays on the website.

Middle School and High School: A written report was submitted. The LIFE 2019 team is close to being fully funded. At the brat fry fundraiser on May 11, they anticipated bringing in around \$500. However, God has provided "immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine." \$865 was raised. Justin Roberts has been inviting guest speakers to come in and share their stories with the Middle School Sunday School group. Last week the Alvarez's shared their testimonies with the middle schoolers. The high school Sunday school class continues to focus on the book of Daniel. Middle school youth group continues to go through "Unlocking the Mysteries of Genesis." The high school youth group continues their study in apologetics.

Children: A written report was submitted. Sunday, May 19, is testing day in Discovery Land. The curriculum does spring testing to see if the kids are retaining the key concepts taught each Sunday. Discovery Land has a great opportunity to be one of two churches who are piloting a new T&T (grades 3-5) Awana curriculum created by Appleton Alliance. The new curriculum lines up perfectly with what is done on Sunday mornings in Discovery Land. Planning for this year's Music Camp is starting as volunteers are recruited for all the different areas. Registration will begin on River Valley's website on June 1.

Impacts (Missions) Report: At the May Impacts meeting, the upcoming Lindsay visit was discussed. Great Commission Fund weekend has been moved up to June. Videos will be shown May 12, 19, June 2 and 9. The Moments of Impact on May 26 will be about Keith Neigenfind. Missionaries will be added to the prayer list.

Elder Report: A written report was submitted. The Elders discussed Stephen Ministries, and the possibility of looking into it further. Discussions are ongoing. The goal is to enlist a few people who will assist with visitation and communion. They also discussed involving the ladies in serving communion and prayer at the end of the worship services. Including ladies is worth persevering, but it might take a while to catch on. Prayer at the end seems to engage more people when ladies are up front to pray with.

Service and Benevolence Report: A written report was submitted. Deposits of \$2,811.00 were made. Disbursements for April were \$2,141.01. The end-of-month balance for the Benevolent Fund was \$12,719.98. The Service and Benevolence committee met on Tuesday, May 14 and spent much of the meeting collaborating on several open requests. They also got an update on the Hospitality Teams that are being formed and reviewed the guidelines that have been drafted.

Trustee Report: A written report was submitted. The mowing season has started. June 12 is the tentative date to spread mulch. Rubber speed bumps will be purchased for the driveway to slow down traffic into the carport. Exit Plans have been printed for the rooms and will soon be hung on the walls near doors. The parking lot continues to deteriorate and before it is redone, the Trustees need a better idea of where any future expansion might occur. Lighting has been discussed at length and will be replaced with non-ballast LED fixtures as the old ones go out.

Finance Report: A written report was submitted by Tim Beine. As of April 30, statement balances were: Checking \$90,358.95 and Money Market \$2,001.06. Credit Card Debt for April was \$4,669.76. Expenses exceeded revenues by \$19,694.45. The Build the Future Sinking Fund balance as of April 30, 2019 was \$172,593.68.

Treasurer's Report: A written report was submitted. Greg Schroeder drafted the River Valley Policy for Funding Foreign Ministry. This will be discussed at the June Governing Board meeting. Year to Date, River Valley has had 14.36% less income than expenditures (\$30,032.24), based on a linier budget. Total income was \$21.14% under budget. Expenditures were 6.78% under budget. Life conference expenditures are estimated to be \$5,600 in May, \$4,000 in June, and \$1,500 in July. The average budgeted monthly cost of River Valley operations in 2019 is

\$52,280.42. Average monthly collection through April was \$9,197.40 (online) + \$35,315.53 (traditional) = \$40,817.24 for a deficit of \$11,463.18/mo.

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

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

Old Business:

Bylaw Review Committee Addition: Via email Greg Schroeder **moved** that Jenny Roberts be nominated with Greg Schroeder, Dominic Alvarez, Bruce Cochrane, Jeremy Walker, Ron Sokovich and Dave Zimmermann to the 2019 RVAC Bylaw Review Committee. Second by Pastor Zimmermann. Motion passed. [electronic voting requires unanimous approval.]

New Business:

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

Policy for Giving to Other Non-Profits: Pastor Zimmermann **moved** to accept the Policy for Donations to Third-Party Non-Profit Organizations. Second by Tim Beine. Discussion was held. Tim Beine **moved** to table this motion, second by Jeremy Walker. **Motion passed.**

The next meeting will be Thursday, June 20, 2019.

Justin Roberts closed the meeting in prayer. Tim Beine **moved** to adjourn. Second by Jeremy Walker. **Motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Flint
Governing Board Secretary
River Valley Alliance Church