

River Valley Alliance Church
Governing Board Meeting
May 17, 2018

Present: Tim Beine, Matt Colosky, Charlene Flint, Joe Haberkorn, Greg Schroeder, Jeremy Walker, Pastor Dave Zimmermann.

Absent: Art Ebert, Bruce Cochrane, Dan Ellsworth, Justin Roberts.

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. Pastor Atkins opened the meeting with a devotion and with prayer.

Previous Minutes: It was **moved** by Joe Haberkorn to approve the March 15, 2018 Minutes. Second by Greg Schroeder. Motion carried.

Pastoral Report: Pastor Zimmermann: A written report was submitted. A National Day of Prayer service was held on Thursday, May 3. Fifty-four people were in attendance. Acts 1:8 Commission held its first meeting with approximately 16-17 people attending. During a “Spirit-Storming” session, areas of darkness in Watertown that need the light of Jesus were listed and discussed. The pastoral staff attended the Western Great Lakes District Conference. They heard some wonderful teaching from Larry Osborne of Northcoast Church in San Diego, CA.

Disciplemaking Ministries:

Adults: A written report was submitted. The regularly scheduled adult Sunday schools will end May 27. For the Sundays in June, there will be one combined adult Sunday school that will discuss the topic of prayer. There will be no Sunday School for anyone during July and August. Pastor Atkins is pursuing establishing two new small groups. One will involve young families while the other will be focused on young adults.

Technology: Elexio plans continue to progress. It is on track to be switched over to the new Community system sometime in late May or early June. The new website and app will also go live during that time.

Middle School and High School: A written report was submitted. Pastor Golemi has shifted his focus this month due to the pressing matter of raising funds for the Mission Trip to St. Louis. The biggest challenge facing the Mission Team is overloaded schedules. It is very difficult to get everyone together to pray and discuss logistics when the students are so involved in their schooling, sports, and other extra-curricular activities. Justin continues to teach the middle school Sunday school lessons. They are continuing their study of “Made to Be Me.” The high school group is finishing their study of Paul’s missionary journeys in the book of Acts. They are focusing on his final missionary journey. It is Pastor Golemi’s desire that the students will look beyond the upcoming mission trip to apply what is being discussed to their lives. The youth groups will continue their survey of Systematic Theology until the end of the school year.

Children: A written report was submitted. The Discovery Land kids will be tested on May 20. Some areas that are tested are: identifying books as Old or New Testament, identifying key Biblical characters as Old or New Testament, presenting the gospel using Wordless Book verses, and basic lessons that have been studied, such as the Fruit of the Spirit and Paul’s journeys. Children Kindergarten – 5th grade will be tested. The Awana year is officially over. The Children’s Fair went well, but Mrs. Walker didn’t get to see as many kids as she had hoped to. Next year she will be requesting a different location. Some solid contacts were made, many about Music Camp. The prep work for Music Camp has begun. Mrs. Walker will be teaching one-session Sunday School classes which address specific issues to teach parents how to disciple their kids. The first one will be

held June 3, entitled "Passport to Purity" by Dennis and Barbara Rainey. The planning is beginning for a float in the July 4 parade. It will focus on Music Camp which will be two weeks after the parade.

Elder Report: A written report was submitted. The Elders' meeting was spent in prayer for various concerns.

Finance Report: A written report was submitted by Tim Beine. As of April 30, statement balances were: Checking \$130,659.17 and Money Market \$2,000.07. Credit Card Debt for April was \$6,255.97. Expenses exceeded revenues by \$2,625.82. The Build the Future Sinking Fund balance as of April 30, 2018 is \$122,453.60.

Impacts (Missions) Report: A written report was submitted. As of April, the Great Commission Fund is at 88% of budget. Information cards and a prayer wall are being worked on. Efforts are being made to ensure a branded look that creates valued layers of information throughout Bulletins, Booklets, Prayer Cards, Facebook, Web and Bulletin Boards. A contest "Where in Thailand is John Stumbo?" will start with a promotion the week of May 20.

Service and Benevolence Report: A written report was submitted. Deposits of \$1,590.00 were made. Disbursements for April were \$1,277.95. The end-of-month balance for the Benevolent Fund is \$7,154.27.

Treasurer's Report: A written report was submitted. River Valley is now on Elexio's Small Church format. River Valley has agreed to support Thailand national, Wichan, with tuition payment for his ministerial education. River Valley has used irregular channels up to this point but has recently sought to use a better form of transferring funds. Treasurer Schroeder has composed a letter to those who make checks to RVAC for a love offering. This letter is a vehicle to return the check and explain why a love offering cannot go through the River Valley treasury. Treasurer Schroeder submitted a policy to raise funds through Crowdfunding for a church group and stay within IRS rules. A Resolution was discussed to adopt the Build the Future Committee. Flex time accounting policy was described by Treasurer Schroeder.

Trustee Report: A written report was submitted. The church garage has been cleaned out in preparation for the second zero turn lawn mower. A used Bobcat zero turn lawn mower was purchased from Dave's Turf and Marine for \$3,700. The Grasshopper zero turn lawnmower is being sold. The cable needed to install the external doorbells to the security system has arrived. The Trustees will begin pulling the wires through the church so external doorbells can be added to the present system.

After a prayer over all the ministry reports, it was **moved** by Greg Schroeder to accept all ministry area reports. Second by Jeremy Walker. Motion carried. Each of the reports in their entirety is available in the church office upon request.

Old Business:

Final Action/Recommendation on Speakers for Sanctuary: Matt Colosky **moved** to table this issue as more information is being gathered. Second by Joe Haberkorn. Discussion. Motion to table carried.

Deacon Vacancy Approval: Jeremy Walker **moved** to nominate Cheryl Atkins for appointment to fill the Deaconess role vacated by Sandy McLatchie. Second by Matt Colosky. Motion carried. Jeremy Walker **moved** to nominate Daniel Atkins for appointment to fill the Deacon role vacated by John McLatchie. Second by Tim Beine. Motion carried.

Policy Committees: Employee Handbook: The River Valley Employee Handbook Review Committee has not been able to meet since the last Governing Board meeting. Their next meeting will be May 22.

New Business:

Crowdfunding Policy Approval: Greg Schroeder moved to accept the River Valley Crowdfunding Policy as written. Second by Tim Beine. Discussion. Jeremy Walker **moved** to table this to give the Governing Board more time to study the issue. Second by Tim Beine. Motion to table carried.

Build the Future Committee: A “Build the Future” Committee (BTFC) was appointed to periodically evaluate and analyze current and projected facility and campus use to determine the need of River Valley facility expansion. Pastor Zimmermann **moved** to adopt the Resolution of Build the Future Committee. Second by Matt Colosky. Discussion. Motion carried.

Official Documents Procedure: Pastor Zimmermann **moved** to adopt the River Valley Official Documents Procedure as amended. Second by Tim Beine. Discussion. Motion carried.

Allocation to Sinking Fund: It was **moved** by Greg Schroeder to transfer \$10,000 from the General Fund to the Build the Future Sinking Fund. Second by Joe Haberkorn. Discussion. Motion failed.

Approval for Return of “Love Offering” check made payable to RVAC: Greg Schroeder **moved** to approve the Letter to Return Love Offering Check Made Payable to River Valley. Second by Tim Beine. Discussion. Motion carried.

Flex-time accounting: Greg Schroeder **moved** to approve the “Proposed Addition” to the current flex time policy. Second by Joe Haberkorn. Discussion. Motion carried.

Joe Haberkorn closed the meeting in prayer. Tim Beine **moved** to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Second by Jeremy Walker. Motion carried. The next Governing Board meeting will be held on Thursday, June 21, 2018 at 6 p.m.

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

Charlene Flint
Governing Board Secretary
River Valley Alliance Church