

River Valley Alliance Church
Governing Board Meeting
June 14, 2018

Present: Dan Ellsworth, Charlene Flint, Joe Haberkorn, Justin Roberts, Greg Schroeder, Jeremy Walker, Pastor Dave Zimmermann.

Absent: Tim Beine, Bruce Cochrane, Matt Colosky, Art Ebert.

Guests: Pastor Michael Golemi, Robin Walker.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Zimmermann opened the meeting with prayer. Greg Schroeder presented a devotion.

Previous Minutes: It was **moved** by Jeremy Walker to approve the May 17, 2018 Minutes. Second by Joe Haberkorn. Motion carried.

Pastoral Report: Pastor Zimmermann: A written report was submitted. The *Acts 1:8 Commission* met for the second time. God has led them to focus on areas that fall under the umbrella of Families in Crisis. Specific areas include: addictions, mental health, marriage, parenting, and poverty. The summer preaching series will be "Words of Life: The Bible's Top 12", a survey of the verses that are used for the Discovery Land curriculum.

Disciplemaking Ministries:

THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ANY AGE DURING JULY AND AUGUST.

Adults: A written report was submitted. June 24 will be the last day of adult Sunday school until September. Justin Roberts will finish a study on prayer for the rest of June. This summer Pastor Atkins will be recruiting teachers and formulating a plan for the fall. Pastor Atkins' tentative plan this fall will be to have a one-year long book of the Bible-based class, as well as other classes that go for shorter terms. A potential new growth group is in the works for parents of young children. This group will look to have some fun social gatherings this summer and then start in earnest with a study in the fall. Pastor Atkins is pursuing leaders for other fall growth groups. The Monday morning ladies group began a new book study on "Your Beautiful Purpose" by Susie Larson. Every aspect of the Elexio software is up and running. The new website is fully functioning and getting updated daily. Music Camp registration is live and working.

Middle School and High School: A written report was submitted. The St. Louis Mission Trip is almost completely funded, and they are hoping for the remaining funds to come in at the final Brat Fry on June 16. Pastor Golemi is excited to see the Lord provide for their needs. As kids finish with school, the Youth Group stops for a break. Pastor Golemi is preparing teachers and curriculum for the beginning of Summer Youth Group (from July 1 through August 5). Pastor Golemi is making logistical decisions for the St. Louis trip, meeting with parents and students, and thinking of ways to improve the youth group experience.

Children: A written report was submitted. Mrs. Walker has been experimenting with the Nursery curriculum that is available through Discovery Land. Many times, the children in the nursery are between the ages of 2-3 and can handle a short/fun Bible activity. Music Camp planning is in full swing. Mrs. Walker is working on filling all volunteer spots. Music Camp will be July 23-26. The Milestone Moments – Passport 2 Purity – parent training went very well. There were 5 new families new to the curriculum and 3 families that had used the curriculum came to the class. Mrs. Walker would like to offer this class once a year. Due to a lack of personnel to spearhead the project, there will be no float in the July 4th parade.

Elder Report: An oral report was given. The Elders' meeting was spent praying for the needs of River Valley.

Finance Report: A written report was submitted by Tim Beine. As of May 31, statement balances were: Checking \$130,241.01 and Money Market \$1,992.15. Credit Card Debt for May was \$8,276.61. Expenses exceeded revenues by \$426.08. The Build the Future Sinking Fund balance as of May 31, 2018 is \$123,353.77.

Impacts (Missions) Report: An oral report was given. The Impacts team has been working on prayer cards and getting people to pray. They are making good progress.

Service and Benevolence Report: A written report was submitted. Deposits of \$1,153.00 were made. Disbursements for May were \$670.00. The end-of-month balance for the Benevolent Fund is \$7,637.27. During the Service and Benevolent Committee meeting this month, they stepped through the various functions and tasks of the committee and looked to assign a point person for each area. They are approximately 80% through this task. Discussion was held on how to handle buying flowers for those in the hospital or other similar situations. Jeremy Walker was looking for guidance on how to proceed. He will take it back to the Service and Benevolent Committee.

Treasurer's Report: A written report was submitted. The annual review committee suggested a full audit in 2019. A full audit is expensive and likely not warranted. However, River Valley would benefit from an outside opinion. Kristin Koenig, Financial Manager of the Western Great Lakes District Office, is willing to come when needed. Average budgeted cost of River Valley operations per week is approximately \$11,200. Average collected income per week YTD (21 weeks) is \$1,885.88 (online) + \$6,699.64 (traditional) = \$8,585.52, for an average weekly deficit of \$2,614.48 YTD. This deficit is typically compensated by larger irregular donations from a few donors. This irregular donation activity is reduced in 2018 because of a change in giving habits created by the 2017 tax law change.

Trustee Report: A written report was submitted. Adding additional lighting for security reasons on the outside of the church was discussed.

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: Greg Schroeder **moved** to take the Final Action for Sanctuary Speakers off the table. Second by Jeremy Walker. Motion passes. There was a **motion** to spend \$17,000 on speakers for the sanctuary. Pastor Zimmermann **moved** to put it back on the table so that Matt Colosky could be present. Second by Greg Schroeder. Motion to table passes.

Policy Committees: Employee Handbook: The River Valley Employee Handbook Review Committee has concluded its review and updates. Once it is proofread, it will be presented to the Governing Board at the July meeting. There have been several updates, but the Handbook remains very much the same, albeit improved. Pastor Zimmermann requested that the Handbook be a "self-contained document" for the employee. Because of this, several ancillary documents and forms have been added in an appendix.

Crowdfunding Policy Approval: Jeremy Walker **moved** to take the Crowdfunding Policy Approval off the table. Second by Joe Haberkorn. There was a **motion** to accept the River Valley Crowdfunding Policy as written. Discussion. Vote. Motion passes.

New Business:

Hiring Photographer for Church Photos: Pastor Zimmermann **moved** to engage a photographer for a development of professional materials at a cost of \$600. Second by Joe Haberkorn. Discussion. Chris Fisher was chosen as she was formerly a part of the River Valley family. Motion carries.

Purchase of Mulch: It has been two years since the church has purchased any mulch for the flower beds and around the trees. The church would need about 30 yards of mulch. The cost would be approximately \$630.00. Joe Haberkorn **moved** to purchase 30 yards of mulch not to exceed \$650. Second by Greg Schroeder. Discussion. Motion passes.

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 Pastor Zimmermann. Discussion. Motion failed.

Replace the 600 MHZ Bandwidth Components: The FCC has sold off the 600 MHz bandwidth to T Mobile. This affects some of the wireless microphones that are used for worship every Sunday. This includes one headset transmitter and receivers plus two hand held microphones with transmitter and receiver. In addition, two headset microphones for Pastor Atkins and Pastor Golemi are being ordered. The cost to replace these items would be \$1,938.90. Joe Haberkorn **moved** to update the microphones to comply with the new FCC rules. Joe Haberkorn **moved** to amend the motion to add "not to exceed \$2,100." Second by Justin Roberts. Motion passes.

Pastor Golemi closed the meeting in prayer. Greg Schroeder **moved** to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Second by Jeremy Walker. Motion carried. The next Governing Board meeting will be held on Thursday, July 19, 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
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