

River Valley Alliance Church
Governing Board Meeting Minutes
June 15, 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 held at the parsonage and called to order at 6:50 p.m. Justin Roberts opened the meeting in prayer.

Previous Minutes: It was recommended to change “a policy on the prevention of sexual molestation” to “Safe Child Policy” in the Treasurer’s report. Greg made a **motion** to approve the May 18, 2017 minutes as amended. Second. Motion carried.

Pastoral Report: Pastor Zimmermann: A written report was submitted. The Ministry Team has set a meeting for Thursday, July 13 where they will go over the Build the Future Ministry Projections. Each team member (Children, Youth, Adult, Worship) will go to the meeting having prayed over and dreamed about the current and new ministry offerings. With the departure of Josh and Luanne Barnet, who have been so faithfully organizing our second service worship teams, Pastor Zimmermann suggested starting to pray about having the Lord give us wisdom to find leadership for this area. The current team leaders will work on the schedule for July and August. The new summer sermon series will begin on June 18th. The series is titled “100% Perfect: Resetting our view of God”, which will focus on the attributes of God and encourage everyone to have a clearer understanding of who God is. Pastor Zimmermann stated that it was a mountaintop experience to attend Council in Columbus. He came back full of ideas and inspiration to be unveiled in the months ahead. Pastor Zimmermann mentions that all meetings begin at 6 p.m. Greg Schroeder makes a **motion** that we give our electronic drum set to Wellspring Community Church in Hartford. The electronic piano belongs to Luanne Barnet and they have allowed the church to use it. An equivalent value of this piano would be approximately \$1,500. The Barnets will sell this one for \$800. Pastor Zimmermann **motions** that we purchase the electronic piano from Barnets for \$800. Discussion. Second. Motion carried. There will be a church picnic, Sunday, September 10 with lunch at Riverside Park.

Disciplemaking Ministries:

Adults: A written report was submitted. Pastors Zimmermann and Atkins have worked with the list of regular attenders and members to identify who is plugged into some kind of discipleship environment outside of merely Sunday morning worship service. The objective is to get people into an environment that is conducive for Spiritual growth based on that individual’s needs. The summer schedule for Sunday morning discipleship has begun with the “Following the Messiah” videos. There will be no adult Sunday School in August. Pastor Atkins is very thankful for the privilege of attending Alliance Council. It was an amazing time of spiritual refreshment for him. He was challenged to rely more on the Holy Spirit and less on his own understanding. He was also challenged to encourage our people to get on board with the Great Commission Fund. The Facebook video promo continues each week for the upcoming sermon. Individuals are registering their kids for Music Camp already and are paying through Elexio. Middle School and High School: A written report was submitted. The middle school youth

group continued to focus on the book of Genesis for the month of May. This age group continues to feel free to ask questions. The study in the book of James in the high school youth group has been completed. The book's practical nature has lent itself well to discussion. The high school Sunday school class, "The Real Jesus", has also come to an end. There will be no High School or Middle School Sunday School in August. Pastor Golemi has returned from General Council with a renewed spirit, and a list of changes to put into place. He has been challenged, particularly in the area of mobilizing the students for service in the church. He may be changing the middle school youth group to another night so as not to compete with AWANA.

Children: A written report was submitted. The numbers so far this summer have remained strong for Discovery Land. The normal routine through June and July will continue. There will be no Discovery Land during August. Flyers and emails promoting and inviting kids to Music Camp are being sent. Mrs. Walker has recommended changes that need to be made to the Children's Policy Procedure Manual. She has also gone through the Alliance Safe Place Book for forms to be included in the Manual. New policy will be created to also be included.

Elder Report: A written report was submitted. The Elder board meeting was held on June 8, 2017. The issue of overcrowding at the second service was discussed. Having a third service was brought up. Serious prayer, discussion and arrangements will be held for the possibility of moving to three Sunday services on October 8. This would be a big step of faith. The Elders will be in diligent prayer regarding a replacement Elder for Josh Barnet who will be leaving.

Finance Report: A written report was submitted by Tim Beine. May 2017 expenses exceeded revenues by over \$18,000. The Parking Lot Sinking Fund balance is currently at \$32,071.92.

Impacts (Missions) Report: No report was submitted. The Unity of Faith Team and advocates will meet Saturday morning, June 17 to pray before the Team's departure. Pastor Zimmermann is hoping to Skype with the Team on June 25 during services. July 23 services will wrap-up with each team member giving their impressions of the trip.

Service and Benevolence Report: A written report was submitted. Deposits of \$963.00 were made. Disbursements for April were \$405. The end-of-month balance for the Benevolent Fund is \$2,856.35. Most of the discussion at the June meeting surrounded several benevolent requests. More details on current items will be included in the July report.

Treasurer's Report: A written report was submitted by Treasurer, Greg Schroeder. The church has added \$20,000 of coverage for the shed and its contents. The River Valley Financial Policy and Procedure Manual was submitted to the Governing Board. Greg Schroeder made a **motion** to approved the River Valley Financial Policy and Procedure Manual. Second. Discussion. Motion carried. Greg Schroeder made a **motion** to take \$10,000 from general checking and move it to the Parking Lot Sinking Fund. Second. Motion carried. The amount of contribution anticipated from the congregation for the parking lot is, from estimates, underfunded by 70%. Collections to ministry are over budget by 24%. It was suggested to remove the phrase "exclusive" for church use and change to "reasonable" use in the Employee Acknowledgement of RVAC Property form.

Trustee Report: A written report was submitted. Procedure and documentation for the retention pond was dropped off at the Watertown Engineering Department. The next meeting of the Facility Committee will be June 20, 2017. Work has begun on the kitchen remodeling; old cabinets have been removed, and a new opening for double-wide refrigerator has been roughed in and will be drywalled

next week. The electrician has been called for the electrical changes. Y's Way has been contacted to finish tiling the floor. After removing the old cabinets, the trustees feel this window should be replaced with a smaller window to allow for a frame and backsplash area by the sink. The water has been running down into the window. Quotes to install a new window will be obtained. The River Valley Alliance Lawn Mowing Policy and Procedure was presented to the Governing Board for its consideration. Joe Haberkorn **motions** to approve the lawn mowing policy as submitted. Second. Carried. A member of River Valley requested the handicap parking area be moved to the west end of the building closer to the west handicap door. To move handicap parking to this area would also remove about 6 stalls of parking and the cost would be \$15,000 – \$25,000 dollars. Possible alternatives of valet parking or putting a portable enclosure over the sidewalk were discussed. This will be readdressed when the parking lot is redone. It was decided to put up additional handicap parking signs. The signs that Impacts Committee had made up will be installed at the end of both driveways when leaving church.

Jeremy Walker 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: Elexio: The Elexio team met Thursday, May 4. Facility: The Lawn Mowing Policy and Procedure was presented to the Governing Board and adopted. Children: Changes to the Children's Policy Procedure Manual have been identified. (See Disciplemaking Ministries Children's report). Financial: River Valley Financial Policy and Procedure Manual was presented to the Governing Board and adopted. Worship: With the departure of Josh Barnet, Pastor Zimmermann will supervise the Worship Policy Committee. Future: Think about, dream about, pray about. (See Pastoral Report). Pastor Zimmermann notes that once a need is identified, we need to go to *experts*. Audit: Nothing to report.

New Business: Liability Waiver: Discussion was held regarding the use of the liability waiver and the medical release forms specifically for the youth and for those transporting the seniors using their own vehicles. Electronic voting: Electronic mechanisms are in place so that people out of town for meetings may skype and be considered present. Greg Schroeder makes a **motion** that we allow the definition of "present" to include by electronic means. Second. Discussion. Motion carried.

The meeting was closed by praying and giving thanks for the service and faithfulness of Josh Barnet. Jeremy Walker **motioned** to adjourn. Seconded. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:05. The next Governing Board meeting will be held on July 20, 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