

River Valley Alliance Church  
Governing Board  
June 20, 2019

**Present:** Dominic Alvarez, Matt Colosky, Dan Ellsworth, Charlene Flint, Chris Mertens, Greg Schroeder, Ron Sokovich, Jeremy Walker, Pastor Dave Zimmermann

**Absent:** Tim Beine, Justin Roberts

**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 scripture reading from Titus 3.

**Previous Minutes:** Matt Colosky **moved** to approve the Minutes from the May meeting. Second by Greg Schroeder. **Motion passed.**

**Senior Pastoral Report:** A written report was submitted. Pastor Zimmermann and Nancy greatly enjoyed the CMA's National Council in Orlando at the end of May. It was fantastic to be with over 2000 people who are giving their lives to serve Jesus. There will be some conversations about the CMA policy statements over the next two years. In 2021, the council will be held in Nashville. In the most recent matching Great Commission Fund campaign, River Valley gave \$16,000!

**Disciplemaking Ministries:**

**Adults:** A written report was submitted. Attendance remains strong as the end of the normal Sunday school year comes to an end. Pastor Atkins will conclude the study of James on June 30. Grief Share will be continuing further into the summer to finish up. Senior Adult Fellowship will have a potluck on June 25. The men will get together for a grilling event June 28. There will be a women's retreat September 13-15 at Lutherdale in Elkhorn. In order to reserve the camp space, half the cost of \$2,900, (or \$1,450) needs to be paid down now. If 20 women attend, that cost will be recouped.

**Technology:** There were two internet outages in the last month, Badgerland was quick to address the situation and fix the problem. Google reports that we have had 290 active users of our website in the last 30 days. In the last 30 days, clover sites report that we have had 124 media plays on our website.

**Middle School and High School:** A written report was submitted. Programming is starting to quiet down for the summer. Pastor Golemi has turned to planning. He is currently planning for 1) summer youth group, 2) summer activities (i.e. lock-ins and parties), 3) LIFE2019 travel plans and paperwork, and 4) making improvements to the youth room. Youth group ended on May 26 with a party celebrating the end of the school year. There are a few projects in the youth room that he would like to undertake prior to summer youth group. One of which is to establish a prayer wall for the students. The LIFE 2019 team is fully funded. The final two team meetings will have a spiritual focus as they prepare their hearts for what God has for them in Florida.

**Children:** A written report was submitted. Discovery Land is wrapping up for the summer with the last class being held June 30. River Valley is piloting a new T&T book (for 3rd-5th graders)

that aligns up with Discovery Land. While teachers will work through the “Know Right, Think Right, Do Right, Feel Right” parts of the verse while learning, it creates a more mentoring feel to Awana. These changes will enhance Awana and make the efforts more fruitful in the end! Music Camp will be July 22-25 and this year’s theme is Choose Joy.

**Impacts (Missions) Report:** The Unity of Faith 2020 Trip will be June 13-27, 2020. The final timeline draft for applications was set. Discussion was held regarding the Lindsays’ visit (Oct 16-20). Over the next three years all the funds for Marketplace Ministries, Envision, CAMA, etc. will be consolidated into one.

In local missions, this last school year 11 churches have met to pack 50 backpacks with breakfast items to those families that qualify. This gives children breakfast items and milk vouchers to assure children have nourishment over the weekend. Several River Valley people have responded to the Lord’s leading to become involved in the Safe Families Ministry. Training will begin soon.

**Elder Report:** A written report was submitted. At the Elders’ monthly meeting they discussed the CMA Council experience. Also discussed was interest by a member in becoming involved with Stephen Ministries to be discussed at a future date. The General understanding for the division of responsibility in River Valley church governance document was also talked about.

**Service and Benevolence Report:** A written report was submitted. Deposits of \$1,739.00 were made. Disbursements for May were \$2,016.50. The end-of-month balance for the Benevolent Fund was \$11,317.48. Planning continues to set up hospitality teams and adjust how coverage will be handled for events. There are a few single moms that have asked for help in moving over the next month. Efforts will be made to relaunch a moving crew in the weeks ahead.

**Trustee Report:** An oral report was given. Mulching was done on June 19. There were about 15 people who helped. The Trustees are in the process of switching over to LED lighting. Trustees will be handling some landscaping issues and general building maintenance.

**Finance Report:** A written report was submitted by Tim Beine. As of May 31, statement balances were: Checking \$92,106.49 and Money Market \$2,001.14. Credit Card Debt for May was \$12,737.20. Revenues exceeded expenses by \$1,747.54. The Build the Future Sinking Fund balance as of May 31, 2019 was \$175,296.60.

**Treasurer’s Report:** A written report was submitted. May income exceeded expenses by \$809.10. This is an improvement over last month. Year to date, RVAC has had 20.36% less income than expenditures (\$29,404.61), based on a linear budget. Total income was 20.36% under budget. Expenditures were 9.11% under budget. From Elexio, as means of comparison, normal collections from 1/1/2018 through 06/18/2018 was \$213,123.47. For the same period this year, total income has been \$239,097.70.

Bylaw Review Committee:

After a prayer over the ministry reports by Matt Colosky it was **moved** by Greg Schroeder to accept all ministry area reports. Second by Dominic Alvarez. **Motion passed.**

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

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

Policy for Giving to Other Non-Profits: Greg Schroeder **moved** to approve the Policy for Donations to Third-Party Charitable Organizations as drafted. Second by Ron Sokovich. Discussion. **Motion passed.**

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

Approval of Women's Retreat Funding: Charlene Flint **moved** to spend \$1,450 to secure the down payment for the women's retreat which will take place September 13-15 at Lutherdale. Second by Greg Schroeder. **Motion passed.**

Policy on Funding Foreign Ministry: Greg Schroeder **moved** to approve the River Valley Policy for Funding Foreign Ministry as drafted. Second by Ron Sokovich. Discussion. Greg Schroeder **moved** to amend Item No. 4 to include other missionaries outside of the CMA and to not require the Governing Board to coordinate with the CMA. Second by Ron Sokovich. **Amendment failed.** Greg Schroeder **moved** to amend No. 4 to remove the words "will be coordinated through the CMA and the Governing Board in advance" and replacement them with "Governing Board may be coordinated through the CMA in advance." To read as follows: Plans to invite foreign national persons to River Valley will be coordinated with the Governing Board in advance and may be coordinated with the CMA. Second by Ron Sokovich. **Motion passed.**

Building Use: Ron Sokovich **moved** to allow Haus of Peace to use the building for a fund raiser on July 19. Second by Matt Colosky. Discussion. Ron Sokovich moved to amend the motion to say, "upon approval of the senior pastor". **Motion passed.**

The next meeting will be Thursday, July 18, 2019.

Dominic Alvarez closed the meeting in prayer. Pastor Zimmermann **moved** to adjourn. Second by Jeremy Walker. **Motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Flint  
Governing Board Secretary  
River Valley Alliance Church