

River Valley Alliance Church  
Governing Board Meeting  
July 19, 2018

**Present:** Tim Beine, Matt Colosky, Dan Ellsworth, Charlene Flint, Joe Haberkorn, Justin Roberts, Greg Schroeder, Jeremy Walker, Pastor Dave Zimmermann.

**Absent:** Bruce Cochrane, Art Ebert.

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Justin Roberts presented a devotion and opened the meeting with prayer.

**Previous Minutes:** It was **moved** by Greg Schroeder approve the June 14, 2018 Minutes. Second by Tim Beine. Motion passed.

**Pastoral Report:** Pastor Zimmermann: A written report was submitted. The *Acts 1:8 Commission* met on July 10. More areas to investigate have been identified: Celebrate Recovery, Safe Families, and Haus of Peace. Nancy Zimmermann will put together a booklet of resources available in Watertown for families in crisis. The Committee reviewed the Acts 1:8 Launch form which has also been reviewed by the elders. The group voted to launch a ministry in the area of Sex Trafficking awareness. Baptisms will be held on Sunday, August 26. Pastor Zimmermann contacted Outsight Network, a company that specializes in marketing for non-profit as well as for-profit organizations. This was mentioned as an option for River Valley to do something different or perhaps additionally to get the word out that River Valley is here and wants to make a difference for Jesus. Discussion was held regarding the growing pains of a church and role of the Governing Board.

**Disciplemaking Ministries:**

**Adults:** A written report was submitted. Sunday school for all ages will resume in September. Plans are getting in place for the fall for two adult classes that will run the entire 14 weeks of Sunday school in the fall. Monthly events for the Women's, Men's, and Senior Ministries are beginning to be planned for the fall and early winter. Nancy Zimmermann's women's book study has had strong attendance with about 30 ladies. The Krueger's young adult group will begin July 20. Behind-the-scenes-work is being done to work on creating new groups and matching incoming families into appropriate growth groups. The new Elexio is up and running. The congregation will be instructed this fall on how to better use the new website, giving portal, and account access. Pastor and Liz Atkins will be directing for two weeks at Northern Pines Family Camp the last week of July and the first week of August. There are eleven students and one family from River Valley signed up for Week Two.

**Middle School and High School:** An oral report was submitted. Pastor Golemi updated the Governing Board on the events of the Youth Mission Trip to St. Louis. River Valley teens ministered at a nursing home, Christian School for performing arts, community gardens, food pantry, and with kids with special needs.

**Children:** A written report was submitted. Music Camp will be taking place July 23-26. To date there are 120 kids registered. Awana preparations have begun. Mrs. Walker is working on building volunteer teams for each age group, but many volunteers are returning.

**Elder Report:** A written report was given. Leadership training will be offered for some men to train them to be future deacons, trustees, or elders. Two men have expressed interest in participating. Pastor Zimmermann is waiting for response from three others. Worship teams need to be aware of people praying during band set

up for second and third services. A note has been sent to the worship leaders to remind their teams. Changes to the contemporary service flow were discussed. A couple of ideas are going to be tried. The Elders spent time at the Elders' meeting praying for the needs of River Valley.

**Finance Report:** A written report was submitted by Tim Beine. As of June 30, statement balances were: Checking \$121,035.73 and Money Market \$2,000.23. Credit Card Debt for June was \$4,556.25. Expenses exceeded revenues by \$9,197.20. The Build the Future Sinking Fund balance as of June 30, 2018 is \$123,769.68.

**Impacts (Missions) Report:** A written report was submitted. Since February 2016, 134 separate RVAC families have prayed for 17 International Workers in SE Asia- with a focus on Thailand. Carmen Carothers has been diligent in spreading the opportunity for new participant involvement throughout the congregation. For June 2018, 12 "first timers" have been assigned to join prayerfully the ministry of the Holy Spirit as He proclaims the Name of Jesus in that part of the world.

**Service and Benevolence Report:** A written report was submitted. Deposits of \$1,426.00 were made. Disbursements for June were \$0. The end-of-month balance for the Benevolent Fund is \$9,063.27. Benevolent activity had been slow for several months but has picked up again in the last few weeks. Binders have been created and distributed to the Service and Benevolence committee with an update of the information needed for the many tasks and functions in this ministry.

**Treasurer's Report:** A written report was submitted. The Treasurer conveyed the continued reduction of surplus income over expenditures as a result of late 2017 contributions made for 2018. This decline of surplus was expected, but it is a budgeting challenge. Furthermore, it not known if this budgeting challenge will be sustained in future years given the possibility that RVAC donors may utilize tax strategies called "bunching" to utilized itemized deductions. The donor needs to check giving record in Elexio Community until the old and new programs are integrated.

**Trustee Report:** A written report was submitted. The Trustees are getting information from Focus on Energy regarding lights in their rebate program. Discussion was held regarding church facility usage for a home school co-op.

After prayer over the ministry reports, it was **moved** by Jeremy Walker to accept all ministry area reports. Second by Tim Beine. 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: There was a **motion** on the table to spend \$17,000 on speakers for the sanctuary. No motion to take this off the table. Motion died.

Policy Committees: Employee Handbook: The document was submitted to the Governing Board for review. Items that have been updated from previous versions are highlighted in the table of contents. Governing Board Members are asked to review the document for a vote at the August Governing Board meeting.

#### **New Business:**

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 Matt Colosky. Discussion. Motion failed.

Pastor Atkins closed the meeting in prayer. Greg Schroeder **moved** to adjourn at 7:08 p.m. Second by Justin Roberts. Motion carried. The next Governing Board meeting will be held on Thursday, August 16, 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