

Present: Pastor Caleb Atkins, Tim Beine, Bruce Cochrane (via video conferencing), Dan Ellsworth, Charlene Flint, Pastor Michael Golemi, Joe Haberkorn, Justin Roberts, Greg Schroeder, Ron Sokovich, Jeremy Walker, Robin Walker, Pastor Dave Zimmermann.

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. Justin opened the meeting in prayer.

Previous Minutes: A **motion** was made by Joe Haberkorn to approve the June 15, 2017 minutes. Second. Motion carried.

Pastoral Report: Pastor Zimmermann: A written report was submitted. The Ministry Team met on July 18, and went over projections for Build the Future. These projections were presented to the GB and discussed. Pastor Zimmermann makes a **motion** that a Build the Future Team be formed to continue the process of facility needs evaluation based on growth projections. Second. Motion carried. Pastor Zimmermann will find members for this Team. September preaching will be on the Purpose statement in reverse... Empowered. Transformed. Followers of Jesus. The first Sunday in October the ministry team will be talking about Vision 2022. Pastor Zimmermann's preaching will focus on the Holy Spirit from October through November. The possibility of changing to three Sunday services on October 8th was extensively discussed. A tentative schedule might include: Traditional Service at 8:00, and Contemporary Services at 9:30 and 11:00 with Sunday School during the 9:30 and 11:00 services. A checklist of things to be performed prior to each service by the sound booth operator is being developed. Once this is completed, a sound meeting will be held.

Disciplemaking Ministries:

Adults: A written report was submitted. Two Sunday morning Adult classes will begin in September. One class will be Bible based while the other is topical life application (supported by Scripture). After the change to three services in early October, the two adult Sunday school classes will continue during the 9:30 am service. In addition, four to five small groups will meet during the 11:00 am service. These groups would be no more than eight per group and focus their discussion using the "Dwelling in the Word" format of the bulletins. Currently, there are four additional groups that use this format. These groups would continue to meet various times during the midweek. To supplement and add additional growth environments 2-3 additional midweek "Study Groups" would be established. These groups would ideally be 6-12 people meeting for 6-13 weeks going through a curriculum chosen by a facilitator and approved by River Valley. An 8-week Tuesday night group called "Starting Point" will be offered for new and growing believers here at River Valley led by Pastor Atkins. A Fall Precepts class will be offered. Pastor Atkins will be working with the various special ministries (Men's, Women's, Seniors, etc.) to bolster their events. There may be big changes with Elexio in the next year. Because of that, check-in for services will not be implemented yet.

Middle School and High School: A written report was submitted. Pastor Golemi has been constructing a calendar for the school year. There are seven special events that he wants to plan for this year: middle school and high school retreats, Bread of Stone concert in January, a middle school lock-in, a high school scavenger hunt, a video game night, and a summer trip to The Creation Museum. Middle school youth group will now be moved to Tuesday nights during the school year (beginning September 12) as space has become an issue. Middle school youth group met for the first time this summer on

July 12. The next five weeks they will focus on a different person in Scripture each week. High school youth group began Sunday evening, July 16. Pastor Golemi's focus will continue to be fostering a safe environment for the high schoolers to grow in their relationship with God, as well as with one another. While the middle school Sunday school class is on hold for the summer, the students are encouraged to either join their parents in Sunday school, or attend with the high schoolers. The high school Sunday school class has been focusing on the basics of Bible study.

Children: A written report was submitted. There has been an average of approximately 24 kids for DiscoveryLand over the summer. That is only a little lower than the school year. Music Camp will be July 24-27. It is fully staffed and ready to go. Mrs. Walker will be serving as the Awana Commander for this school year. River Valley is using Church Mutual for background checks and will keep approval sheets in the church office. The dates of continuing training and Safe Place Plan training are recorded on these sheets.

THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST. SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL RESUME SEPTEMBER 10.

Elder Report: An oral report was submitted. The Elder board meeting was held on July 17, 2017. At their meeting they discussed filling the elder vacancy, going to three services, Christmas, and New Year's. Baptisms will be held on August 13.

Finance Report: A written report was submitted by Tim Beine. June 2017 revenues exceeded expenses by over \$4,800. The Parking Lot Sinking Fund balance as of June 30, 2017 is \$42,497.01.

Impacts (Missions) Report: A written report was submitted. The Unity of Faith 2017 short term missions trip to Thailand will present to the congregation on Sunday, July 23. The trip's primary assignments included teaching English to public school children with Ed and Sue Danneker (Thailand church planters) and laying a tile floor for a small church with Debbie Vik. Mike Friedl spent parts of two additional weeks in an orientation tour of Thailand and participated in a Thailand Field Forum with Cambodian missionaries. The objective of his extended stay was to improve communication between the International Workers and their IMPACTS Advocates. River Valley's IMPACTS program was recognized as a mission's program that should be modeled. The Danneker's said in their newsletter, "Their willingness to teach English opened the doors for over 120 students plus many of the teachers to hear the Good News of Jesus at two different schools." The Wangerins' and the Watertown Soccer Club's donation of about 40 soccer balls was well received by nearly 10 locations in Thailand.

Service and Benevolence Report: A written report was submitted. Deposits of \$1,108.00 were made. Disbursements for June were \$1,137.01. The end-of-month balance for the Benevolent Fund is \$2,827.34. Discussion was held on how River Valley Service and Benevolence committee should help those in the congregation that are clearly in need of help but don't want to ask. It was also discussed that when a meal calendar is set up, there has been less response than in the past. This may need to be addressed or promoted in the future.

Treasurer's Report: A written report was submitted. The Volunteer Driver's Pledge was submitted to the GB. Greg Schroeder **made** a motion to approve the Volunteer Driver's Pledge for use. Second. Discussion. Motion carried. The Indemnity and Release Form for Volunteer Transportation Service was submitted to the GB and discussed. A **motion** was made by Greg Schroeder to approve the Indemnity and Release Form for Volunteer Transportation Service for use. No second. Motion fails. Greg

Schroeder made a **motion** to transfer \$10,000 from general checking to the Parking Lot Sinking Fund. Discussion. Motion carried.

Trustee Report: A written report was submitted. The Storm Water Management Maintenance Agreement with the City is completed and signed. Everything is falling into place with the kitchen remodel. It is hoped that it will be completed by early October. The lease from Hepp's Storage Facility on the storage garage comes due at the end of August. The cost for the storage unit has been \$720.00 per year. Discussion was held to decide whether to renew the lease. It was decided to not renew the lease. Three new handicapped parking stalls will be added to the parking lot once the signs arrive.

Dan Ellsworth 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: Audit: Nothing to report. Liability Waiver: See Treasurer's Report.

Policy Committees: The Policy Committees: Elexio: Nothing reported. Facility: The Trustees completed the River Valley Alliance Church Facility Lock Up Procedure and River Valley Alliance Church Fob/Key Policy and submitted them for GB approval. There was discussion regarding the age listed. The GB agreed to change to "18 years of age or by special approval by the GB or Trustees." Joe Haberkorn **motions** to approve the River Valley Alliance Church Fob/Key Policy as amended. Second. Motion carried. Children: Children's Policy Manual had already been created. Revisions were made and Draft 1 has been completed. Once the Children's Policy Committee incorporates its changes, it will be presented to the GB for approval. Financial: A Special Projects Policy, which was adopted in October 2009 was found in the archives. It has been added to the Policy and Procedures manuals. Worship: Pastor Zimmermann, with the input of the worship leaders, is developing a policy and covenant for worship leaders, singers and instrumentalists. This should be ready for GB approval in August. Future: See Pastor Zimmermann's Pastoral Report, page 1. Discussion was held regarding having an Addendum to the Bylaws.

New Business: Emmi Hanus. Emmi Hanus is in Taiwan on an internship. The GB voted last year to give her \$100 per month for one year. Jeremy Walker **moves** to support Emmi Hanus in Taiwan for one more year at \$100 per month to be paid at one time. Second. Motion carried. GB Position Descriptions. Dan Ellsworth **moves** to approve the GB Position Descriptions as submitted. Second. Motion carried.

Joe Haberkorn **motioned** to adjourn. Seconded. Motion carried. The next GB meeting will be held on August 17, 2017 at 6 p.m. Meeting closed in prayer for the future and for Music Camp.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Flint,
GB Secretary
River Valley Alliance Church