

River Valley Alliance Church
Governing Board Meeting
August 16, 2018

Present: Matt Colosky, Dan Ellsworth, Joe Haberkorn, Justin Roberts, Greg Schroeder, Pastor Dave Zimmermann.

Absent: Tim Beine, Bruce Cochrane, Art Ebert, Charlene Flint, Jeremy Walker.

Guests: Pastor Caleb Atkins, Pastor Michael Golemi,

The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. Pastor Zimmermann opened the meeting with a devotion and with prayer.

Previous Minutes: It was **moved** by Joe Haberkorn to approve the July 19, 2018 Minutes. Second by Greg Schroeder. Motion carried.

Pastoral Report: Pastor Zimmermann: A written report was submitted. An Acts 1:8 meeting was held on Tuesday, Aug 7. The Lord spoke clearly, and they will be looking into supporting the following local programs: Living Free, Haus of Peace, and Shared Mission. In the months ahead, ministries that River Valley supports will be featured in "Our Window on Watertown" (WOW). There will be a brochure with ministry opportunities along with a special presentation, modeled after "Moment of Impact", on the second Sunday of each month. A faith-based substance abuse recovery group will be held at Madison College on Friday afternoons. Michelle Altman, with the assistance of Janine Anderle, will be using the curriculum from "Living Free". The Acts 1:8 Commission will be seeking a hospitality team to support this ministry. The Fall Sermon series will be "Who are We? - Answers from 1 Peter". There will be seven baptisms on Sunday, August 26. The pastors from First Baptist Watertown Community, River City, and River Valley are going to meet monthly for lunch. The hope is to support each other as evangelical pastors and perhaps even do some joint events.

Disciplemaking Ministries:

Adults: A written report was submitted. The fall schedule is now in place for adult Sunday school. Pastor Atkins will be teaching through the book of Romans. Greg Schroeder will teach a Christian ethics class entitled "After you believe: The Development of Christian Character". Both classes will be recording the audio of the classes and uploading it to the River Valley website. The pig and rolls have been ordered for the all-church picnic September 9. The Senior Adult Fellowship group has their annual boating and brats event on August 28. New Growth Groups starting this fall include "GriefShare", "DivorceCare", "Faith-Based Addiction Recovery", and "Anxiety, Fear, and Worry." Pastor Atkins and Liz had a wonderful time at camp this year. They spent two weeks serving and pouring out themselves for the sake of the Kingdom. All River Valley students who were involved got high compliments from other camp leadership on their level of maturity and biblical literacy.

Technology: Pastor Atkins, Jen, and Teresa, will be putting together a plan to push the new Elexio products this fall. Pastor Atkins would love to see increased involvement across the board from mobile, website, and giving.

Middle School and High School: A written report was submitted. During Music Camp, Pastor Golemi spent time connecting with the High School students. He was able to spend time with students that he had no previous relationship with. To stay connected (and to connect further...) Pastor Golemi has been taking his students out to lunch this month. It has been a lot of fun for him, socializing with the kids with no agenda. The lock-in was a huge success. There were many kids in attendance even though this is a busy time of year for families.

Children: A written report was submitted. Kickoff for Discovery Land will be September 9. Discovery Land will be starting in the Old Testament studying Moses. Music Camp was a huge success. There were 135 kids in attendance with 6 children putting their faith in Jesus during the week. The first night of Awana will be September 12. Training will be September 5.

Elder Report: A written report was submitted. At the Elder meeting Pastor Zimmermann gave update on Leadership training for some men that will hopefully be future deacons, trustees, or elders. The first group of five is set. The new contemporary service flow has started. This will continue to be monitored and tweaked as needed over the next several weeks. Staff reviews were discussed that Pastor Zimmermann had completed with the ministry team.

Finance Report: A written report was submitted by Tim Beine. As of July 31, statement balances were: Checking \$125,328.72 and Money Market \$2,000.32. Credit Card Debt for July was \$9,534.99. Revenue exceeded expenses by \$4,292.99. The Build the Future Sinking Fund balance as of July 31, 2018 is \$124,617.01.

Impacts (Missions) Report: A written report was submitted. Sometime during August 2018, River Valley IMPACTS pray-ers will have prayed for SE Asia 10,000 times over the last 3 years. Thailand- along with Cambodia, Laos, and Taiwan- are a treasure we'd like to give to the King! Plans are underway for Janice Quinlan's visit in October.

Service and Benevolence Report: A written report was submitted. Deposits of \$1,129.00 were made. Disbursements for July were \$1,531.19. The end-of-month balance for the Benevolent Fund is \$8,661.08. Benevolent activity has picked up in the past few weeks and those that have joined this team have been doing an excellent job with this difficult task of discernment. The Deacons and Deaconesses served desserts for a funeral and the kitchen worked wonderfully for this event. There was also a single mom that received help with a move from one apartment to another.

Treasurer's Report: A written report was submitted. Budgeted expenditures for River Valley operations are \$48,523/mo. Collections YTD average \$37,542/mo, for a deficit of \$10,981/mo. This monthly deficit has been addressed by the annuitized distribution of \$11,468 from larger donation balances made in late 2017 for 2018. Donations were made in 2017 for 2018 by members to utilize tax strategies resulting from *Tax Cut and Job Act*. In short, RVAC has nearly 11% more income than expenditures, YTD.

Trustee Report: A written report was submitted. There was no Trustees' meeting in August. Chris Oestreicher has resigned as a Trustee due to scheduling conflicts.

After a prayer over all the ministry reports, it was **moved** by Greg Schroeder to accept all ministry area reports. Second by Joe Haberkorn. Motion carried. Each of the reports in their entirety is available in the church office upon request.

Old Business:

Policy Committee: Employee Handbook: Justin Roberts **moved** that the employee handbook be accepted as written. Second by Pastor Zimmermann. Discussion. Motion Carried.

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.

Itemization of Church Property: Greg Schroeder **moved** that the Governing Board give direction to Pastor Zimmermann to videotape all church property and assets once a year for insurance itemization purposes. Second by Joe Haberkorn. Discussion. Motion Carried.

Matt Colosky closed the meeting in prayer. Greg Schroeder **moved** to adjourn at 7:45. Second by Pastor Zimmermann. The next Governing Board meeting will be held on Thursday, September 20, 2018 at 6 p.m.

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

Pastor Caleb Atkins
Charlene Flint, Governing Board Secretary
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