

River Valley Alliance Church
Governing Board
September 19, 2019

Present: Tim Beine, Matt Colosky, Dan Ellsworth, Charlene Flint, Chris Mertens, Justin Roberts, Ron Sokovich, Jeremy Walker, Pastor Zimmermann

Absent: Dominic Alvarez and Greg Schroeder

Guests: Pastor Caleb Atkins, Pastor Michael Golemi, Jen Roberts, Robin Walker

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. Pastor Zimmermann opened the meeting with a devotion on Zechariah 4:6 - 7 and prayer by Robin Walker.

Previous Minutes: Jeremy Walker **moved** to approve the Minutes from the August meeting. Second by Pastor Zimmermann. **Motion passed.**

Senior Pastoral Report: A written report was submitted. Pastor Zimmermann will introduce the new logo to the congregation on October 6. He presented a marketing budget to the Governing Board. Pastor Zimmermann was able to get for the parsonage basement free kitchen cabinets, carpeting and pad, microwave, bathroom vanity and mirror and light. He also got a Bosch dishwasher for the upstairs of the parsonage. All are in like-new condition. God definitely orchestrated all of this. The Audio Visual Project has been delayed because Metro Sound is involved in a new church construction in Milwaukee. Installation is scheduled for Sept. 25-26.

Disciplemaking Ministries:

Adults: A written report was submitted. There was a strong start to the adult classes in the month of September. Both *Luke* and *Job* have attendance in the 20's. *GriefShare*, *Understanding Depression*, and *Renewing your Marriage* have much smaller attendance but that works well for the in-depth and personal discussion those classes require. There are 17 new and returning growth groups, but more are in the process of forming. Over 40 women were in attendance for the women's retreat at Lutherdale. Men's ministry kickoff is October 19. Pastor Atkins will be planning a spring retreat for men in 2020. The Senior Adult Fellowship will be having a potluck at Lodi on September 24. The church picnic had good attendance. There will be a Ministry Fair on Sunday, September 29. Pastor Atkins presented the time and talent survey and asked for feedback.

Technology: There have been 365 active users of River Valley's website in the last 30 days as well as 62 media plays.

Middle School and High School: A written report was submitted. Justin Roberts continues to shepherd the middle school students during their Sunday School hour. They are studying the outworking of our Christian convictions, and how the world will be able to tell that we belong to Christ. The High School Sunday School class is going word-by-word through the Gospel of Matthew. Pastor Golemi is going over a series in youth group called "The Difficult Passages." The University of Northwestern and Crown College will be visiting the youth group on October 13 and 20, respectively. The representatives from each school will be presenting what their

school has to offer. A Middle School retreat will be held in October. Pastor Golemi has been mentoring and communicating with the college students.

Children: A written report was submitted. Discovery Land has had an amazing kick-off. There have been 41 different kids the last 2 weeks (K-5th grade). There are new faces each week. Awana kicked off September 11 and the year started with 60 kids. Mrs. Walker held an Awana leader training on September 4, where she introduced the new 3rd-5th grade curriculum.

Impacts (Missions) Report: No report was given. Missionaries and Tai nationals are coming in October and the Impacts Committee is planning for that.

Local Missions: A written report was submitted. River Valley has once again been named the “Pancake and Cereal” providers for Shared Missions Group. Safe Families now has a host family. Training will take place September 28. The Haus of Peace has fund raisers scheduled in October, January and April. Advisory Board member positions are available.

Elder Report: An oral report was submitted. At their meeting the Elders talked about members that have not been active at River Valley lately. These will need to be contacted for the annual membership review. Pastor Zimmermann gave an update on potential future leadership training group. Pastor Zimmermann gave out a handout on Bible translations.

Service and Benevolence Report: A written report was submitted. Deposits of \$1,462.00 were made. Disbursements for August were \$2,020.00. The end-of-month balance for the Benevolent Fund was \$11,568.37. Benevolent activity has picked up again in September. The deacons and deaconesses also discussed the policy around only providing benevolent funds to individuals and updated the Benevolent Policy to include a line regarding this change. There has been some preliminary training of the leads of the hospitality teams and now the process of building teams is in place. There was a discussion about the size of the Service and Benevolence Committee. It was decided to keep with the five Deaconess positions and increase the number of Deacons from three to four.

Trustee Report: An oral report was given. A workday is scheduled for Oct. 5 from 8 – 10 a.m. The workers will be changing lights to LED, painting the steeple, and various landscaping projects. Discussion was held on quotes for a new roof for the parsonage and installing security cameras.

Finance Report: A written report was submitted by Tim Beine. As of August 31, statement balances were: Checking \$66,973.62 and Money Market \$2,001.39. Credit Card Debt for August was \$4,599.23. Expenses exceeded revenue by \$15,044.08. The Build the Future Sinking Fund balance as of August 31, 2019 was \$176,329.07.

Treasurer’s Report: A written report was submitted. Year to date, River Valley has had 13.90% less income than expenditures (\$58,140.08), based on a linier budget. Total income was 15.24% under budget. Expenditures were 1.34% under budget, most as a result of under spending in the facilities category (36.73%). General funding remains a concern with 25.91% less than expected. Currently, the Great Commission Fund has collected 99.86% (\$52,043.89/

\$52,115) of its total 2019 budget and the Benevolent Fund has collected 105.75% (\$16,920.20/\$16,000) of its 2019 budget. Tim Beine explained the procedure for using the check scanner. It has been used for 3 weeks and is working well.

After a prayer over the ministry reports by Pastor Atkins it was **moved** by Pastor Zimmermann to accept all ministry area reports. Second by Jeremy Walker. **Motion passed.**

All reports are available in their entirety in the church office upon request.

Old Business: None

New Business:

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

Updated Counting Process: Tim Beine **moved** to approve the updated counting process procedure as submitted. Second by Ron Sokovich. Discussion. **Motion passed.**

Updated Benevolent Policy: Jeremy Walker **moved** to approve the updated Benevolent Policy as submitted. Second by Ron Sokovich. **Motion passed.**

Authorized Counters: Ron Sokovich **moved** to approve Teresa Vogt to the list of authorized counters. Second by Jeremy Walker. Discussion. **Motion passed.**

Marketing: Pastor Zimmermann moved to approve \$7,660 to implement the Marketing plan as set forth. Second by Ron Sokovich. Discussion. Motion carried. (Pastor Zimmermann abstained from the vote and disclosed a conflict of interest.)

Replace Basement Door: Ron Sokovich **moved** to hire Jefferson Glass to replace the basement door for \$6,100. Second by Tim Beine. Discussion. **Motion passed.**

New Trustee: Ron Sokovich **moved** to approve Rod Billington as a new trustee. Second by Pastor Zimmermann. Discussion. **Motion passed.**

The next meeting will be Thursday, October 17, 2019.

Chris Mertens closed the meeting in prayer. Ron Sokovich **moved** to adjourn. Second by Tim Beine. **Motion passed.** The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Flint
Governing Board Secretary
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