

River Valley Alliance Church
Governing Board Meeting
September 20, 2018

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

Absent: Art Ebert

Guests: Pastor Michael Golemi, Robin Walker.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Pastor Zimmermann opened the meeting with a devotion and with prayer.

Previous Minutes: It was **moved** by Greg Schroeder to approve the August 16, 2018 Minutes. Second by Jeremy Walker. Motion passes.

Pastoral Report: Pastor Zimmermann: A written report was submitted. The first Window on Watertown (WOW) report was given during services on September 16. WOW will bring attention of various needs of the approved ministries that River Valley is supporting. A Leadership Cohort has been established to train new leaders. The first session began on Wednesday, Sept 19 and will run for six sessions. The Advent/Christmas preaching series will be called "The Savior" and will come from texts from Isaiah. The Sign, The Character, The Mission, and The Triumph of the Savior will be the individual themes. Research is being done on a directional sign for River Valley at the end of Welsh Road. The E-Churches (Evangelical Churches in Watertown: River Valley, First Baptist, Watertown Community, and River City) will be holding a Chili Mixer on Saturday, October 13th at 4:30pm. The event will include hayrides, a bonfire, some worship music, and, chili.

Disciplemaking Ministries:

Adults: A written report was submitted. Each Sunday lesson is now recorded and available at rivervalleyalliance.org. "Worship plus 1" will combine adult ministry, growth groups, and care groups. Pastor Atkins desire is to have everyone that comes through River Valley's door recognize that they need to be in a relationship with other believers to grow. This means that they need to make it a priority to get plugged into adult ministries, growth groups, or care groups. The men's women's and senior adult fellowship ministries exist for these various groups to connect with those either of the same gender or a similar age. Events for these ministries will aim to proclaim the Gospel as well as provide an environment for friendship and fellowship. The various growth groups also provide an environment that is conducive for spiritual growth. This environment includes Scripture, meaningful relationship, accountability, and prayer. Care groups aim to provide help and healing to those whose life circumstances are a hindrance to growth.

Middle School and High School: A written report was submitted. It was great to see so many students attending Sunday School the last two weeks. Justin Roberts has picked up where he left off with the middle schoolers. There was also fantastic attendance at the Youth Group kick-off. Pastor Golemi will be focusing on Jesus' address to the seven churches of Asia-minor

(Revelation chs. 2-3). A team has been put together to oversee preparation for the Bread of Stone concert. The date is set for February 9 at the Watertown Area YMCA. Pastor Golemi presented a floor plan and budget for moving his office to the Youth Room as well as renovating it so that it will be comfortable and inviting for our youth. Currently some of the youth do not even know that they have a space. Pastor Golemi states that it is important that they feel like a valued part of River Valley. Conducting youth group in the sanctuary is not ideal. Pastor Golemi will get more information on occupancy limits and it will be discussed further at next month's meeting.

Children: A written report was submitted. Discovery Land had a fantastic start. There were 34 kids on Sept. 9 and 41 kids on Sept. 16 (age 3 – grade 5). They are continuing their study through the Old Testament, currently studying Moses. AWANA training was on Sept. 5 with the AWANA kickoff on September 12 with 43 kids attending the first night. Mrs. Walker met with Music Camp leaders to recap. They created an organizational chart that clearly defines people's roles within Music Camp. Within this new structure, there are 2 heads of Music Camp: a Music Leader and an Organizational Leader.

Elder Report: An oral report was submitted. The elders welcomed Chris Mertens as a new elder. Details regarding the contemporary service changes and how the offering will work with the new offering boxes was discussed. Justin has scheduled an usher meeting to communicate the changes and how they affect the usher responsibilities. The elders approved the following Acts 1:8 launch forms for various local ministries: Living Free, Shared Mission Group, Haus of Peace, and Safe Families. Discussion was held as to how to measure if the goals of Acts 1:8 are being met & how to evaluate the different ministries on a regular basis.

Finance Report: A written report was submitted by Tim Beine. As of August 31, statement balances were: Checking \$125,455.16 and Money Market \$2,000.40. Credit Card Debt for August was \$5,072.05. Revenue exceeded expenses by \$126.52. The Build the Future Sinking Fund balance as of August 31, 2018 is \$125,148.23.

Impacts (Missions) Report: A written report was submitted. The committee finalized Janice Quinlan's event calendar for her visit that begins October 3, 2018. They also discussed the distribution of the Great Commission Fund donation envelopes. Discussion was held on the timing and method of distributing the International Worker prayer cards designed to be used as part of a long-term International Worker awareness campaign.

Service and Benevolence Report: A written report was submitted. Deposits of \$2,216.95 were made. Disbursements for July were \$2,165.99. The end-of-month balance for the Benevolent Fund is \$8,787.04. Benevolent activity has been steady. Several requests have come from the River Valley family over the past month. Communion preparation has been going smoothly with splitting up the tasks more clearly from past years.

Treasurer's Report: A written report was submitted. As of the end of August 2018, RVAC has had 10.4% or \$40,381.43 more income than expenditures based on a linear budget. Income is 11.74% over budget and expenditures are 1.34% over budget. This is the second consecutive month of positive cash flow (less expenditures than income) since the first of the year. Year to

date River Valley has spent \$7,355.65 *less* of the over-contribution made in 2017 for 2018 than would have been anticipated using linier budgeting.

Trustee Report: A written report was submitted. A homeschool group will be using River Valley facilities on the first and third Tuesdays of the month from 11am-2 pm. Discussion was held at the Trustees' meeting regarding the 2019 budget. The budget will be finalized in October. The air conditioner in the west All Purpose Room is not working. Richter Heating and Air Conditioning was called. A new air conditioning unit is needed.

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

Old Business: None

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 carried.

Air Conditioner Replacement: Joe Haberkorn **moved** to replace the west multi-purpose air conditioning unit with a new one from Richter Heating and Air Conditioning with a price not to exceed \$3,687.00. Second by Tim Beine. Discussion. Motion passes.

Justin closed the meeting in prayer. Tim Beine **moved** to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Second by Jeremy Walker. The next Governing Board meeting will be held on Thursday, October 18, 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
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