

River Valley Alliance Church  
Governing Board Meeting Minutes  
October 21, 2021

**Present:** Dominic Alvarez, Jason Culotta, Todd Grady, Matt Keever, Colleen Kluber, Chris Mertens, Justin Roberts, Greg Schroeder, Don Vehlow, Pastor Dave Zimmermann

**Absent:** Ray Werth

**Guests:** Pastor Caleb Atkins, Pastor Logan Esposito, Jen Roberts, Robin Walker,

The meeting was called to order at **6:35 p.m.**

Todd Grady opened the meeting with a devotional and prayer.

**Previous Minutes:**

**MOTION:** To approve minutes from the September 2021 Governing Board meeting

**MOVED BY:** Matt Keever **SECOND:** Justin Roberts

**PASSED**

**Reports:**

**Disciple making Ministries Report:**

**Children:** A written report was submitted by Robin Walker. Discovery Land has been averaging 42 students per week (age 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade). Preschool has been averaging 10 students per Sunday. **Robin reported that they are on the cusp of being ineffective with instruction with the numbers of students in Discovery Land.** It was reported that Awana is in a normal routine. Also, in the nursery, splitting up the 2-year-olds and the infants has been a good decision. Nancy Zimmermann is doing the Discovery Land curriculum with the toddlers. Finally, Robin is investigating a program called - Protect My Ministry. It is an online training resource. There will be more information to come. It was also reported that Operation Christmas Child boxes are now available.

**Youth Group:** A written report was submitted by Pastor Logan. It was reported that there has been steady attendance (15 middle school/12 High School) It was reported that the couch has arrived. This has provided twice as much seating. It was reported that they are reaching capacity and will need to continue to investigate space needs and comfortable seating. Pastor Logan also reported on the Fall Retreat and the Life Conference

**Discipleship:** A written report was submitted by Pastor Caleb. His report included updates for: adult Sunday school, growth groups and the Christmas In Reach program. He reported that he is serving on the childcare feasibility team and is helping with the streaming of the 8:00 and 9:30am services. Pastor Caleb also shared that he has been doing some Pastoral counseling with church members on the topic of mental health.

**Senior Pastoral Report:**

A written report was submitted by Pastor Zimmermann. It was reported that three people have been interviewed for the Worship Director position. There is one clear standout and they have been invited to work with one of the contemporary teams in a "mock" rehearsal on Friday October 22, 2021. The committee will then decide whether to move ahead with him or reopen the position for applications. Nominations for the Nominating Committee are Addie Schultz, Sonya Vehlow and Joe Kluber. There will be a rolling meeting on October 31, 2021 for voting to be completed. Pastor Zimmermann reported that the series "The Secret is Out: Christ in me the hope of glory is finishing up on October 31, 2021. A short 3-week series called "The True Vine" will begin on Nov 7<sup>th</sup> based on John 15. Advent/Christmas will focus on the characters of the Christmas story in a series called "Love Came Down". A limited number of singers showed up for the first Cantata rehearsal. The next rehearsal will be October 20, 2021.

Dominic Alvarez prayed for the ministry team.

## **Global and Local Missions Report:**

### Local Missions:

A written report was submitted by Justin Roberts. It was reported that the prayer team has successfully transitioned to Mary Ellen Cole. There was discussion about the need to report specific balance amounts for local missions like SOS, Food to Go and Grow, etc.

### International Missions (IMPACTS):

A written report was submitted by Justin Roberts. The Great Commission Fund (GCF) balance through September 2021 is \$32,309.08. The budgeted amount for 2021 is \$45,200.00. It was reported that the committee met to discuss next year's budget and a mission trip to Thailand in 2022. There are 10 people expected to be on the team, headed by Pastor Zimmermann and Nancy Zimmermann.

## **Service and Benevolence Report:**

A written report was submitted by Don Vehlow. It was reported that the committee met, in person, on October 10, 2021. The checking account balance as of September 30, 2021 was \$24,602.04. It was reported that donations exceeded disbursements in August/September. The amount of giving for August 2021 was \$3,069.00 and the disbursements for August/September 2021 were \$2,764.00. Benevolence funds were used for rent for 2 individuals, car insurance and a scholarship for a stay at Cornerstone of Grace.

## **Elder Report:**

A written report was submitted by Chris Mertens. It was reported that the Elders met on October 14, 2021. The following topics were discussed: Share the Love Ministry, possibility of Pastor Logan providing tutoring opportunities within Watertown School District and progress on the Worship Director position.

## **Trustee Report:**

A written report was submitted by Todd Grady. It was reported that the trustees met on October 5, 2021. The following topics were discussed: Outdoor workday, sanctuary stoop, budget, canopy light, flush valves for men's bathrooms, closet cleaning, carport faucets and the air conditioning unit.

**Child Care Feasibility Team (CCFT) Report-** A written report was submitted by Matt Kever. It was reported that the CCF team met on October 12, 2021. The following topics were discussed: reviewing a sample budget, building inspection, plan to get community survey distributed and WECA staff replacement.

## **Finance Report:**

A written report was submitted by Matt Kever. It was reported that as of as of September 30, 2021, statement balances were: Checking \$218,056.00; Credit Card balance was \$4,181.00 (9/13/21). There was expenditure of \$513.00 from Lifeway for growth group books. Deposits totaled \$48,247.00 while expenses were \$41,254.00 There was \$341.00 moved to the BtF fund from donations. The Build the Future Fund balance as of September 30, 2021 was \$17,370.00.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

A written report was submitted by Jason Culotta. It was reported that River Valley's financial condition remains favorable. Revenue (by 10%) and expenditures (almost 2%) are above budget; \$40,000 in expenses were BtF transfers- expenses well below budget. The continued strong position allows RVAC to evaluate expanding current and/or new ministries.

## **Monthly Calendar:**

Greg Schroeder reviewed the events on the Governing Board monthly calendar for October and November 2021.

**Reports:**

**MOTION:** To approve reports from leaders

**Moved BY:** Greg Schroeder **SECOND:** Don Vehlow

**PASSED**

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

Pastor Logan Esposito prayed for ministry leaders and the reports that were given.

**New Business:**

**EMAIL MOTION (9/25/21):** to approve purchase of a new laptop for Pastor Zimmermann at a cost not to exceed \$1200.

**Moved BY:** Justin Roberts **SECOND:** Greg Schroder

**PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOTION:** To approve the transfer \$15,000.00 from the checking account to the Build the Future fund.

**Moved BY:** Don Alvarez **SECOND:** Matt Keever

**PASSED**

**Items for Future Discussion:**

Formulating a committee to look at Pandemic & Donation policies

**Meeting Adjournment:**

**MOTION:** To adjourn the Governing Board meeting

**Moved BY:** Jason Culotta **SECOND:** Colleen Kluber

**PASSED**

The meeting adjourned at **8:15pm**

Justin Roberts closed the meeting in prayer.

The next Governing Board meeting will be **November 18, 2021 at 6:30pm**

Respectfully submitted and in service to the Lord,

Colleen Kluber  
Governing Board Secretary  
River Valley Alliance Church