

River Valley Alliance Church
Governing Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday November 18, 2021

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

Absent:

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

The meeting was called to order at **6:30 pm** by Pastor Dave Zimmermann

Robin Walker opened the meeting with a devotion and prayer.

Previous Minutes:

MOTION: To approve minutes from the October 2021 and November 11, 2021, Special Governing Board meeting

MOVED BY: Jason Culotta **SECOND:** Greg Schroeder

PASSED

Reports:

Disciple Making Ministries Report:

Children: A written report was submitted by Robin Walker. Discovery land continues to see new kids and new families. The biggest shift has been in our 4th/5th grade class with new kids that are new to learning about Jesus. **It was reported that the noise level in the basement during teaching time has continued to be a challenge, but the kids have been doing a great job just tuning into their own teacher's voice.** It was noted that Awana will be off for Thanksgiving but will be back on for Dec. 1st. There were 150 Operation Christmas Child boxes distributed this year. Boxes will be delivered to the Watertown Community Church.

Youth Group: A written report was submitted by Pastor Logan. It was reported that Youth Group will be having Friendsgiving on Sunday November 21st and then will be off until November 28th. Pastor Logan reported that the middle school retreat was a success and there are a lot of friendships forming among the students. The next retreat is for HS students at the end of January 2022. Preparations for the Life 2022 Conference are happening. Parents are meeting Sunday November 21st to discuss fundraising and a headcount will be available by December 12th.

Discipleship: A written report was submitted by Pastor Caleb. It was reported that adult Sunday school will be ending on December 12th. The Hebrews study will start back up in January 2022 and will continue to be held in the Schmutzler-Vick dining room. A study for married couples is currently scheduled to start January 16, 2022. Fall small groups and bible studies are coming to close. Leaders will be surveyed to identify other potential leaders and future groups. Pastor Caleb also reported about the Christmas Brunch, Child Care Feasibility Team and technology duty hand-off to the newly hired Worship/IT Director. Pastor Caleb reported that he will be having surgery on December 24, 2021. Justin Roberts prayed for Pastor Caleb's upcoming surgery.

Senior Pastoral Report: A written report was submitted by Pastor Zimmermann. It was reported that Elliot Filipiak has accepted the position of Worship/IT Director at River Valley. He will start his ministry on November 30, 2021. Elliot will start ¾ time in December and will move to full time January 1, 2022. The Nominating Committee is at work contacting current leaders to determine their intent for continuing in their offices and seeking names for future leaders. Pastor Caleb will begin the Advent series on November 28th which will focus on the characters of the Christmas story in a series called “Love Came Down”. Pastor Dave will be taking a vacation November 21-30, 2021.

Chris Mertens prayed for the ministry team

Global and Local Missions Report:

Local Missions: A written report was submitted by Justin Roberts. The November 2021 prayer report was given to the Governing Board. The local missions balance is \$1,837.35.

International Missions (IMPACTS): A written report was submitted by Justin Roberts. The Great Commission Fund (GCF) balance through November 2021 is \$36,339.90. The budgeted amount for 2021: \$45,200.00. The balance for short-term missions is \$13,568.55 (no money added or deducted through 2021)

Service and Benevolence Report: A written report was submitted by Don Vehlow. It was reported that the checking account balance as of October 29, 2021, was \$26,247.04. It was reported that donations exceeded giving in September/October. The amount of giving for September was \$2,545.00 and the disbursements for September/October were \$900.00. Benevolence funds were used for a Cornerstone of Grace Scholarship.

Elder Report: Chris Mertens reported that the Elders did not meet this month due to the special Governing Board meeting

Trustee Report: A written report was submitted by Todd Grady. It was reported that the Trustees met on November 2, 2021. The following topics were discussed: repair of the AC unit, upgrading and replacement of men’s room flush valves, outside bench storage, lawn mower winterization, canopy light replacement, speaker fix and downstairs boiler valve fix.

Finance Report: A written report was submitted by Matt Kever. It was reported that as of October 31, 2021, statement balances were: Checking \$202,587.00, Credit Card \$6,346.00 (10/13/21). There were expenditures of \$422.00 (digital receipt scanner), \$1,099.00 (Pastor Dave’s laptop), \$886.00 (youth room couch). Deposits totaled \$40,906.00 while expenses were \$56,376.00. There was \$381.00 moved to the Build the Future (BtF) fund from donations and \$15,000.00 was moved to BtF as approved by the Governing Board. The Build the Future (BtF) fund balance as for October 31, 2021, was \$32,753.00.

Treasurer’s Report: A written report was submitted by Jason Culotta. It was reported that River Valley’s financial position remains favorable. Revenue (by 10%) and expenditures (by 6%) are above budget. \$55,000.00 in expenses have been BtF transfers- expenses are otherwise below budget. The continued strong position allows River Valley to expand its ministry expenditures.

Monthly Calendar: Greg Schroeder reviewed the events on the Governing Board monthly calendar for October, November and December 2021.

Greg Schroeder prayed for the Leaders and Ministries

MOTION: To approve reports from leaders

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

PASSED

New Business:

MOTION: To approve the recommended changes to job descriptions of the staff and governing board

MOVED BY: Greg Schroeder **SECOND:** Matt Keever

MOTION TO TABLE (more information needed)

MOVED BY: Justin Roberts **SECOND:** Greg Schroeder

PASSED

MOTION: To approve increasing Elliot Filipiak to fulltime beginning January 1, 2022

MOVED BY: Matt Keever **SECOND:** Chris Mertens

PASSED

MOTION: To approve the 2022 budget

MOVED BY: Jason Culotta **SECOND:** Don Vehlow

MOTION TO TABLE (more information needed)

MOVED BY: Matt Keever **SECOND:** Chris Mertens

PASSED

Unfinished business:

- To approve the recommended changes to job descriptions of the staff and governing board
- To approve 2022 budget
- Formulate a committee to look at Pandemic & Donation policies

MOTION: To adjourn Governing Board meeting

MOVED BY: Dominic Alvarez **SECOND:** Todd Grady

PASSED

Matt Keever prayed to close the meeting.

The Governing Board meeting adjourned at **8:50 pm**.

The next Governing Board meeting will be December 16, 2021, at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted and in service to the Lord,

Colleen Kluber
Governing Board Secretary
River Valley Alliance Church