

River Valley Alliance Church
Governing Board Meeting Minutes
March 18, 2021

Present: Dominic Alvarez, Jason Culotta, Todd Grady, Matt Kever, Chris Mertens, Greg Schroeder, Don Vehlow, Ray Werth, Pastor Dave Zimmermann

Absent: Colleen Kluber, Justin Roberts

Guests: Pastor Caleb Atkins, Jen Roberts, Robin Walker

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Chris Mertens opened the meeting with a devotional and prayer.

Previous Minutes:

MOTION: Greg Schroeder

SECOND: Matt Kever

That the minutes from the regular February 2021 Governing Board meeting be approved

PASSED

MOTION: Don Vehlow

SECOND: Jason Culotta

That the minutes from the Special March 2021 Governing Board meeting be approved

PASSED

Reports:

Disciplemaking Ministries Reports:

Children: A written report was submitted. Robin Walker reported that attendance was at its highest (42 students) on March 7. The nursery is currently open for the 9:30 service and the number of children has been growing (wk 1- 3 children; wk 2- 5 children). Sherry Errickson has committed to being the Nursery Coordinator each week. There are currently enough volunteers to open the nursery for the 8:00 and 11:00 services.

Middle and High School: A written report was submitted by Robin Walker. Robin reported that she just finished a series on "Jesus and Mean People." She reported that Pastor Caleb will be hosting a "Game Night" on March 28 and there will be no Youth Group during Spring Break for 2 weeks.

Adults: A written report was submitted by Pastor Caleb Atkins. Pastor Caleb reported that the Adult Sunday School classes have had a highly successful restart. There were nearly 40 adults between the 9:30am and 11am classes. Pastor Caleb's class "Theology for The Rest of Us" is also being uploaded to the River Valley YouTube channel. There are two small groups being set up now with dates and times to be determined. The groups will focus on young adults and parents of younger children.

Technology Report:

River Valley YouTube Subscribers as of 3/16/21:	237	(2/16/21:	236)
Overall Views in the last 28 days:	953	(2/16/21:	1,253 views)
Overall Watch Time in the last 28 days:	279.4	(2/16/21:	385 hours)
Unique Views in the last 28 days:	274 viewers	(2/16/21	317 viewers)

Senior Pastoral Report:

A written report was submitted. Pastor Zimmermann reported he has been in contact with Ray Werth and Jane Chen about ramping up ushering efforts and restarting the coffee ministry. There is a search for an Usher Coordinator for all 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 services. Dist. Superintendent Jeff Brown will be preaching on March 21. Pastor Caleb will be preaching on Palm Sunday and starting a new series called "Love Reigns." He forecasted that he (Pastor Dave) will be doing a series on Joshua until the end of June. It was reported that Logan Esposito accepted the position of Youth Pastor and will start May 31 pending his licensing with CMA. Pastor Dave reported that one of the elders suggested revamping the current library space into an office space for Robin Walker (Dir. Of Children's Ministry) and the Youth Pastor, Logan Esposito. There was an architectural plan submitted for GB review and approval. There is one remaining "peace-making" conversation that has been scheduled for March 29. He reported that his supervision coaching sessions will begin April 7. It was reported that a new member class will be offered April 25. Pastor Dave and Nancy will be taking vacation March 21-29.

Greg Schroeder prayed for the Ministry Team and staff.

Global and Local Missions Report:

A written report was submitted. Justin Roberts reported that support has been strong for the Weekend Food to Go & Grow and Cornerstone of Grace ministries. He reported that the IMPACTS Mission Committee has not yet formed. There are several names being considered for prospective female committee members, but suggestions for male members are needed. The following balance updates were given: Weekend Food to Go & Grow - \$410.00, Great Commission Fund (GCF) - \$5,146.44.

Elder Report:

A written report was submitted. Chris Mertens reported that an Elder meeting was held March 11. At that meeting, they heard reports from each Elder, reviewed the teaching schedule for Discovery Land, youth groups, new small groups and Sunday School. They also discussed plans for Good Friday and Easter services. Finally, they reviewed and updated the list of topics to be discussed throughout 2021.

A written report was submitted by Greg Schroeder regarding the River Valley Employee Handbook committee. There are currently 4 members with Pastor Zimmermann serving as *ex officio*. The committee is still looking for 1 female committee member. His report included the items for discussion and initial procedures for the committee.

Service and Benevolence Report:

A written report was submitted. Don Vehlow reported that February deposits of \$1,175.00 were made. Disbursements for February were \$2,761.71. As of February 28, the balance for the Benevolent Fund was \$19,514.91. In February, disbursements were for a stay at Haus of Peace, Cornerstone of Grace, rent and car registration/licensing. The Service and Benevolence Committee has not met since February 18. However, a member of the Service and Benevolence Committee suggested that the River Valley facility form be reviewed to consider adding more detail on what is included in rental (set up/staff).

Trustee Report:

A written report was submitted. Todd Grady reported that the Trustee Committee met on March 4. They discussed that a large water bill was received from the City of Watertown and investigated some possible causes but did not find the culprit. They are now investigating the water softener system. There was also discussion about installation of a faucet by the lighted sign, fixing the parsonage roof, maintaining the lawn mowers and fixing the tile at the carport entrance.

Handbook Committee:

Greg Schroeder discussed some preliminary thoughts about the committee and shared that the committee is not yet complete. There will be more details next month.

Treasurer Report:

A written report was submitted. Jason Culotta reported that February was another strong month for River Valley finances. General income was again higher than budget, driving a more than 16% better than budget position on revenue. For expenditure, the \$20,000 transfer to Build the Future approved by the GB in January shows up as a large facility expense. With that transfer, total expenses are 9.5% above budget. Without that transfer, expenditures would have been 12% less than budget and the strong income and lower expenditures would have totaled 29% better than budget rather than 7% above.

Monthly Calendar:

Greg Schroeder presented the Governing Board monthly calendar for February and March and April.

Ray Werth prayed for the ministry leaders and reports.

MOTION: Jason Culotta

SECOND: Greg Schroeder

To approve reports from leaders

PASSED

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

New Business:

MOTION: Matt Keever

SECOND: Jason Culotta

To approve Matt Von Rueden as an additional cash counter for 2021

PASSED

MOTION: Greg Schroeder

SECOND: Ray Werth

To approve the repurposing of the library for offices and meeting space at a cost not to exceed \$3,000.00

PASSED

Items for Future Discussion:

Maps for Emergency Exits (Trustees)

Meeting Adjournment:

MOTION: Jason Culotta

SECOND: Chris Mertens

To adjourn meeting

PASSED

Jason Culotta closed the meeting in prayer.

The next meeting will be April 15 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jen Roberts

(Substitute for) Governing Board Secretary

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