

River Valley Alliance Church  
Governing Board Meeting Minutes  
September 23, 2021

**Present:** Dominic Alvarez, Matt Keever, Colleen Kluber, Chris Mertens, Justin Roberts, Greg Schroeder, Don Vehlow, Ray Werth, Pastor Dave Zimmermann

**Absent:** Jason Culotta, Caleb Atkins

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

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

Justin Roberts opened the meeting with a devotional and prayer.

**Previous Minutes:**

**MOTION:** To approve minutes from the August 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. It was reported that there were 48 children who attended Discovery Land in the past two weeks. There were 9 new children to Discovery Land. The number of Awana students is up this year. There are currently 74 students registered. There are 31 Awana volunteers. The nursery has become very busy! There are a lot of infants (under 1 year of age). The nursery is over capacity which has led to the decision to use the west multi-purpose room as a toddler nursery room. Nancy Zimmermann has volunteered to run the toddler room during this transition time.

**Youth Group:** A written report was submitted by Pastor Logan. It was reported that attendance has been good and there have been structure changes implemented. Pastor Logan is making his primary focus behavioral expectations and emphasizing a purpose for gathering. The middle school retreat is at the end of October and Pastor Logan is planning for the Life celebration next summer.

**Senior Pastoral Report:**

A written report was submitted by Pastor Zimmermann. It was reported that the Colossians study: The Secret is Out will begin Sept 19, 2021. Advent will focus on the characters of the Christmas story. There are currently 2-3 candidates for the Worship Director position. An interview team has been formed and interviews are tentatively scheduled for the weeks of September 27 and October 4. Pastor Zimmermann reported that the Ministry Team has had several discussions about the Covid response. Pastor Zimmermann reported that we will continue using the response that is in place which includes: mask use will be prayerful and respectful, any city guideline changes will be reviewed by GB before implementation, masks and hand sanitizer will be made available, contacts with positive cases will be notified as information is available. It was reported that the cantata will be December 12<sup>th</sup>. Rehearsals will begin on Wednesday October 13<sup>th</sup>.

Don Vehlow prayed for the ministry team.

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

### Local Missions:

A written report was submitted by Justin Roberts. It was reported that Kathy Dean stepped down as the communications coordinator and Mary-Ellen Cole will take over this position. The current balances for local missions are : \$333.00, Pancake Ministry- \$1,745. There were no distributions for August 2021.

### International Missions (IMPACTS):

A written report was submitted by Justin Roberts. The committee met on September 14, 2021. The Great Commission Fund (GCF) balance through August 2021 is \$28,830.00

## **Service and Benevolence Report:**

A written report was submitted by Don Vehlow. The checking account balance as of August 30, 2021 was \$24,297.04. It was reported that donations exceeded disbursements in August. The amount of giving for July 2021 was \$2,550.00 and the amount of disbursements for July/August 2021 was \$1,484.52. Benevolence funds were used for rent for the Carlton House and a Watertown Water Dept. bill.

## **Elder Report:**

A written report was submitted by Chris Mertens. It was reported that the following topics were discussed: Share the Love 2023, tutoring opportunity for Pastor Logan within WUSD, membership list review, Sunday school location and nursery overcrowding.

## **Trustee Report:**

A written report was submitted by Todd Grady. It was reported that the following topics were discussed: building use request, carpet divot near sanctuary, welcome center door, concrete stoops and filling in the edges of the parking lot with dirt, budget and church floor cleaning.

**Child Care Feasibility Team (CCFT) Report-** A written report was submitted by Matt Kever. It was reported that the committee has met on 8/18/21, 8/31/21 and 9/8/21. The following has been discussed: Child Care name, mission statement and partnering with WECA.

## **Finance Report:**

A written report was submitted by Matt Kever. It was reported that as of as of August 31, 2021, statement balances were: Checking \$211,063; Credit Card balance was \$3,266 (8/13/21). Deposits totaled \$49,737 while expenses were \$40,064. There was \$886.00 moved to the BtF fund from donations. The Build the Future Fund balance as of August 31, 2021 was \$17,028.00.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

A written report was submitted by Jason Culotta and presented by Matt Kever. It was reported that River Valley's financial condition remains favorable. Revenue and expenditures are both above budget, though \$40,000 in expenses were BtF transfers so expenses are otherwise below budget. The continued strong income, again 10.5% above budget, continues to give River Valley options to consider future growth in funding new or existing aspects of ministry. A financial review was conducted on August 30<sup>th</sup> by Daniel Vang from the district. Results will be forthcoming.

## **Monthly Calendar:**

Greg Schroeder reviewed the events on the Governing Board monthly calendar for August, September, October 2021.

## **Reports:**

**MOTION:** To approve reports from leaders

**MOVED BY:** Don Vehlow      **SECOND:** Ray Werth

**PASSED**

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

Greg Schroeder prayed for ministry leaders and the reports that were given.

**New Business:**

**MOTION:** To approve the purchase of an additional sectional sofa for the Youth Room at a cost not to exceed \$950

**Moved BY:** Don Vehlow      **SECOND:** Dominic Alvarez

**PASSED**

**MOTION-** Authorize purchase of vinyl plank flooring for the first floor of the parsonage at a cost not to exceed \$3500

**Moved BY:** Colleen Kluber      **SECOND:** Justin Roberts

**PASSED**

**MOTION:** Appoint Matt Kever and Ray Werth to the nominating committee

**Moved BY:** Chris Mertens      **SECOND:** Greg Schroeder

**PASSED**

**Items for Future Discussion:**

Commissioning pandemic policy

Donation Acceptance Policy

Nomination Committee

Future plans for the BTF Fund

Financial review report results

**Meeting Adjournment:**

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

**Moved BY:** Dominic Alvarez

**SECOND:** Colleen Kluber

**PASSED**

The meeting adjourned at **7:50 pm**

Ray Werth closed the meeting in prayer.

The next Governing Board meeting will be **October 21, 2021 at 6:30pm**

Respectfully submitted and in service to the Lord,

Colleen Kluber

Governing Board Secretary

River Valley Alliance Church