

Vertical Church Leadership Team

6.18.25 Meeting Summary

Overview

Date: Wednesday, June 18, 2025

Location: Sparks Exchange

Time: 5:30 PM

Attendance

Phillip Kight, Richard Jones, Melody Jones, Beverly Bright, Dave Bright, Makayla Rogers, Darrin Sparks, April Hodges, Kayla Duckworth

Agenda

The meeting opened in prayer.

The meeting minutes from 5/21/25 were approved as presented. Dave Bright made a motion to recommend them and Andreas seconded.

Financial Update:

Darrin went over the financial report. The finance team is meeting tomorrow and will be looking at attendance to see if we notice any trends.

- Staff continues to be cautious of spending and only purchase needs

Staff Updates:

- Children's Ministry
 - Classes are at capacity especially the kindergarten/first grade age.
 - Volunteers have signed up but not as many as we need
 - Hiawassee is also struggling with getting volunteers for children's ministry
 - The team discussed the idea of having a 9am service with combined age groups. Also discussed the possibility of parents helping serve.
 - The staff and leadership team will continue to pray for a solution.
 - Courtney or Chris would be at Vertical Hiawassee each Sunday.

Deacon/Elder Updates:

- We have 20 nominations between the two locations.
 - Mike Bishop will be helping assist launch. The elders and Pastor Chris will help with the vetting process. Nomination night is this Sunday night.
 - Deacon qualifications will be sent out to the leadership team.
 - The team discussed the possible overlap with deacon/elder
 - Beginning of Year- adding leadership; Spring-adding Elders; Fall-adding Deacons

Bylaws Input

- An effective date will be added in the footnotes of Bylaws
- An appendix will be added to the Trustee section listing current trustees: Dave Bright and Richard Jones. Jon Rickett previously served as a trustee but will need to be replaced.
 - ACTION: The leadership team agreed on nominating another member at the next meeting.
- Leadership Team Term limits were discussed by the team.
 - Darrin and Makayla's last meeting will be next month ending their 4 year term.

Upcoming Summit:

- The team discussed possible dates for a summer summit.
 - Possible dates and times will be discussed with the staff
- Discussion of Hiawassee Campus joining the Blairsville Campus
 - Have a portion of the summit directed to Hiawassee Campus

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, July 30th @5:30

Meeting closed in prayer.