

# Vertical Church Leadership Team

## 9.3.25 Meeting Summary

### Overview

Date: Wednesday, September 3, 2025

Location: Sparks Exchange

Time: 5:30 PM

### Attendance

Chris Milhous, Phillip Kight, Richard Jones, Melody Jones, Andreas Scholz, Cathy Scholz, Beverly Bright, Dave Bright, Darrin Sparks, April Hodges, Kayla Duckworth

### Agenda

The meeting opened in prayer.

The meeting minutes from 7/30/25 were presented and needed an amendment: Chris Milhous made a motion to approve the minutes and Richard seconded the motion. All in favor.

### Financial Update:

Darrin went over the financial report.

- Attendance is going up! The 11:00 service becomes full quickly
  - The team discussed reaching out and explaining the need to come to the 9am service
  - Capacity- Blairsville campus can hold 230 (doesn't include overflow room)
  - Cathy has volunteered to help Courtney send in numbers from Hiawasse
- Darrin Sparks nominated Sharon Jones to be the new treasurer. As the treasurer she will represent the finance team on the leadership team. Darrin made a motion to bring Sharon onboard as Vertical Church treasurer. Richard seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.
  - Darrin is coming off of the leadership team but will continue to serve on the finance team.

### Executive Team Members:

- Vertical Church Executive Team- arises outside of the leadership team meetings but keeps them in the loop
  - Pastor (Phil Kight), Treasurer (Sharon Jones), and one other member
    - It helps add accountability/protection to the pastor and treasurer
    - The team discussed the bylaws verbiage mentioning, “an active trustee”.

## Church Growth Next Steps

- The Leadership Team discussed the growing congregation and family participation is increasing. Discussed options such as
  - Add a third service (possibly Thursday nights).
  - Offer childcare at 9am to shift attendance and open seats at 11am.
  - Ask small groups to commit to 9am temporarily.
  - Push for more volunteers at 9am; use testimony videos to promote.
  - Add a rolling info board in the foyer for serving/community opportunities.
  - Improve overflow room screen visibility (currently only shows lyrics).

### Future Planning?

- Explore using a lower lot or kitchen for extra seating (parking is a concern).
  - Building expansion is difficult due to ongoing debt payoff.

## Hiawasse Rental Agreement

- Three year agreement- October 2026
  - The leadership team discussed reaching out to the landlord and seeing if we can renew the lease agreement.
    - The team wants to go ahead and approve for Courtney to go and converse with the landlord. Andreas will help support Courtney.

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, October 22 @5:30 in VC Youth Room

Meeting closed in prayer.