



THE VILLAGE
METROPOLITAN
COMMUNITY CHURCH

**Agenda for the meeting of the board of trustees
Friday January 6th 2017 7:30pm**

1. Opening Prayer.
2. Minutes of the last meeting.
3. Reports:
 - Pastor's report
 - Treasurer's reports
 - Pickle fund report
4. AOB no. 11
5. Safeguarding.
6. Health and Safety.
7. Programs for the memorial concert £36.37.
8. Soul Safari Days
9. Guest speakers for March – Advertising.
10. New church fliers.
11. AOB. Advertising on Facebook. Pride 2017.
12. Closing Prayer.

Our Vision

We call for a world where LGBTQ people live free from discrimination.

Our Mission

We are called primarily to empower and serve the LGBTQ community.

Our Core Values

We are a Christian church called to do justice and walk humbly with God. (Micah 6:8). We seek at all times to be honest, transparent, and true to our mission in the world.

**Minutes for T V MCC Board Meeting
Friday January 6th 2016.**

Present: Rev. Michael, Keith Fish, Simon Markham, Mary Bacchoo, Wendy Burgess, Sarah Barber, Wendy Burgess

Opening Prayer. Rev. M

Minutes of the last meeting. Prop: KF, 2nd WB, accepted unanimously

Pastor's report: Prop: Rev. M, 2nd WB, accepted unanimously

Treasurer's reports: Prop: Rev. M, 2nd SM, accepted unanimously. (Rev. M proposed a vote of thanks to Keith for all his hard work over the year as treasurer. 2nd SM, accepted unanimously.)

Crisis fund report: Now called 'The Pickle Fund'. Request from *Brighton in Need* for sleeping bags, small tents, hats, scarves, and general winter items. Rev. M proposed a £500 donation in goods be given to support their work. 2nd WB. accepted unanimously.

Safeguarding: NTR

Health and Safety: NTR

Charitable Status: NTR

Items 7-9. Thank you to Ann and Nigel (For 2 years service). Thank you to Wendy and Simon (For 1 year's service). Thank you to Keith. (For 2 year's service and new commitment). Thank you to Mary Bacchoo for her work in Health and Safety, and Sarah Barber for stepping in as safeguarding officer. Proposed by Rev. M, 2nd SM, accepted unanimously.

Board Positions. Wendy Burgess as Vice Chair, Simon Markham as Secretary, Keith Fish as Treasurer.

Lunch for the Homeless. Next dinner is Sunday January 29th at DGMC.

B Right On Festival. : The Village MCC has been asked to host the faith days at the festival. There is a cost of £500 for the space for the three days but we have been assured of a grant from The Rainbow Fund to cover this. Rev. M to organize a 'Soul Safari' including as many faith groups and spiritual groups that serve the LGBT community as is possible. Mary volunteered her time and a workshop. Prop: Rev. M, 2nd SM, accepted unanimously.

AOB.

It was suggested that The Village MCC send Andrew Ramage a card congratulating him on becoming the lay pastor for MCC Brighton. Proposed by KF, 2nd WB. Y -3, N – 0, A – 1.

We still do not have fliers with which to advertise the church. Rev. M to ask Chris if he would be willing to design one in time for the festival.

There is general concern that the Beacon is closing due to a lack of funding. We will use all means, especially online awareness, to highlight this and hopefully reverse this funding decision.

Closing Prayer: Sarah Barber closed in prayer at 8:40pm.

Pastor's report for January 2017

January has been a busy month, mostly taken up with planning for Soul Safari Sundays. I have arranged 18 events over the three Sundays, 16 of which are workshops or events brought by contributors. Thank you to Chris for creating some stunning artwork and the fliers, and to Wendy, Sarah, Simon, Bill, and Charlie for taking the time to learn how to effectively use *The Jesus Deck*.

Rev. Alex Mabbs, was our guest preacher on Jan 22 and he brought a warm and generous message to a full congregation. On Feb 19 Rev. Steven Foster will be taking the pulpit, and then during women's history month we have stories and messages from Paula Cocker of the PRIDE team; Rev. Felice Rhiannon, multi faith minister; Rev. Heather Leake-Date; HIV chaplain, and our own Sarah Barber.

Alas, during January there was a lot of pastoral care needed in the wake of Pablo's death. When he killed himself he left a deep and terrible scar in the hearts of so many. The members of the Brighton Gay Men's Chorus were especially devastated as he'd sung with them for a few years. I've met with 5 people, supported a number of others via telephone and have arranged to meet with others over the weeks ahead. It was also good to be able to arrange a memorial concert for him.

During January I also helped out with front of house at the Aladdin adult panto, and helped to raise a total of £3,414.07 for the LGBT community safety forum.

On January 29th I cooked for the community dinner at Dorset Gardens Methodist church. It went well and we fed around 70 people well. I planned the meal and portions, and was glad to see that everybody ate well and there was very little left over. Thank you so much to James who came and helped out with the clearing away.

During January I gave out two payments from the Pickle fund, one for £10 and one for £20.

Much love

Michael.

Jan '17 Board Accounts for The Village Metropolitan Community Church

Opening Bal at 31 Dec 2016 **£5229.78**

Income

Collections

Attendance

01 Jan	60.00	15
08 Jan	42.00	16
15 Jan	28.70	13
22 Jan	44.00	24
29 Jan	35.00	13
sleep safe donation	30.00	

Standing Order £ 871.50 **£1111.20**

Expenditure Jan

M Hydes

Oct Remuneration 400.00

Costs/Expenses 198.24

Rent Dec 180.00

MCC Tithe 85.53

Liability Insurance 195.69

CCLI Licence 72.00 **1131.46**

Balance in Account as at 31 Dec 2016 £5209.52

Forecast

M Hydes Jan £400.00

M Hydes Exp Jan £198.94

Rent Jan £144.00

Tithe £ 93.12

£836.06

Brighton Cares £500.00

Balance available **£3873.46**

Keyboard fund £ 59.10

Crisis Fund £442.00

Sleep Safe £643.63

Community Works £124.46

Conference Fund £ 150.00

General funds Avail **£2454.27**