



THE VILLAGE
METROPOLITAN
COMMUNITY CHURCH

**Agenda for the meeting of the board of trustees
Friday February 6th 2015**

1. Opening Prayer.
2. Minutes of the last meeting (N/A at this meeting)
3. Items for A.O.B
4. Reports:
 - Monthly**
 - Pastor's
 - Treasurer's reports
 - Quarterly**
 - Stewardship Team
 - Events Team
 - Mission Team
5. Any Other Business
6. Safeguarding
7. Health and Safety
8. Network Gathering
9. Charitable Status
10. Budgeting and pledge forms.
11. Pastor's stipend
12. Closing Prayer

Board of trustee meetings are the first Friday of every month, except December and August. Quarterly reports are due at the January, April, July, and October board meetings. If you are not able to attend a meeting please appoint a proxy. They will not be eligible to vote but will represent your opinions and add their voice to the meeting.

Pastor's Report.

Since we're right at the beginning of our journey together there really isn't anything to report yet - at least not officially!

Our first service went well with 24 in attendance. I think it'll take a while before the word gets around and we feel comfortable enough to invite our friends along. I believe that together we can create a home where we all feel safe and secure and are able to explore and celebrate our spiritual lives together.

I've been connecting with a few folks who are interested in forming an exploratory group looking at LGBT youth homelessness in the Brighton area. My hope is that although The Village MCC will facilitate this group that it will stand on its own strengths and come under the remit of *The Missions Team*.

There are two other teams that I believe are essential to the life of the church. *The Events Team* and *The Stewardship Team*. *The Events Team* already has a core group that includes Ann, Jazz, and Gerry and will be holding its first meeting this month. The Stewardship Team has yet to be formed although this month I will be handing out pledge forms so that we can gather giving information and effectively budget expenses.

In the church there are some health issues. Julie Bengner has had her hip replaced and it's been difficult finding a ride to church for her because she lives in such a rural location. Hopefully she will be able to drive soon. Wendy's partner Sarah had a mini stroke this week and I am supporting them the best way I can, as are members of MCC Brighton. Tony has been suffering with a respiratory problem that has laid him off work, and Nicky has been unwell with a bug. The January blues!

On the positive side Linda and Ann are making plans to be married and I'm very excited that I'm able to help facilitate their service, and Chris and I are moving this week and looking forward to being settled in Brighton.

I continue to volunteer with Lunch Positive and am making some good connections. I missed the LGBT Groups meeting due to ill health but have been kept in the loop and am working with the group to find suitable accommodation for the group members.

Michael

February 6th 2015

Expenses to date:

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| Somerset Day Centre Rent January 3 wks (Paid) | 108.00 |
| Somerset Day Centre Rent February 4 wks (Paid) | 144.00 |
| Somerset Day Centre Rent March 5 wks (To be paid) | 180.00 |
| Banner (8'X3') | 87.92 |
| Vistaprint Business Cards | 25.77 |
| Vistaprint Business Cards (General advertising) | 39.57 |
| CCLI License | 48.00 |
| Edwards Insurance | 209.99 |
| TOTAL | 843.25 |



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Pledge Form

Called to do justice and walk humbly with God. Micah 6:8

In order to budget our expenses as a church it's important to know what our gifts and tithes are likely to be. Your pledge is the money that your church uses to pay for rent, licenses, insurance, tithes, the pastor's stipend, and any other expenses. Please give generously - every penny makes a difference.

Donor Information (please print)

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| Name (s) | |
| Address | |
| Town | |
| County | |
| Post Code | |
| Telephone (home) | |
| Telephone (mobile) | |
| E-Mail | |

Pledge Information

I (we) pledge a total of £ _____ weekly ___ monthly ___ quarterly ___ annually.

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| 1. | |
| 2. | |
| 3. | |
| Authorized signature | |

Gift will be matched by _____ (company/family/foundation).

___ form enclosed ___ form will be forwarded

Acknowledgement Information

Please use the following name(s) in all acknowledgements:

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___ I (we) wish to have our gift remain anonymous.

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| Signature(s) |
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| Date |
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If you would like to give via a standing order please tick this box and as soon as we have a church bank account we will forward the details to you.