



THE VILLAGE
METROPOLITAN
COMMUNITY CHURCH

**Agenda for the meeting of the board of trustees
Friday March 3rd 2017 7:30pm**

1. Opening Prayer.
2. Minutes of the last meeting.
3. Reports:
 - Pastor's report
 - Treasurer's reports
 - Pickle fund report
4. Any AOB for Item 10?
5. Safeguarding.
6. Health and Safety.
7. Soul Safari Days – debrief.
8. PRIDE
9. Guest speakers for March – Advertising.
10. AOB
11. 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 *The Village* MCC Board Meeting
Friday February 10th 2016.**

The meeting was held at Rev Michael Hydes' home. (The meeting had been postponed by a week because of the B Right On festival opening event.)

Present: Rev Michael Hydes[Chair], Keith Fish[Treasurer] and Simon Markham[Secretary]

Rev Michael opened in prayer at 7:30pm

M.O.L.M: Circulated prior to meeting. Keith pointed out a error made, that it was not a council decision to cut funds to the beacon as stated, rather a lack of funding stemming from the way the NHS now pays for external services. Minutes amended. Rev Michael proposed, Keith seconded and excepted unanimously by the board.

Pastors Report: Circulated prior to meeting. Rev Michael said it had been a busy month. Proposed by Keith, Simon seconded and excepted unanimously by the board.

Pickle Fund: Rev Michael said he had made two payments from it, one of £10 and one of £20.

Treasurers Report: Circulated prior to meeting. Keith said we are still in the same financial situation as last month. Rev Michael asked about the conference fund and Keith showed that there is a new line item for it. Proposed by Rev Michael, Simon seconded and excepted unanimously by the board.

Safeguarding: No issues at present.

Health&Safety: No issues at present.

Safari Days: Rev Michael said the first day had gone well, and expected more people for the coming Sunday as the word got out.

Guest Speakers: Services throughout March we will celebrate Women's history month with guest speakers, Rev Michael to arrange.

Flyers: We have new flyers which will be used at the festival. The Memorial handout flyers will be paid for by The Village MCC. Voted unanimously.

A.O.B: Pride was discussed, Rev Michael suggested a stall doing temporary tattoos and using the Jesus Deck. Pride is a way of connecting with the community, which can lead to inclusion in other events, so it would be good to have a presence. To be discussed further.

Rev Michael closed in prayer at 8:30pm

Pastor's report for February 2017

February was a busy month, mostly taken up with the *Soul Safari* Sundays. I arranged 18 events over the three Sundays, 16 of which were 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*. Thank you to Keith for being there every day to signpost events and answer questions. Thank you to everyone else who dropped in from time to time to help out.

On the whole I thought the event was a great success. I didn't count how many people connected with us through *The Jesus Deck* but it wouldn't surprise me if it was well over 30. Team members have talked about some interesting experiences and all of us enjoyed it. We didn't do many tattoos, although those who had them applied loved them.

Every event went well, with the exception of the *Follow the Faun* show and workshop as Andy Black didn't turn up. Rev. Shannon of MCC North London was unable to bring her workshop due to a serious illness in the family but Shannon was able to give us enough notice so that Rev. Felice Rhiannon could step in and hold the space with an informal group.

There were at least 200 at the memorial event (we had 200 seats out plus 40 on stage), around 30 for the Quaker meeting, 15 for the Yoga session, and if I recall correctly other workshops drew between 4 and 20 attendees. The tent was very cold the first two Sundays, especially since one of the heaters packed in completely. Unfortunately the tent entrance was on the sea front so in February's cold, and the winds of storm Doris, there wasn't a lot of foot traffic.

On Feb 19 Rev. Steven Foster took the pulpit, and talked about the birth and evolution of Lunch Positive and his disappointment over some of the decisions taken by the Church of England; especially the right of LGBT people to marry in the church. He was a wonderful speaker and we all gained a new respect for his work in the community.

March is woman's history month and we have a visiting speaker or interviewee every week. There will be stories and messages from: Sophie Cook, head of Latest LGBT+ TV and Photographer for *The Libertines & AFC Bournemouth*; Rev. Felice Rhiannon, multifaith minister; Rev. Heather Leake-Date; HIV chaplain, Paula Cocker of the PRIDE team; and our own Sarah Barber. (Woman's history month runs through to April 2nd).

During the month I attended the *Working To Connect* LGBT Network meeting, the *LGBT Community Safety Forum* quarterly meeting, and facilitated a pro-bono funeral service and committal for a newborn.

Alas, one of my aunts died so Chris and I traveled to Newcastle for the funeral.

Much love

Michael.

Feb '17 Board Accounts for The Village Metropolitan Community Church

Opening Bal at 31 Jan 2017 £5209.52

Income

Collections

Attendance

05 Feb	26.50	18
12 Feb	48.95	13
19 Feb	70.00	16
26 Feb	88.00	24
Pickle fund	40.00	
Rainbow Grant	500.00	

Standing Order £ 471.50 £1244.95

Expenditure Jan

<u>M Hydes Jan</u>	<u>£400.00</u>
<u>M Hydes Exp Jan</u>	<u>£198.94</u>
<u>Rent Jan</u>	<u>£144.00</u>
<u>Tithe</u>	<u>£ 93.12</u>
<u>LGBT Safety</u>	<u>£500.00</u>

£1336.06

(conference transfer £50.00)

Balance in Account as at 28 Feb 2017 £5118.41

Forecast

<u>M Hydes Feb</u>	<u>£400.00</u>
<u>M Hydes Exp Feb</u>	<u>£227.24</u>
<u>Rent Jan</u>	<u>£144.00</u>
<u>Tithe</u>	<u>£ 65.70</u>

£836.94

Brighton Cares £500.00

Balance available £3781.47

<u>Keyboard fund</u>	<u>£ 59.10</u>
<u>PickleFund</u>	<u>£442.00</u>
<u>Sleep Safe</u>	<u>£643.63</u>
<u>Community Works</u>	<u>£ 10.52</u>
<u>Conference Fund</u>	<u>£ 200.00</u>

General funds Avail £2426.22