



THE VILLAGE
METROPOLITAN
COMMUNITY CHURCH

**Agenda for the meeting of the board of trustees
Friday May 8th 2015 7:30pm**

1. Opening Prayer.
2. Minutes of the last meeting.
3. Reports:
 - Monthly**
 - Pastor's report
 - Treasurer's reports
 - Quarterly**
 - Stewardship Team (n/a)
 - Events Team (Due July)
 - Mission Team (n/a)
4. Any Other Business to be added to item 12?
5. Pride.
6. Treasurer / member at large etc.
7. Alt. Lay Delegate.
8. Advertising.
9. Safeguarding.
10. Health and Safety.
11. Charitable Status.
12. A.O.B.
13. Closing Prayer.

Thank you Keith for providing these minutes.

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of directors held Friday March 27th 2015 At Ann and Linda's Southwick.

Board Present: Ann Wilkinson (Treasurer), Keith Fish (At Large), Nigel Utting In the Chair for first part of meeting
Wendy Foster secretary, Jean Hatton (lay delegate and safeguarding)

Order as per the agenda

1: NU opened in Prayer at 7.30 pm

2,3 & 4: Pastor's Stipend RM not present for this part of the meeting.

(Remuneration) Ann spoke of the amounts of income since we set up. In 4 months income was £1708.00 outgoings £698.00. however if we factor in the extra rent that would have been paid the outgoings would be £950.00. Admittedly these outgoing included several annual payments. From the pledge form received so far we had a monthly income of £575.00 plus any tax that in future we might claim back. There is a reluctance from some to pledge, but without this and nothing else to base a remuneration figure on it is difficult to arrive at a figure that we believe affordable at this time. After much discussion and with heavy hearts, the board arrived at an initial figure of £250.00 per. Month. This equates to 9.6% of the salary we would expect to pay a full time pastor, based on 40 hors a week at £15 per hour. In addition we would budget for £50 in expenses as well. This figure would be reviewed quarterly as the church settle and finances are clearer.

A collection is being made for an Easter gift for MH. RM joined meeting and took over the Chair. The board advised him of our decisions

5:Minutes of last meeting: 1st aid kit has been purchased. Minutes approved prop AW sec MH

6: Reports Pastor's report as distributed: Lloyds problems continue RM and AW to chase. THT Dukes mound clear up, volunteers will be sought, Accepted prop NU sec AW

Treasurer's report: As finances were discussed earlier there was no more to report at this stage

Events Team: Meeting again this week. Need to start pride arrangements. Board suggested a small donation be requested from those attending the seder meal. No other teams active so no other reports.

7: Extra items for AOB None

8: Safeguarding Nothing

9: H & S No candles to be used in meetings on Sunday except the alter candle, any other must be battery ones.

10: Charitable Status Nothing more to report at this stage. Though NU felt he no longer has the time to look at this. As it is this will be postponed until the bank account and accounts are up and running.

11: AOB Ann finding the finance harder now and needs to hand onto someone with more experience very soon. RM will speak to Cecilia at Newcastle and try to enlist the help of their Treasurer. RM remuneration commences from 1st February and will be due at the end of each month. RM was given £500.00 representing February and March payments.

12: The meeting closed in prayer at 9.00pm

Board of trustee meetings are the first Friday of every month, (unless otherwise arranged), except December and August when there are no board meetings. 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.

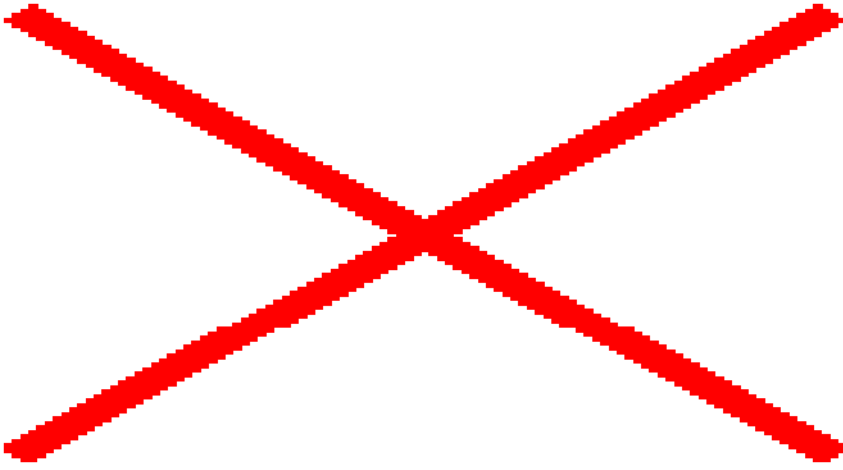
These are the highlights from April:

- Worship attendance was March 29: **18** Apr 5: **16** Apr 12: **19** Apr 19: **16** Apr 26: **15**
- Easter week events included: A well attended special Palm Sunday service coordinated by Mary Bacchoo, a Seder meal, support for the *Churches Together* Walk of Witness on Good Friday, Sunday morning worship on the beach with *One Church* and *MCC Brighton*.
- Alas, I was ill with Pneumonia and missed the Palm Sunday service.
- I attended the LGBT hustings on April 13
- I attended the lunch positive team meeting on April 15th and cooked on three occasions for them.
- I attended the LGBT network meeting on April 18th.
- 5 Village members met with THT and spent 4 hours cleaning up the Dukes Mound gardens on April 25th.
- Pastoral call with Network leader: Jochen.
- Met with three different church members and two members of the public to offer pastoral support. Helped church members to plan a wedding service.
- Met with Helen Bashford (Switchboard) to discuss LGBT homelessness and older LGBT persons needs in Brighton.
- Telephone meeting with De Paul Sussex Nightstop to discuss LGBT homelessness
- Met with the events team to discuss Pride events.
- Volunteered with The Brighton gay men's Chorus to further develop a community relationship.
- Developed and published a worship rota.
- Developed an attendance spreadsheet
- Developed an income and expenditure account and balanced the accounts for 2014 - 2015.
- The second set of keys to the day centre didn't work - after 4 visits to the locksmiths we now have a second working set of keys.

April gave us our first Easter as *The Village MCC*, and we continue to settle into the new space. I am looking forward to Pride and, if plans unfold as I hope, it's going to be a lot of fun! This month's article in G-Scene reaches out to the community and I hope that soon we will be advertising on a regular basis.

Love

Rev. Michael.



Tithes due:£165.49. Money due from MCC Newcastle (Designated towards the pastor's stipend): £320.71

Treasurers report for year ending March 31 2015.

