



THE VILLAGE
METROPOLITAN
COMMUNITY CHURCH

**Agenda for the meeting of the board of trustees
Friday January 15th 2016 7:30pm**

1. Opening Prayer.
2. Minutes of the last meeting.
3. Reports:
 - Monthly**
 - Pastor's report
 - Treasurer's reports
 - Quarterly**
 - Events Team (Due March)
 - Stewardship Team (n/a)
 - Pastoral Team (n/a)
4. Any Other Business to be added to item 10?
5. Safeguarding.
6. Health and Safety.
7. Charitable Status.
8. Welcome to Wendy B and Simon!
9. Thank you to Wendy F for the past year.
10. A.O.B.
11. Closing Prayer.

The next board meeting is on February 5th.

Thank you Keith for providing these minutes.

Minutes of the meeting of the Church Board held Friday November 06 2015

At Ann and Linda's Southwick.

Present: Rev Michael Hydes (Chair), Nigel Utting (Vice Chair), Ann Wilkinson , Keith Fish (Treasurer), Mary Bachoo. **Apologies:** Wendy Foster, Wendy Burgess, Jean Hatton, Sarah Barber, Jaz Potter

Rev. M opened in Prayer at 7.30 pm

Minutes of last Meeting: Circulated Prior to the meeting. Prop Rev M sec AW. Minutes accepted

Pastors report: Circulated Prior to meeting. No Matters arising. Prop KF sec AW Report agreed

Treasurers Report: Accounts circulated at meeting. At this date we have a balance of £2726.70. Prop NU sec Rev M Accounts accepted.

Events: We are still Waiting dates for the Hiv awareness training KF will keep up with this. There was a positive report of the retreat day. It was found to be useful and another will be planned. A Christmas eve service is being put together. It will be held at the Somerset Day Center at 7pm.

Pastoral team: There is a need emerging for a relief fund in the church accounts, for small grants for emergencies. (re sleep safe and pastoral team). Rev Michael is putting together a small team which would administer this fund with small grants of to £30 available immediately in emergencies. We would need to make sure that any charity document included such work as one of our aims and objectives. The team would be 3-4 strong with skills and gender parity factors taken into Account when appointing members. It would meet every two months. Kf asked if it would be more appropriate for this tem to communicate using a church e mail address. Rev M would look into this more.

No safeguarding issues.

No H & S issues

Charitable Status: The team is still looking into this . Margaret at switchboard has looked at our constitution and says that it ok.

AGM: Pastors report, financial accounts and budget for the next year. The board were shown the final accounts for the year and the proposed budget. Elections, there are two people interested in coming on the board and it was felt that the board size could be increased by one at this stage. WF is standing down and in order to keep a balance in terms of numbers standing down each year KF agreed to stand down and stand for re election. We need to try and keep a gender balance

AOB: Mary Bachoo is opening her beach hut as part of Advent events in Hove. She requires some help before and on the day itself December 23rd. this will be put into the church notices. WF will not be at the AGM, so another time needs to be arranged to thank her for her service in another service. Rev M asked if he could bring a poppy collection tin to church, which was agreed. December 29th would be our WAD focus. Rev M is going to have a week off in January so will not be in church on Jan 10th. We will review stipend again in March.

Next Meeting is January 15th.

There being no other business the meeting closed in prayer at 8.45pm.

Pastor's report for November/December 2015.

The focus throughout the last two months has understandably been Advent and Christmas. When battery operated advent candles failed to arrive we eventually used small scented candles instead and celebrated each Sunday in advent with a collect, the lighting of a candle, and a verse of 'O Come, O Come, Emmanuel'. The place smelled delightful!

The Trans day of remembrance service was well attended and supported by a broad swathe of community members. It was noted that The Village was represented, not just by me but by Ann who sang so beautifully with the Rainbow Chorus.

Our very first AGM was great. We sailed through each item, including the last minute change in the constitution to allow for a varied amount of board members. The event was over in 45 minutes and no unresolved business. It took some time putting together the annual report but surprising to see how much we've achieved in such a short time.

There was a disappointing turn out for the world aids day service, but the reading of the names was well attended, as was the fundraising concert which provides the bulk of the funding for Lunch Positive each year.

Mary's beach hut event was a wonderful conclusion to Advent. It was well attended and a great success despite the weather. Alas, strong winds blew the cardboard village away but the simple spiral path lit by tea lights looked wonderful and many children brought light into the space as we sang carols together and celebrated 1,000 Christmas lights.

This was our first Christmas as a church, and the first eve service I've participated in since I came back to the UK three years ago. I was rather nervous. I needn't have been. Pablo, Sarah, Chris, and Rod all sang beautifully, and Andrew, Wendy B, Bill, Wendy F, Robert, and Jaz brought life to the readings, and Mary added a wonderfully grounding touch with her time of prayer. Even though a half a dozen of our regulars were away it was still the service with the largest attendance to date, and everyone seemed to connect well and enjoy the very family feel to the evening. There was a wonderful little buffet afterwards with plenty for everyone – including smoked salmon canapés!

The sleep safe project is coming along well, albeit more slowly than I would have liked. Sarah has agreed to be on *The Village Community Fund Resource Team* (*resource team* for short) so the next part of the process is fundraising for the fund.

Besides the usual pastoral calls we sent out over a hundred Christmas cards into the community. Although it's been a busy time it has been rewarding, and we continue to reach towards our goals. Highlights for the period were:

Worship every Sunday and a support / prayer group every Tuesday.

Nov 01 – Events team mtg.

Nov 7 – Met with Greg Headley ref: sleep safe web design.

Nov 11 – Emerging Ministries skype meeting.

Nov 11 – Produce and publish the Emerging church report for Office of Emerging Ministries at MCC.

Nov 16 – Visit The Somerset Day centre to facilitate the making of paper lanterns.

Nov 16 – Membership class..

Nov 22 – Trans. day of remembrance service at Dorset Gardens Methodist Church.

Nov 24 – Christmas Eve Service solo and Reader audition.

Nov 28 – World Aids day service at Dorset Gardens Methodist Church

Nov 28 – LGBT Network quarterly meeting

Nov 28 – Membership class.

Nov 29 - Membership class.

Nov 29 – AGM and 2 new members installed (Total membership now 16)

Dec 01 – World Aids Day – Reading of the names and concert.

Dec 03 - Met with Greg Headley ref: sleep safe web design review, testing, and updates.

Dec 08 - Christmas Eve Service solo and Reader support meeting.

Dec 14 –Meet with Spiritual Director (every other month).

Dec 14 – European network meeting (Skype) on LGBT refugees.

Dec 23 – Beach hut advent event

Dec 24 – Christmas Eve service.

Attendance: Nov 1- 23 Nov 8-20 Nov 15-15 2 Nov 22-17 Nov 29-17 Dec 6-14, Dec 13- 20 Dec 20- 15, Dec 24- 27, Dec 27- 13.

Love
Rev. Michael

Thank you to Keith for these accounts.

November Board Accounts for The Village Metropolitan Community Church

Opening Bal at 31 October 2015 3637.09

Income

Collections

01 November	92.20	
08 November	63.33	
15 November	33.82	
22 November	63.20	
29 November	46.10	
Standing Orders	425.50	
Northern Lights	56.06	<u>780.21</u>

Expenditure

Pastor Travel	53.90	
Christmas cards	36.00	
Advent Candles	25.98	
Stamps	15.12	
Phone top up	20.00	
Christmas Music	3.04	
Piano case	39.99	
G Scene	45.90	<u>239.93</u>

Rent	180.00	
MCC Tithe	77.40	
Rev. M Hydes	400.00	
Anniversary collection	108.00	<u>1005.33</u>

Balance 3411.97

Monies Due

M Hydes

Nov Remuneration	400.00	
Rent December	180.00	
Dec G Scene	45.90	
Tithe	78.02	<u>703.92</u>

Keyboard fund 59.14

General funds Avail at 30/11/15 2648.91

December Board Accounts for The Village Metropolitan Community Church

Opening Bal at 30 November 2015 £3411.97

Income

Collections		Attendance	
06 December	19.73	(14)	
13 December	35.80	(20)	
20 December	98.65	(15)	
24 December	35.82	(27)	
27 December	27.00	(13)	<u>£217.00</u>
Standing Order	425.50		
Donation	<u>200.00</u>		<u>£625.50</u>

£4254.47

Expenditure

Pastor Travel	20.25	
Advent Candles Refund	25.98	
Stamps	32.40	
Christmas Music	3.78	
G Scene	45.90	
Candles	4.00	
Rent	180.00	
Mcc Tithe Nov	78.02	
Rev. M Hydes	<u>400.00</u>	<u>£738.37</u>

Balance £3516.10

Monies Due

<u>Rev. M Hydes</u>		
Dec Remuneration	400.00	
Rent January	180.00	
Jan G Scene	45.90	
Tithe	<u>84.17</u>	<u>£703.92</u>

Keyboard fund £ 59.14

General funds Avail At 31/12/15 **£2753.04**