



THE VILLAGE
METROPOLITAN
COMMUNITY CHURCH

**Agenda for the meeting of the board of trustees
Friday October 2nd 2015 7:30pm**

1. Minutes of the last meeting.

2. Reports:

Monthly

Pastor's report

Treasurer's reports

Quarterly

Stewardship Team (n/a)

Events Team (Due Nov)

Mission Team (n/a)

3. Any Other Business to be added to item 7?

4. Safeguarding.

5. Health and Safety.

6. Charitable Status update

7. A.O.B.

8. Closing Prayer.

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.

Minutes for the meeting of the board of trustees
Friday September 4th 2015 7:30pm

Held at the home of Wendy and Nicki. Attending: Rev. Michael Hydes, Keith Fish, Wendy Kilby-Foster, Nicki Kilby-Foster, Mary Bacchoo, Jaz Potter, Jean Hatton, Nigel Utting, Wendy Burgess, Sarah Barber, Ann Wilkinson.

1.Minutes of the last meeting. Correction to the minutes proposed by Keith, seconded by Nigel, voted unanimously, and the minutes were amended accordingly.

2.Reports:

Pastor's report. Verbal report on the network gathering given by Rev. Michael, Wendy B, and Sarah. Report be accepted: proposed by Wendy, seconded by Ann, voted unanimously.

Treasurer's report. Money for the Global Justice Institute (The Easter Offering) was rounded up to £400 and sent. There was a surplus from Pride of £23. Rev. Michael and Keith are online with Lloyds. All transactions made by one must be authorized by the second to action it. Report be accepted: proposed by Rev. Michael, seconded by Nigel, voted unanimously.

3.Pride and Trans Pride review: Thank you to everyone who worked hard to bring a successful Trans Pride and PRIDE outreach. Alice, a trans poet, has been asked by Rev. Michael to do a reading at church. A special 'Thank You' to Keith for creating the PRIDE carnival stall and Chris for creating the banner. PRIDE was a great success, with hundreds of people connecting with our stall. Nigel offered his car for next year's PRIDE march.

4.Safeguarding: One item discussed in a closed meeting.

5.Health and Safety. Thank you to Mary who has officially agreed to be our Health and Safety officer. There is a H&S policy in force.

6.October 4th is Anniversary Sunday. We will take part in the special collection which this year is for Emerging churches.

7.Charitable Status / The Village structure. A small group (Jaz, Nigel, and Rev. Michael) will meet to talk about registering as a charity. Rev. Michael to talk to new folks about membership so we can offer places on the board come December.

8.Christmas eve service - we agreed to have a Christmas Eve Service / Mary will host an advent event again this year at her beach hut./ We will inquire to see if churches together will be singing carols at Churchill sq again this year.

9.Closing Prayer by Rev. Michael.

Next meeting Friday October 2nd.

Pastor's Report for September 2015

It seems like two minutes since our last board meeting, September has gone so quickly. The highlights are:

- Saturday 5th – walk along the river with Ann and Linda, dinner for 8 church members at a local pub.
- Tuesday 8th – Community pastoral call.
- Wednesday 9th – Skype network meeting
- Thursday 10th – meeting with Greg Lightfoot ref: homeless outreach.
- Tuesday 22nd – Charitable status meeting with Jaz and Nigel.
- Wednesday 23rd – online training.
- Saturday 26th – Community 'Macmillan Coffee morning' by LGMC.
- Tuesday 29th – Spiritual direction am. – Pastoral call in the afternoon.
- Wednesday 30th – 'Sleepsafe' action team meeting.

Sunday worship is going well. Attendance for September was: 6th – **26**, 13th – **25**, 20th – **16**, 27th – **18**. Tuesday evening group is regularly attended, with a low of two and a high of 8 during September.

Last Sunday Trans poet Alice Denny came and spoke, performing some of her poetry – which was well received.

The events team has not met since pride – the report has been tabled for the next board meeting.

The LGBT Homelessness project is under way with a name 'sleep safe' We are beginning by putting together a flow chart map for the homeless and looking at ways we can create an organization that meets the greater and long term needs of those in the community that need secure and safe accommodation.

LGBT stitchboard are reviewing *The Village MCC* constitution for us in preparation for our applying for charitable status.

Sussex Police have offered to help with our homelessness project via Rory Smith, the LGBT liaison.

I have been asked whether I will facilitate an LGBT friendly version of The Alpha course. I am looking at possibilities.

Love

Rev. Michael.

Planned events.

A year for change - change your life: A book club with a difference. One book a month for a year starting in the new year. Each book has been chosen because it is recommended for personal development. Books that help us to develop relationships with others, books that help us develop a relationship with ourselves, and books that help us develop a relationship with our higher power. Some of these books are 'how to' books and some are story books. Each one is a part of the group because together they provide the tools with which to change our lives.

Questions of faith: A one day exploration of faith from an LGBT perspective. (Set for the beginning of Lent)

Holy Conversations: A ten week course covering - Ministry (Laity, Clergy, etc.), Sexuality & Spirituality, Ecumenical / Interreligious Issues, Trans-formations & Trans Experiences, Baptism, Holy Communion, Who is Jesus?, Global Justice, Ecclesiology (Church). No dates have been set for this yet but I think a Saturday or Sunday morning breakfast group might be nice.