



THE VILLAGE METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Agenda for the meeting of the board of trustees Friday July 7th 2017 7:30pm

1. Opening Prayer.
2. Minutes of the last meeting.
3. Reports:
 - Pastor's report
 - Treasurer's reports
 - Pickle fund report
4. AOB for Item 14?
5. Safeguarding.
6. Health and Safety.
7. Pride, and Trans Pride – updates.
8. Promotional material. T-Shirts, banners, etc..
9. Sermon series – Guests.
10. Appointments.
11. Day retreat.
12. Meet-up Groups.
13. Church visioning.
14. AOB
15. 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 meeting of the board of trustees

Friday June 2nd 2017 7:30pm at Keith's home.

Present: Rev Michael Hydes (Chair), Keith Fish (Treasurer), Sarah Barber (Safeguarding Officer), Wendy Burgess (Board Member), Simon Markham (Secretary), Mary Bacchoo (Health and Safety).

Opening Prayer: Rev. Michael

Minutes of the last meeting:

Proposed by: KF Seconded by: WB

Vote: Yes - 2 No - 0 Abstain - 0

Pastor's report:

Proposed by: SM Seconded by: KF

Vote: Yes - 2 No - 0 Abstain - 0

Treasurer's report:

Proposed by: MH Seconded by: SM

Vote: Yes - 2 No - 0 Abstain - 0

Pickle fund report: Two payments given out.

Safeguarding: No issues

Health and Safety: No issues

Pride, and Trans Pride – updates. The Village will be working with the LGBT Community Safety Forum at the access tent, providing temporary tattoos, card readings, and a listening ear if needed. No news on stall availability at Trans Pride yet.

Promotional material. T-Shirts, banners, etc.. We agreed to purchase a new banner, based on the old design. Michael to look at T-Shirt options. Mary suggested we could use peoples own T-Shirts and iron on a motif – Michael said he liked the idea of uniformity, we'll look at both ideas.

Sermon series – Guests. Everyone is happy with the sermon line-up, and the diversity is exciting.

Golden Handbags June 11th Rev. Michael and Chris to attend. If anyone else also wants to also go then we can source tickets.

Brighton Bear Weekend June 15-18th Michael and Chris to be volunteer bar-staff working with *The Samaritans*. Sarah also volunteered and we will ask for further volunteers from the congregation.

Small groups network meeting June 10th. No board members are able to attend. Charlie has kindly offered to represent the church at the meeting.

Church visioning. We will take some time out in meetings to look at our vision and ways in which we can move towards it.

AOB We will trial use *Meetup Groups* to advertise special guests and events, and review in January.

Closing Prayer. Sarah

Pastor's report for June 2017

June was the Holy Spirit month in worship, and through the lives of Village MCC attendees we explored the way the Holy Spirit works in our lives. We heard stories and thoughts from Charlie, Sarah, Stephen, and then with Tony acting as the most holy inquisitor you heard a few confessions from me! I enjoyed it a lot, and it was nice to get to know folks a little better through it. Thank you to everyone who took part.

At the beginning of June Chris and I took a few days away to visit his parents. The dogs loved being able to run around freely in the garden and it was good to connect with the family again.

Jan and Vicky were married on June 10th at the Brighton registry office, and then I performed a handfasting ceremony at the reception. It was a lovely event and they'd put a lot of time and energy into arranging it. On the same day it was the Small Groups Network AGM (*Working To Connect*) and of course I was unable to be there. Charlie very kindly held the Village MCC standard high, voted on my behalf, and represented the church. He did a wonderful job!

The Golden Handbags were on the 11th and Chris and I went along to represent *The Village*. We came 5th in our category - out of around 20 community groups! I was really pleased with that, especially since many of the other groups have been around much much longer than we have.

I was in the studio for AK Soufle' again on the 13th and I think the program went well. I feel easier now in front of the camera, although Andrew Kay can be quite controversial and ensuring that he doesn't put words into my mouth can be a bit of a challenge. It aired during that week and over the weekend.

There were no volunteers to help at the Brighton Bear Weekend but I went along to help with the bar. It was a long day, and it took me a few days to recover, but I think that to be visible in that environment, supporting the *LGBT Community Safety Forum*, was worth it. However, I certainly won't be looking for part time bar work any time soon!

On Saturday July 1st I assisted Stephen Crowther in a service for those who's lives have been touched by sexual abuse. It was held at the Unitarian Church in Brighton. In the afternoon I went to the Brighthelm Centre to support the Brighton Progressive Christian group and hear David Tomlinson speak. He spoke well and it was nice to hear a kindred spirit in his words.

During June I made three pastoral care visits, (in total over 6 hours), supported one person extensively via email, and made three Pickle Fund payments. One was to an unfortunate young man who had just come out of hospital after having twenty teeth removed. He needed help buying food that was soft enough to eat, especially whilst he still had dozens of stitches in his mouth.

Thank you to Chris who designed posters (please see below and let me know what you think), and the T-Shirt that I'm now taking orders for. I'm looking forward to Pride, it's coming up on us very fast!

Love

Rev. Michael.

Worship – June through October 2017

July 23 **Talking with Will Mason** – Worship Leader with *The Village MCC*.

July 30 **FOX AND OWL**

AUGUST IS PRIDE MONTH

Aug 6 PRIDE VOICES **Peter Tatchell**
Aug 13 PRIDE VOICES **Rev. Jide Macauley**
Aug 20 PRIDE VOICES **AJ Nuggets Patterson**
Aug 27 PRIDE VOICES **Rabbi Elli Tikvah**

SEPTEMBER IS MUSIC MONTH

Sep 3 Earth Ongoing creation. **Rev. Alex Mabbs.**
Sep 10 Wind Ruah – The Holy Spirit **Sarah Barber**
Sep 17 Fire and Smoke – God's leading. **Rev. Michael 1/2**
Sep 24 Water Baptism into Christ – being a part of God's family. **Rev. Michael 2/2**

OCTOBER IS STEWARDSHIP MONTH

Oct 1 **Daniel Cheeseman**
Oct 8 **Rev. Peta Evans**
Oct 15 **Felice Rhiannon**
Oct 22 **Caroline Lucas**
Oct 29 **Finola Brophy**

June'17 Board Accounts for The Village Metropolitan Community Church

Opening Bal at 31 May 2017 **£5540.52**

Income

Collections		Attendance	
04 June	35.00	24	
11 June	57.00	16	
18 June	56.00	18	
25 June	21.00	17	
Standing Order	£ 546.50		
			<u>£715.50</u>

Expenditure

<u>M Hydes Apr</u>	£400.00		
M Hydes Cost/ expenses	£176.20		
Rent May	£144.00		
Tithe	£ 95.25		
<u>Course expenses</u>	<u>£ 20.00</u>	<u>835.45</u>	

(conference transfer £50.00)

Balance in Account as at 30 June 2017 **£5420.57**

Forecast

<u>M Hydes June</u>	£400.00		
Rent July	£144.00		
Tithe June	£ 66.55		
<u>Costs/expenses june</u>	<u>£156.28</u>	<u>£766.83</u>	

allocated Brighton Cares **£500.00**

forecast Balance available **£4153.74**

<u>Keyboard fund</u>	<u>£ 39.16</u>
<u>PickleFund</u>	<u>£656.49</u>
<u>Sleep Safe</u>	<u>£643.63</u>
<u>Community Works</u>	<u>£ 00.00</u>
<u>Conference Fund</u>	<u>£ 400.00</u>

General funds Avail £2414.46

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Is there a message for you?



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where LGBTQ+ people
live free from discrimination