



THE VILLAGE METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Agenda for the meeting of the board of trustees Friday April 5th 2019 7:30pm

1. Opening Prayer.
2. Minutes of the last meeting.
3. Reports:
 - Pastor's report (written)
 - Treasurer's reports (written)
 - Lay delegate report (N/A)
 - Associate pastor's report (verbal)
 - Pickle fund report (verbal)
4. AOB to be scheduled in for this meeting?
5. Safeguarding.
6. Health and Safety. .
7. Charitable status.
8. AOB
9. Close in 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 8th March at Keith's home

Present: Reverend Michael Hydes (Chair), Keith Fish (Treasurer), Dameon Ioukas (Lay Delegate), Wendy Burgess (Board Member) and Simon Markham (Secretary)

Apologies: Reverend Peta Evans (Associate Pastor) and Sarah Barber (Safeguarding Officer)

Reverend Michael opened in prayer

Minutes of Last Meeting: Discussed and Accepted.

Proposed: Keith Fish Seconded: Reverend Michael Vote: All

Pastor's Report: Discussed and Accepted.

Proposed: Simon Markham Seconded: Wendy Burgess Vote: All

Treasurer's Report: Discussed and Accepted.

Proposed: Reverend Michael Seconded: Wendy Burgess Vote: All

Lay Delegate's Report: Dameon said he had booked time off to attend the conference in July.

Associate Pastor's Report: Unfortunately Reverend Peta was unwell and unable to attend the meeting.

Pickle fund: Reverend Michael had made a payment on top of the purchase of a storage unit.

A.O.B for later: Reverend Michael said he had a few to add.

Safeguarding: No new issues.

Health & Safety: No new issues.

Charitable Status: Reverend Michael said he wasn't sure where to go next with it, Keith gave him some ideas. Reverend Michael said he would arrange a date with the working party to go through things. Keith said that trustees and board members are to different roles.

Music Leading: While Will is off recovering, the music will be recorded. Reverend Michael said he would be happy to have people lead the music. Wendy said could Will do it from home.

Guest Visit Review: Reverend Michael asked how the service had gone with Mark, all said it was good and informative. We had 34 attending that night.

Easter Events & Offering: Reverend Michael said he was going to check on the walk on Good Friday. Center was booked for the Seder evening on the Thursday before Easter Sunday. And the Palms had been ordered for the Sunday service. Reverend Michael said there had been a few emails from MCC for offerings this time. There will be two offerings both important causes.

Seder Lamb: Reverend Michael said he was unable to store the lamb in his freezer this year. Dameon kindly offered to store it in his.

Annual Events: Reverend Michael said he had contacted some retreat centres for costings for the annual retreat, he said he liked the idea of a Saturday lunch to Sunday lunch retreat. He asked if we had any other ideas for events, events on the beach during summer and Wendy suggested a afternoon tea party would be nice. Also a games day at Wendy and Sarah's would be fun too.

Social Media Policy: Reverend Michael said we had talked about it at the last meeting and Tony said it was fine. Wendy asked who could post on it, Tony, Chris and Reverend Michael can post onto the facebook page.

Proposed: Reverend Michael Seconded: Wendy Burgess Vote: All

Any Other Business: Reverend Michael said we had received a email from MCC to say we are now a full church as opposed to a emerging one. The Rainbow Hubs network meeting is coming up. And Reverend Michael is still looking for new larger worship space. Reverend Michael said he had received a email about Stonewall wanting MCC to take part in a programme, Reverend Shannon had talked about a network of LGBT christian groups and Reverend Michael said it would be interesting to get involved with.

Dameon closed in prayer

Pastor's report for March 2019

Much of March was spent setting up the new Deaconate, and in pastoral work. After Dameon's accident he was left with a damaged liver, ruptured spleen, fractures in his skull and spine, broken clavicle, broken ankle, broken pelvis, broken ankle. Many of the injuries were compound and serious. I've been amazed at how quickly he's recovering, and may even be home by the end of next week! Prayer really does make a difference, and being younger is certainly an asset.

Will is recovering slowly and I'm so pleased that I haven't been the only visitor. Stephen, Wendy, and Sarah have all visited. As Will lives in Burgess Hill it can be a long trip when the traffic is heavy. It makes me appreciate even more the commitment Will has to the church to drive here every Sunday. Again, prayer is certainly an aid to healing and Will is healing well.

The new Deaconate has been formed with Isla, Wendy, and Charlie as our first deacons. We met to decide what it means to be a deacon in *The Village MCC*, lay some ground rules, and pray together. The deacons, along with Rev. Peta and I, will meet monthly on the first Tuesday of the month, from 7-9pm, at Charlie's home. We will review the pastoral care of the church, plan retreats, and where appropriate make recommendations to the board on our ministry focus as a church. Every deacon is involved a *Village MCC* ministry and the function of the team is one of support rather than any ecumenical status. The deacons do speak with the authority of the pastor and are accountable to the pastor and each other.

The B-Right-On festival opened well although the stage did partiannly collapse under the rainbow chorus. Alas, I've been down with the flu and missed most of the events.

Sophie cook came and spoke at the church. She told her story and was then available afterwards to chat and sign her book. It was mothering Sunday, a nice coincidence as Sophie is parent. Alas, I completely forgot to take the 'Be a Gem' special offering and will include it next Sunday.

The Phoenix Affirmations group continues to work well although I wasn't able to be at the last one because of the flu. Thank you to Sarah who led the group for me, and to Charlie as he continues to offer his home and always provides a lovely cup of tea and top shelf biscuits!

I continue to minister funeral services to earn more money and for the most part enjoy it. It feels like an extension of my work as an MCC pastor and my ecumenical approach has meant that I've had a manageable flow of work.

As we more into Easter I pray that God bless you and that the joy of the risen Christ be yours.

Much love

Michael

Mar '19 Board Accounts for The Village Metropolitan Community Church

Opening Bal at 28 Feb 2019 £5831.84

Income

Collection

03 Mar	67.25	34	
10 Mar	70.00	24	
17 Mar	47.00	23	
24 Mar	51.40	22	
31 Mar	51.20	19	
Standing Order	£936.50		<u>£1223.35</u>

Expenditure

Rev Michael	450.00		
Rev Peta	50.00		
Ufmcc tithe	74.75		
Costs /expenses	350.89		
Rent Sundays	180.00		<u>£1105.64</u>

(conference transfer £100.00)

Balance in Account as at 31 March 2019	£5898.35
Cash In hand	<u>£ 51.20</u>
	<u>£5949.55</u>

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Rev Michael	450.00		
Rev Peta	50.00		
Ufmcc tithe	112.34		
Costs /expenses	88.79		
Rent Sundays	144.00		
Rent Seder:	36.00		<u>£881.13</u>

forecast Balance available £5068.42

<u>Keyboard fund</u>	<u>£ 7.18</u>
<u>PickleFund</u>	<u>£ 996.27</u>
<u>Sleep Safe</u>	<u>£345.53</u>
<u>Community Works</u>	<u>£ 0.00</u>
<u>Conference Fund</u>	<u>£ 754.40</u>

General funds Avail £2965.04