



THE VILLAGE METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Agenda for the meeting of the board of trustees Friday January 4th 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 (verbal)
 - 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. AGM minutes.
8. Christmas service.
9. Charitable status.
10. Annual events.
11. AOB.

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 15th November 2018 at
Keith's home**

Present: Reverend Peta Evans (Associate Pastor), Keith Fish (Treasurer), Wendy Burgess (Board Member), Sarah Barber (Safeguarding Officer), Dameon Loukas (Lay delegate), Simon Markham (Secretary)

Guests: None

Apologies: Reverend Michael Hydes (Chair)

Minutes of last Meeting: Read and accepted.

Proposed: Reverend Peta **Seconded:** Keith **Vote:** All in favour

Pastors Report: Read and accepted.

Proposed: Wendy **Seconded:** Reverend Peta **Vote:** All in favour

Treasurers Report: Keith said it was a standard month and we were still doing ok.

Proposed: Simon **Seconded:** Reverend Peta **Vote:** All in favour

Lay delegates Report: Dameon said he had enjoyed our day retreat. He said he will not be here for the AGM, and will send out any cards earlier as a way.

Associate Pastors Report: Reverend Peta said that due to the bad weather, not much had been done at the church garden. The prayer team going well, Stephen had left the group, but Sheila had joined. There had been a enjoyable craft day. Had also done some pastoral care. Reverend Peta asked if we could do a DBS check.

Pickle Fund: Nothing to report. But need to get the word out about the fund.

Any Other Business for later: None.

Safeguarding: Ongoing issue discussed.

Health & safety: No issues.

Christmas Eve Service: Preparations going well.

Constitution: Wendy saw a small typing mistake. But all ok. Being put forward.

Ministry & LGBT Refugees: To be discussed at a later date.

Membership: Memberships going to be done in service and classes beforehand.

Liturgy Training: To be held on Sunday 18th at 4.30pm before our service.

Any Other Business: Annual accounts discussed, as missed earlier. And it was suggested talking to Reverend Michael about food for the Christmas Eve service, asking people to bring something. Also to possibly set up a refreshment team, Tony and Isla were suggested as they step in already.

Reverend Peta closed in prayer

Pastor's report for November and December 2018

Much of December was spent working towards the AGM and associated events. I met with various folk to talk about membership and at our AGM worship service on Dec 2nd we brought 5 folk into membership (Will, Bill, Tony, Philip, and Charlie), bringing our official membership to 21. Bill and Tony have asked to be included in the worship rota and Tony is now our social media coordinator. (We have a presence on twitter, facebook, instagram, with sermons on youtube).

The AGM went well without any surprises. The changes in constitution were approved, (Thank you to Keith and Sarah for their hard work), Keith accepted a two year term on the board (although to enable him to follow other interests this will be his last), and the budget, accounts, and reports were all accepted with no major changes.

During November and December I was working with Chichester college taking a course on *How to deal with challenging behavior*. The course was taken online and I passed with flying colours. During November Tony Wares and I completed a first aid course that was facilitated by MCC Brighton at the Brighthelm Center. Both courses were interesting and useful.

Our last mid week group in the series was on Wednesday Nov 21. Thank you to Charlie for his very generous hospitality. The group has had an average attendance of ten and been both lively and informative. It certainly highlights the diversity in our church and the way it blends together to create a community.

In November I visited my Spiritual director and spent some time talking about our vision and how to move forward. A number of church members, as well as Peter and I, attended the Transgender day of Remembrance service. It was an emotional service. At our own service a few hours later we had an incident at the church where someone defaced the prayer book and interrupted a quiet communion prayer moment with an inappropriate and unpleasant action. It was very upsetting and made us aware that we need to be ever vigilant.

On December 1st Lunch Positive held a World Aids day dinner at Dorset Gardens Methodist church. It was nice to connect with so many people, Later I recorded another episode of *Queersay* with Andrew Kay.

During November and December I made a number of pastoral visits, one with someone who has been watching us on *youtube* for some time. It was interesting to see that there are people in the larger community that use The Village MCC as a resource and that our time spent reaching out isn't wasted. I did not make any pickle fund payments throughout the month.

My personal work is going well and I have been able to minister to believers and non-believers alike as I support families in their loss and facilitate the funeral services. It's a tad stressful but I'm enjoying it.

Our Christmas service saw contributions from members and guests alike. Thank you to Chris who worked so hard ensuring we had some amazing talent to come and celebrate with us, and for everyone who gave of themselves. There were 39 in attendance, a number only equaled by our Pride service last year when Peter Tatchell came to speak.

I'm excited by the year ahead. Not just *The Phoenix Affirmations* group, but all of the other events that are in the planning stages as we move forward into the year God is calling us to.

This year the B-Right-On festival is from March 28 to April 14. I have made a provisional offer for *The Village* to cover one of the Sundays. Goals for 2019 include:

- Quarterly meetings for the pastoral team
- Quarterly meetings for the Jesus Deck team
- Quarterly meetings for the Pickle Fund team
- A two day retreat (If viable)
- Attend General Conference.
- Larger worship space.

Nov '18 Board Accounts for The Village Metropolitan Community Church

Opening Bal at 31 Oct 2018 **£7141.40**

Income

Collection

04 Nov	17.00	32
11 Nov	35.00	25
18 Nov	46.40	21
25 Nov	35.00	26
Standing Order	786.50	
	£919.90	

Expenditure

Rev Michael	450.00	
Rev Peta	50.00	
Ufmcc tithe	128.78	
Costs /expenses	195.37	
Rent Sundays	144.00	
Anniversary collection	101.50	
Rathan Court	50.00	£1119.65

(conference transfer £100.00)

Balance in Account as at 30 November 2018	£6860.25
Cash in hand	<u>81.40</u>
	£6941.65

Est Mthly pyt

Rev Michael	450.00	
Rev Peta	50.00	
Ufmcc tithe	81.99	
Costs /expenses	352.11	
Rent Sundays	180.00	
Choir Advert	25.00	£1139.10

forecast Balance available £5802.25

<u>Keyboard fund</u>	<u>£ 7.18</u>
<u>PickleFund</u>	<u>£ 1293.21</u>
<u>Sleep Safe</u>	<u>£345.53</u>
<u>Community Works</u>	<u>£ 0.00</u>
<u>Conference Fund</u>	<u>£ 1550.00</u>

General funds Avail £2606.33

Dec '18 Board Accounts for The Village Metropolitan Community Church

Opening Bal at 30 Nov 2018 **£6941.65**

Income

Collection

02 Dec	37.40	32
09 Dec	30.00	25
16 Dec	22.00	21
23 Dec	91.95	26
30 Dec	27.00	
Standing Order	1086.50	
Donations	125.00	
	£1419.85	

Expenditure

Rev Michael	450.00	
Rev Peta	50.00	
Ufmcc tithe	81.99	
Costs /expenses	352.11	
Rent Sundays	180.00	
Choir Advert	25.00	£1139.10

(conference transfer £100.00)

Balance in Account as at 31 December 2018	£7103.45
Cash in hand	<u>£ 118.95</u>
	<u>£7222.40</u>

Est Mthly pyt

Rev Michael	450.00	
Rev Peta	50.00	
Ufmcc tithe	121.99	
Costs /expenses	103.05	
Rent Sundays	144.00	
Chq linda	25.00	
Christmas gratuity	50.00	£944.04

forecast Balance available £6278.36

<u>Keyboard fund</u>	<u>£ 7.18</u>
<u>PickleFund</u>	<u>£ 1393.21</u>
<u>Sleep Safe</u>	<u>£345.53</u>
<u>Community Works</u>	<u>£ 0.00</u>
<u>Conference Fund</u>	<u>£ 1519.45</u>

General funds Avail £3012.99

**Minutes of the General Meeting of The Village Metropolitan Community Church Brighton
December 2nd 2018 at The Somerset Day Centre, Kemptown, Brighton**

Reverend Peta Opened In Prayer

Voice Rights for Non Members: Proposed Reverend Michael Secoded Sarah Barber. Vote: All in favour.

Apologies:

Minutes of Last Meeting: Proposed Sarah Barber Secoded Reverend Peta 2 Absences Vote: 8 in favour. 5 abstentions (were not present at the last AGM)

Nomination of Board Members: Keith Fish nominated for Treasurer. Nominated by Rev. Michael, Secoded by Wendy Burgess

Change to Constitution: Reverend Michael began by thanking Keith and Sarah for all their hard work in doing it. Reverend Michael asked if their was any questions about it. Tony asked what it was needed for, among many things it was Keith said that as a charity we can claim tax back. And by having a diverse constitution it will cover any future development.

Proposed: Charlie Secoded: Wendy Vote: All in favour.

Acceptance of Reports: Reports from Reverend Michael, Reverend Peta, Keith and Dameon were discussed.

Proposed: Tony Secoded: Robert Vote: All in favour.

Acceptance of Accounts: Reverend Michael thanked Keith for his work on them and making them easy to understand. Robert asked about the Sleepsafe, Rev Michael said that Mary had taken on the project. Reverend Michael said we have the Pickle Fund, but it needs to be used better. A rethink is needed in the New Year, Stephen suggested asking Lloyd if he knew of anyone who could benefit.

Keith said we are doing fine and has planned with overall funds, trying to keep two months of funds in the account. Sarah said that both Pastors do a enormous amount of work and do not get paid nearly enough for it. The only way to increase this, is by the growth of the church. Reverend Michael said he was very proud of the way we managed and send our denomination.

Proposed: Reverend Michael Secoded: Charlie Vote: All in favour.

Voting in of Board Members: Keith was voted in as Treasurer for another term. Keith did say that this would be his last as Treasurer, has he wants to do different things. Reverend Michael thanked Keith for all his hard work to date.

Reverend Michael closed in Prayer