

Nurture Commission Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2023 @7PM via Zoom

1. Present– **Lois Herr** (Co-Chair), **Ellen Flury**, **Allison Mattern**, **Pastor Pam**
2. Meeting Minutes–We reviewed the March minutes as accurate.
3. Embrace Flier–
 - a. The Embrace group (a faith-based LGBTQ+ support organization) is sponsoring an event to inform about transgender support.
 - b. Monday, May 1, 2023 6:30 to 8PM at Wheatland Middle School
 - c. **Ellen** will contact some others from the TransParent Support group to see if there is interest in attending.
4. TransParent Support Group–
 - a. **Ellen** shared that it is remaining an in-person meeting for now
 - b. Seems to be making a positive difference for attendees
5. John Pavlovitz Weekend Event, October 20-22, 2023–
 - a. Cost is \$4000 plus expenses, possibly \$2500 from Nurture, some other funds from Witness.
 - b. Committee is meeting again soon.
 - c. Weekend will include the following:
 - i. Friday evening public event
 - ii. Saturday day and/or evening church meetings
 - iii. Sunday sermon
 - d. What do we want Pavlovitz to discuss? His suggestions are compassion fatigue or grief.
 - e. Amy Karr will be coordinator–**Lois** will be in contact with her.
 - i. Need child care Friday night
 - ii. Need someone to assist at merchandise table
 - iii. Need to determine if we can live-stream any of the events
6. Small Groups–
 - a. Young Adults–
 - i. **Gina** has a listing of people who are in this age group.
 - ii. Should we send a survey to young adults to see if they are interested in small groups, and, if so, what topics they are interested in?

- iii. Are their group interests more geared to age, lifestyle-specific (kids or not), or inter-generational?
 - iv. Is there someone in the young adult age group who would be willing to work on this for us? **Ally** will contact Sam and Kelly Epps to see if they are interested in meeting with us about it.
- b. John Pavlovitz Book Group—
- i. **Lois** will ask Linda Hope if she would be willing to lead a discussion group.
 - ii. Timing of a Pavlovitz book discussion—
 1. Before his event? Promote with a video trailer from JP?
 2. After his event?
 3. Both?
- c. Prime Time—
- i. **Lois** shared that a committee of seven met to look at which small groups are currently meeting that might include older people.
 - ii. Suggested Ideas:
 1. Guess Who's Coming to Dinner
 2. Book discussion group, recommended title *Falling Upward*, by Richard Rohr
 3. Visiting other churches
 4. Luncheon speakers
 5. Trips to local events/sites
 6. Mentoring—Intergenerational groups, half older and half younger, to mentor each other by topic
7. Pending Project Proposals—
- a. Guess Who's Coming to Dinner—This keeps coming up as a suggestion. We need more manpower to get it going.
 - b. Fall Festival—An idea filled with nostalgia but has not happened in years. **Pastor Pam** will follow up with other pastors to see what they are interested in. Perhaps the deacons would want to take this on? Nurture will be working on the Pavlovitz weekend for this fall, so it would not be good, especially with our current number of members, to take this on in addition at this time.
8. Faith Markers—
- a. **Ally** has the books and the lists from Brooke as to which families have been contacted and responded.

- b. **Ally** will be calling all the rest of the families personally. Pastor Pam reinforced the importance of the personal phone calls.
- c. **Ally** will be inscribing the books for presentation during worship this spring.

9. Nurture Members–

- a. Gina has talked with Candace Hoover, the new Chair of Gifts Discernment, and we are hopeful to see an additional member in the near future.
- b. When Pastor Pam retires next month, we will lose our Pastoral representative on Nurture. We may have to wait until the new ministerial team is formed before we have a new pastoral representative.

10. The next Nurture Commission meeting is scheduled for 7:00 PM on Wednesday, May, 17, 2023, via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Flury