

**Nurture Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**September 20, 2023 @7PM via Zoom**

1. Present– **Lois Herr** (Co-Chair), **Gina Strouse** (Co-Chair), **Ellen Flury**, **Allison Mattern**, **Pastor Jason**
2. Pavlovitz–The October event has been publicized with QR codes for reservations and for volunteering. **Gina** encouraged commission members to attend and to volunteer, stating that what is involved with volunteering will be just welcoming and assisting with details at the event on Friday night. The Saturday morning workshop will be by invitation with Board and Commission members included. Sunday, Pavlovitz will preach in the regular Sunday service. Nurture has contributed \$2,500 for his lodging, food, and transportation. Fees are being supported by the Witness Commission. Copies of his book, A Larger Table, were made available at last Sunday's service and are expected to be recycled to others. **Pastor Jason** will check on the book study and blog groups associated with this event. **Lois** will pass her copy of the book to Ellen.
3. Faith Markers–**Gina** noted that the Bible distribution will be to those children now in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades. Ally commented that in the last similar event, parents were notified in a survey Crystal sent out. Ally then called those who did not respond. A specific date for this year has not yet been set; **Pastor Jason** will pursue this with Pastor Naomi. **He** will also review the list to see if it needs additions or corrections. Once we have a date and an agreed upon list, **we** will ask Crystal to send out the survey to parents. We will then get the list of nonrespondents, divide it among Nurture members, and make follow-up calls. The goal is to contact people one month in advance. As for the inscription, we determined it is best to have a generic phrase such as "Presented in Love by the Elizabethtown Church of the Brethren," rather than use specific names or dates.
4. Coming Events–**Gina** noted that Prime Time has a series of events planned in the months leading up to Christmas, including a trip to Rock Ford and a Benowitz luncheon as well as an intergenerational story-sharing event where people of all ages can relate their favorite Christmas memories and get to know each other. Also, for around Christmas, **Gina** will work with

Sandy Garman and the deacons on a music visitation possibility. That could involve asking singers to visit and deliver in person Christmas songs along with perhaps a card and/or gift. Nurture will wait for input from the Deacons but supports the idea, which would involve people from various parts of the church congregation. It was also suggested that our two music coordinators be asked to join this effort.

5. Budget–The group reviewed and made adjustments to the 2024 budget. Lines 6220 and 6225 need to be clarified, and **Pastor Jason** will investigate. (Chart also available separately in our Google folder.)

	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	
	2024	2023	2022	2022	JAN - AUG 2023	
Nurture (6000-6599)						
6125	Congregational Wellness Team	0	0	400.00	400.00	0
6130	Camp Swatara (Good as Gold)	4,000.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	1,788.30	0.00
6140	Lenten Worship	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,379.05	392.86
6140.1	--Offerings	0.00	0.00	0.00	(841.00)	0.00
6141	Church Gatherings	1,000.00	800.00	800.00	240.00	341.26
6142	Small Groups	250.00	250.00	200.00	0.00	0.00
6160	Post High Group	300.00	300.00	300.00	0.00	0.00
6170	Senior High Youth Group	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	802.59	862.92
6180	Natl Youth Conf	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
6185	Natl Jr Hi Conf	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	0.00
6190	Jr High Youth Group	800.00	800.00	800.00	0.00	0.00
6200	Bibles 3rd Graders(see #6201)	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	50.85
6201	Faith Markers	500.00	500.00	100.00	0.00	593.48
6202	Graduate Sunday	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
6203	Parents of Young Child	100.00	100.00	700.00	675.00	0.00
6220	Parish Resource Ctr/Mennonite*	700.00	700.00	600.00	600.00	0.00
6225	Samaritan Couns. Ctr.*	600.00	600.00	200.00	0.00	0.00
6260	Library Materials	200.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6329	Womens Retreat	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	0.00
6335	Congregational Spiritual Grwth	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,225.06	116.10
6340	Camp Swatara Events	500.00	500.00	500.00	0.00	0.00
6345	Prime Time	750.00	550.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
Total		17,400.00	17,500.00	17,400.00	10,369.00	2,357.47

6. Other Business–Commission appointments were deferred to October. In the interim, **Pastor Jason** will review and adjust the list as appropriate. Also on the agenda for October will be the recruitment of new members to the Nurture Commission. Ellen suggested an effort be made to enlist new church members as well as experienced folks.

7. The next Nurture Commission meeting is scheduled for 7:00 PM on Wednesday, **October 18, 2023**, via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lois Herr