

February 2024 Summary Nurture Minutes

Present - Lois Herr, Jason Haldeman, Liz Bidgood-Enders, Rose Baer, Pat Hoffer, Liz Landis
Reviewed January minutes as accurate.

Went over Nurture's Oversight Responsibilities

Breakfast—with Conversation Jim Hoffer, Ben Hoffman, George Snavelly
National Youth Conference Planning Committee Pastor Jason Haldeman
Post High Group Pastor Naomi Kraenbring
Prime Time Senior Ministry Deb Ziegler & Gina Strouse - outgrowth of Nurture and in budget
TransParent Support Group TransParentSupport@etowncob.org – Ellen Flury
Women's Bible Study JulieAnn Keith
Women's District Fellowship Representative Pat Leiter
Young Adults Pastoral Staff
Youth Advisors
Allison Bradley, Jacob Bradley, Sam Epps, Kelly Epps, Ann Pineda Ziegler
Youth Ministry Team
Allison Bradley, Jacob Bradley, Sheila Rodriguez, Deb Ziegler,
Jason Haldeman, Pastoral Rep.

Responsibilities for which Nurture has had an ongoing role:

Small groups (2 active)
Knitting group – Becky Eisenbise
Church Picnic (with Pastor Jason)
Guess Who is Coming for Dinner – Gina Strouse/Prime Time
Christmas fellowship/stores – Gina Strouse
Yoga – Peggy Schafer
Lenten Discussions – not done this year
Christmas cards to shut-ins or others identified by Deacons

Faith Markers:

Blessing of Children – PreK usually in Spring – child given a Bible story book
Book of Heroes – Grade 5 – given around Memorial Day to those finishing 5th
Gift Bible – Grade 3 – given in the fall, often September.
Pastoral staff finalizes the lists, Nurture members work with them to discern which
Parents/children will be participating
With PrimeTime – Lunch and Learn

Suggestions for additional events

Adult faith markers – Lois
Fall Festival – Jason s
LGBTQIA group (with witness?) – Ellen suggested that we partner with the UCC church in Etown to bring
the folks that are involved in this project (1946 Movie).

Jason's assignment is to reach out to Ellen.

Weekend speaker (like Pavlovitz last year, with witness)

Appointments made by Nurture FYI

ANE District Senior Adults Church Office
Camp Swatara Representative Annalie Heinz
Child Care Coordinator Kay Bell, Kristen Siler
Historical Committee Pat Williams, Jim Hoffer, Bob Hollinger, Ken Kreider, Suzanne Taylor
Library Committee Judy Shank, Chair
Meals to Homes Committee Charlotte Brown, Marilyn Muston
Memory Loss/Caregiver Support Group Barbara Sweigart
Mentoring Circles/Shepherding groups -
Cards for college students –*Jason will run a list of undergrads in the last 4 years.*

Others -- Jason suggested something with Kids and broader congregation, a fun idea to have an all-church opportunity to go roller skating in Mt. Gretna.

Previous Nurture activities being considered:

Golden Age Dinner
Camp Swatara weekend
Women's Spirituality Retreat
Game nights
Caroling
Christmas bazaar
Others

Discussed Areas from CAT Study that might lead to activities – a brief selection from the “Board Retreat DeBrief”.

Do any of these topics provide ideas for Nurture programs or projects?

- **Attracting young families**
- **After school programming,**
- **Family friendly Events**

Jason reminded us of the group's mission is to get people together – what are the needs for people to plug in and be with one another. Nurture opportunities to get together.

Lois said that so many people are volunteering in other places – we need to include those.

Rose had an idea about capturing moments – another church she attended did “a day in the life of..” similar to the Christmas Story..

“Coffee House” open microphone idea would be great... read poetry, jokes, play an instrument.

Lois went over the things Nurture is responsible for:

Small groups -something we should think about in the future

Picnic doing this again this year – Jason suggested that we do the Picnic the Sunday after the Fair and the Sunday before school starts – August 25, 2024. Need people to grill – lines. Was a great day and a great event.

Guess who's coming to dinner for April 27th – Prime Time

Prime Time Group – all under the nurture umbrella great leadership group

Christmas fellowship – worked out well and we should do that again – December 6, 2024.

Yoga – Peggy Shaffer she's doing a great job!!

Lenten Discussions – forget that for now; Jason mentioned Lenten Home groups; finding hosts is a challenge (food, and time to fellowship)

Christmas Cards to shut ins – cards came through the office that's an easy thing to do

Faith Markers – Jason said this had been with Christian Education and probably should go back.

Prime Time – Lunch and Learn was very well received. Lois will continue with this..

Next Meeting – Tuesday, March 12th, 2024 at 7 pm – Meeting in Jason's office.

Liz B-E will continue to meet with us as Jason will be on Sabbath rest June/July/August his last Sunday will be June 2nd. 2024.

If you are going to zoom, use the link that Jason sent us today.

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Landis

