

**Nurture Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**October 18, 2023 @7PM via Zoom**

1. Present– **Lois Herr** (Co-Chair), **Gina Strouse** (Co-Chair), **Ellen Flury**, **Pastor Jason**
  
2. Faith Markers–
  - a. December 10, 2023, is the date for presenting Bibles to third and fourth graders. (Current fourth graders were skipped last year. Bibles usually go to third graders in the fall.)
  - b. We reviewed names on the lists from Jason in order to determine who should receive the email invitation from **Crystal**.
  - c. **Pastor Jason** will tell us the names to whom we need to reach out after responses come back to the office. We will divide the remaining names into quarters for each of us (**Lois**, **Gina**, **Ellen**, and **Ally**) to contact with about a two-week lead time before December 10th.
  - d. 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. **Pastor Jason** will ask the **office staff** to order book plates that include the above saying and the church logo.
  
3. Christmas Events–
  - a. Prime Time is sponsoring a family event on December 8th.
  - b. Christmas Eve service–**Ellen** will call Trina Hollinger to see if she would be willing to handle setting up and supervising cookies that people bring in for after the 7PM service. **Ellen** will report in to the Nurture group before the next meeting with her findings.
  - c. *{Actually, Ellen made the call to Trina while still working on these minutes, and Trina is happy to handle all the refreshments, including punch and setting up/taking down for the cookies, on Christmas Eve!! She says she does not need any help from us because she took notes last year, and her family will help her. Thank you, Trina!}*
  - d. Trina did ask if someone else would be creating a slide to advertise the refreshments and encourage people to bring their cookies to share. **Crystal**, will you please be able to take of that slide for us when we get closer to Christmastime?

4. Guess Who's Coming to Dinner–October 28th
  - a. Approximately 50 people are planning to participate.
  - b. RoseAnn would like to pass along the responsibility to someone else for planning the next one. There was some stress in not delegating tasks and handling questions about children not participating.
  - c. We are hoping that someone who participates this fall will want to help next spring, including the other people who were on the committee with RoseAnn. **Gina** will talk with RoseAnn about it.
  - d. The spring date is slated for April 20, 2024.
  
5. Nurture Appointments
  - a. We reviewed the appointments and chose which appointments which Nurture members will contact:
    - i. **Gina**: Camp Swatara, Library
    - ii. **Lois**: Historical, Men's Breakfast
    - iii. **Ellen**: Child Care, Meals, Women's District
  - b. **Gina** and **Lois** will email **Ellen** with the results of their inquiries.
  - c. **Ellen** will then update the Appointments document for 2024 and share it with Crystal.
  
6. Pavlovitz Event–Begins October 20th, this Friday. We are encouraging anyone who is interested in helping out to contact Amy Karr.
  
7. Nurture Appointed Member option–
  - a. Gina is eligible to serve one more year, but that will not work for her because of her new District Witness Commission .
  - b. **Lois** may invite a person to be that appointed member, if she so desires.
  - c. Ellen recommends **Tom Longenecker for Nurture**, appointed or elected.
  
8. We discussed the upcoming Benowitz luncheon through Prime Time.
  
9. The next Nurture Commission meeting is scheduled for 7:00 PM on Wednesday, **November 15, 2023**, via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ellen Flury