

Nurture Commission Meeting Minutes
June 21, 2023 @7PM via Zoom

1. Present– **Lois Herr** (Co-Chair), **Gina Strouse** (Co-Chair), **Ellen Flury**, **Allison Mattern**, **Pastor Jason Haldeman**
2. Meeting Minutes–We reviewed the May minutes as accurate.
3. Faith Markers–
 - a. Third graders and fourth graders will receive their Bibles this fall.
 - b. Pastor Jason is certain that he or Pastor Naomi will be able to present the Bibles during worship.
 - c. September will be a good month for the presentations. **September 17th** is the tentative plan. **Pastor Jason** will finalize the date.
 - d. **Pastor Jason** will get the appropriate list(s) from Crystal for families for **Ally** to contact.
4. Focus on Online Attenders–
 - a. Gina followed up with Pastor Jason about how Nurture can be of help in meeting the needs of online attenders. Pastor Jason concurs that online attenders fall under the umbrella of the Nurture Commission.
 - b. One example of inclusion for the online attenders is finding a way to include online attenders in the Pavlovitz event. A hybrid option would be to take the Zoom cart to a meal in the fellowship hall. Another option would be holding a virtual-only event, such as an online interview.
 - c. There have been some recent frustrations with internet connections interrupting the online streaming on YouTube during worship service for the past two weeks.
 - d. If families are attending, those viewers include mostly adults and not children.
 - e. We could send an email invitation to the online attenders, who have provided email addresses, to participate in an online forum to gather feedback. This idea has been tabled for now.
5. Guess Who's Coming to Dinner–Gina has found some people to organize this event: Sue Taylor, Roseanne Wade, and Barb Sweigart. Those gals will choose a date(s) and get back to us through **Gina**.

6. John Pavlovitz Weekend Event, **October 20-22, 2023**–
 - a. Monday night, June 26th, will be the next planning meeting, led by Amy Karr.
 - b. Nurture would like to sponsor a Pavlovitz book discussion to begin near the start of the school year.
 - i. Title? We like *Stuff That Needs to Be Said: Essential Words on Life, Death, Faith, Politics, Love, and Giving a Damn*.
 - ii. Who can we ask to lead it? Gina has been emailing with Desiree Weaver-Spiedel, but nothing is definite yet. Bill Puffenberger?
Gina will continue to investigate a leader for the book discussion.
7. Church picnic–
 - a. It's a great way to have everyone come together.
 - b. **August 27th**, Sunday after church worship service, is a tentative date/time. It's the week before Labor Day, and school will already have been in session for a few days. Rain plans? Another date? **Pastor Jason** will finalize the date and alternate.
 - c. Ideas–Perhaps just providing a space for people to gather, more like a potluck or hot dogs and ice cream. Maybe we could ask other people to handle the grilling or use crockpots. A chicken barbeque is another option. People bring side dishes and desserts. Set up tables outside? Could Trina Hollinger lead a food committee?
 - d. **Pastor Jason** is willing to gather some helpers and take the bull by the horns on this. He will ask for people to lead food and entertainment/games.
8. Nurture Members–We need additional numbers for 2024.
 - a. Pastor Jason mentioned that, overall, our church needs to have a renewed effort to encourage people to participate in the life of the church.
 - b. He also mentioned that we need to work efficiently with the people we have.
9. The next Nurture Commission meeting is scheduled for 7:00 PM on Wednesday, **July 19, 2023**, via Zoom, **during which we will focus on the picnic plans.**

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Flury