

**Nurture Commission Meeting**  
**April 22, 2020 7 pm**  
**Zoom**

1. Present: Beth DeGoede (Chair), Glenn Book, Ellen Flury, Kris Strayer, Trina Hollinger, Pastor Pam, Lisa Rosenberger, and Amy Karr
2. Church Board Review--Although donations are down, the building project is able to continue. No particulars arose that involve Nurture Commission.
3. John Pavlovitz Weekend--September 11-13.
  - a. We reviewed the proposed schedule:
    - i. Friday evening, 9/11, from 7-9. Speaking followed by meet-and-greet and book sales.
    - ii. Saturday workshop.
    - iii. Sunday morning speaking in Sunday School and sermon during the worship service
    - iv. Sunday service followed by meet-and-greet
  - b. Nurture would be asked to help contact and coordinate volunteers for parking and greeting, the reception afterwards, organizing areas of direction (here for books, here for photo opp, etc.), person to take photos of John with people, and organizing/manning the merchandise sales.
  - c. We voiced concerns about the date of the venue due to Covid-19. Will we still be able to have a large group collect at our church by September 11th? Amy said she will try to Zoom with John Pavlovitz to discuss options, such as possibly streaming the event or rescheduling. A final decision should be made by June 1, 2020, in order to have plan time available.
  - d. Pastor Pam asked for a timeline for the September meeting, and Amy said she will make sure she gets the press kit information to her.
  - e. If we are having the event in September 2020, then the following ideas would apply:
    - i. A Facebook notice/invitation should go out soon.
    - ii. Save the Date should be done in July.
    - iii. Open registration 4 weeks in advance for both the event and child care.
    - iv. Amy is hoping to hire someone, possibly from the daycare center, to cover child care so that no one from the church is committed to that and must miss the program.
    - v. Charge \$15 to \$20 for Saturday workshop. Limit it to the first 50 people who register.
    - vi. A light breakfast (doughnuts and fruit) is to be served partway through the morning at Saturday workshop.

- vii. Merchandise sales likely in the parlor. John will supply a tablet and Square for processing payments. **Lisa** volunteered to help with that.
4. Lent Challenge Follow-up-
- a. We discussed the possibility of doing something to replace the bulletin board that was the original plan. We decided that we are too far past Lent to really address this well now.
  - b. Ellen shared that if we offer the 40Acts suggestion again in a future year, we should suggest that people sign up close to Ash Wednesday as opposed to earlier.
5. Faith Markers--What do we want to do about these?
- a. Graduate Sunday - originally scheduled for May 10
    - i. We want to honor the seniors in some way by June.
    - ii. Ten names are on the list, although not all are very active. Pastor Pam prefers that we are inclusive.
    - iii. **Glenn** will send the list of names to Lisa.
    - iv. **Lisa** will contact the families once we decide what we are doing. Possibilities include senior photos on display electronically and delivery of gifts to homes.
    - v. **Lisa** will contact Etown Sporting Goods to see if it is possible to order the gift blankets even while they are closed.
    - vi. Gift bags will need to be generic ones.
    - vii. **Pastor Pam** will order the gift books.
  - b. Blessing of Children - originally scheduled for May 17 AND Fifth Grade Books - originally scheduled for June 7
    - i. Pastor Pam says no rush on these. We want to recognize the children when they can be there at church.
    - ii. We can wait to do these together along with the "Blessing of the Backpacks" just prior to the children's return to school.
    - iii. **Pastor Pam** will order the gift books.
6. Appointments that need to be filled:
- a. Child Care Coordinator - **Pastor Pam** is working on this.
  - b. Historical Committee - Ellen got verification from Bob Hollinger that he will be the convener.
  - c. Post High Group - We discussed how to reach out.
    - i. Suggestions are to send gift cards and have a fun activity that isn't time-dependent for a meeting, such as the Marco Polo app that Lisa mentioned.
    - ii. **Glenn** volunteered to investigate our best options.
  - d. Women's Retreat - **Lisa** will reach out to the following ladies with a Spring 2021 event in mind.

- i. Sandy Garman
- ii. Lynne Hockley
- iii. Julie Keith
- iv. Rose Kolonauski (Name suggested by Glenn in a subsequent email.)

7. Other Nurturing:

- a. The restaurant gathering idea needs to be on hold for now because of Covid-19 closures. Hoss's does not offer a program like it used to.
- b. Pastor Pam has structured several Zoom opportunities for the Ladies' Bible Study group and the quilting group so that they can fellowship together electronically.
- c. The church is asking for people to notify them of needs (such as someone to go to a store for them). The church is asking for volunteers to meet needs. The pastors are pairing up volunteers to meet the reported needs.
- d. Pastor Pam shared that in an upcoming newsletter, a request for personal stories will be made. People can share about what they have been doing during the Covid-19 "quarantine" time. She encourages the Nurture Commission members to consider contributing a story.

8. The next meeting will be May 27 at 7 pm, via Zoom, which **Pastor Pam** will set up.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Flury