

Nurture Commission Minutes

April 28, 2019 11:30 am in the Parlor

Attendance: Rhonda Myers, Ellen Flury, Manny Williams, Jason Haldeman, Beth DeGoede

1. Church Board Update - nothing Nurture specific to report
2. Lent Service Review - those who attended it, valued it. Attendance was low - only 25-30 people per service. It was suggested that maybe if we had it on a weeknight instead of a Sunday evening, it may be better attended. We will try for that next year. We all felt that the Taize service was something that more people would appreciate.
3. Easter Egg Hunt Review - enjoyed by all!
4. Senior Lunch - Nurture will host this on May 19 following church. Pizza and cake for the 6 graduating seniors and the rest of the high school youth. Beth will get invitations out to the graduates.
5. Small Groups and Date Nights - We talked about having "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" events periodically. A chance for different people to meet and get to know others better over an informal meal in a small group setting.

Small groups are being planned for fall. Details are still be worked out. Try to think of names of people who could be leaders and/or hosts for the small groups. They will probably start with a 6-8 week curriculum that all groups will use.

Date Nights - Nurture will plan to sponsor child care for those wishing to have a "date night." Child care will be provided by those on with clearances at the church. For children age 6 weeks through 5th grade. The first one will be June 21st. A sign-up will be posted starting next week for people to sign up so we know how many children will need to be watched. In the future, we could look at a baby-sitting fund for college students and/or the Youth providing the child care as an NYC fundraiser.

6. Camp Swatara Family Camp weekend - June 14-16 - still 4 cabins available
7. Golden Age Dinner - October 27
 - o Lucy Hernley will cook!
 - o Lisa's guy from the college - Matt Telleen will do entertainment!
 - o Nancy Hivner reported at the board meeting, that she heard comments that the Golden Age dinner was no longer necessary. These were the first comments like this that any of us had heard. We have only heard positive feedback. We will provide a survey at the next dinner for attendees to fill out. Maybe people come because they feel obligated to come?
8. God as Maker Retreat - Oasis Ministries request from Julie Ann Keith, January 18, 2020 Nurture will sponsor!
9. Next meeting is May 26 after church in the Parlor - most likely will be an email meeting since it is Memorial Day weekend.