

Nurture Commission Meeting Minutes

June 24, 2020 @7PM via Zoom

1. Present: Beth DeGoede (Chair), Glenn Book, Ellen Flury, Trina Hollinger, Pastor Pam, Krist Strayer
2. John Pavlovitz Weekend
 - a. This event has been postponed for now due to COVID-19.
 - b. We hope to reschedule once public safety is no longer a risk.
 - c. Suggestion to invite John to do a sermon or lesson for us remotely this fall to whet the appetite for his visit.
 - d. See suggestion below under New Ideas for reading John Pavlovitz's books ahead of his visit.
3. Update on re-opening the church building congregational use
 - a. The committee has been meeting, but there are no decisions yet. They want it to be safe for everyone.
 - b. We want to consider how we can help people feel connected in the meantime.
4. Presentations to HS Seniors
 - a. Thanks to Lisa for doing the visits and preparing the videos.
 - b. The presentation will be shown on Sunday, June 28th, during the offertory time.
5. We investigated possible causes for missed email invitations to Zoom through Breeze. It's likely that the emails went to SPAM. Let Pastor Pam know if you were missed, and the email did not go to your SPAM folder.
6. Summer movie night
 - a. Thanks to Glenn for all of his investigation into this idea. Glenn shared details he had gathered from the movie company, including that the movie has to be projected after dark. In summer, that means not until 9PM, which probably excludes families with young children.
 - b. We discussed logistics, especially concerning health safety and social distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - c. We decided that we would like to return to this idea after the COVID-19 concerns are behind us. Perhaps next summer?
 - d. Glenn will contact the company to disengage their services for this year.
7. New Ideas
 - a. We discussed ideas of what else we could do now to be nurturing the church family. Are people feeling disconnected, or is that not a need due to live streaming and other outreach?

- b. Pastor Pam suggested that between now and next month's meeting, we could investigate ideas that other places are using for connections.
 - c. Glenn mentioned that a small group is reading a John Pavlovitz book. We could suggest a John Pavlovitz book for the congregation to read independently to get people interested in his visit. This could be a bit like the "One book, one community" program that the public library sponsors. Individuals would obtain the books on their own. Is there an online avenue for people to respond to the book or questions about the book?
 - d. Kris mentioned a contest that Paige is involved with. We could sponsor some kind of "Photo Scavenger Hunt" in which people would independently complete listed activities and snap a photo to post or submit. (Where to submit?) This could be a contest, individually driven or with teams. Winners could be recognized on a slide during the Zoom church service.
 - e. Ellen asked about our reaching out via phone calls to the 12 households without the internet. The church is already reaching out to those people to make sure they are included and connected. However, this idea grew into the Nurture Commission reaching out by phone to ALL of the households in the congregation. Everyone was in favor of proceeding with this.
 - i. **Pastor Pam** will compose a script of questions and points to mention for us to use during those phone calls. She will try to get that list to us in the next few days for our review.
 - ii. **Pastor Pam** will investigate getting us lists of people and their phone numbers so that the congregation is divided among the 6 lay-people on the Nurture Commission.
8. We discussed the benefits of Zoom meetings and in-person meetings. We did not yet make any final decision on which style of meeting we will have on July 22nd.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Flury