

Nurture Commission Meeting Minutes
November 3, 2021 @7PM via Zoom

1. Present: Lisa Rosenberger (Chair), Beth DeGoede, Ellen Flury, Trina Hollinger, Olivia Knight. Pastor Pam is attending another meeting.
2. Budget--
 - a. Olivia shared from the recent board meeting that the church budget is lacking in some funds, and Frank is asking the Commissions if they could possibly trim anything back in their budgets for now to help with the overall budget.
 - i. We decided we could cut back \$500 in our current budget, but we still want to keep the line items in our budget for the future, at least as of now. The funds are to come from the following categories:
 1. Child Protection Policy--\$50
 2. Gingerbread House Decorating--\$100
 3. Fantasy Football--\$50
 4. Brethren Buddies--\$300
 - ii. Lisa will reach out to Frank about our financial cuts.
 - b. Pastor Pam has ordered the additional Bibles needed for our third grade Faith Markers, which Beth will distribute.
3. Holiday Nurture Traditions--We discussed Nurture Christmas traditions and how to handle them this year:
 - a. The following activities are not happening this year due to COVID:
 - i. Chili supper and caroling
 - ii. Cookies/refreshments in the basement around the Christmas Eve service(s).
 - b. Outreach to shut-ins--
 - i. As carolers will not be visiting the shut-ins, we still want to plan an opportunity to reach out to them for the holidays.
 - ii. Lisa will design a holiday card that the Nurture Commission can send or deliver to the shut-ins.
 - iii. Beth will contact Vida Sue Snavely and Sandy Garman to ask for a list of names/addresses of the shut-ins.
 - iv. Depending on the number of shut-ins, we may also be able to send or deliver a poinsettia to go along with the card. Beth said there used to be about 30-40 on the caroling routes. After we know the number, we can determine if we have the funds and where to purchase the poinsettias.
 - v. We could ask church families to volunteer to deliver the cards and pointsettias, or the Nurture Commission could deliver them as we did the Faith Markers.

- c. A New Event Proposal--A bonfire (using portable fire pits) outside at the church with hot cocoa, cookies, and carols
 - i. We are hoping to hold this event on Sunday evening, Dec. 12th.
 - ii. Beth has reached out to Resources about permission for the use of portable fire pits at the church. Resources is meeting this evening.
 - iii. **Beth** will reach out to Crystal about the following:
 - 1. Scheduling the evening of Sunday, December 12th for this event.
 - 2. Promoting the event with a slide and mention in Upcoming Events.
 - iv. **Trina** will follow up with fire pit approval and asking people to bring their fire pits.
 - v. **Olivia** will reach out to Josh about leading the music.
 - vi. If everything falls into place, the vision is for us to request the congregation to donate cookies and place them in little baggies so they are ready for distribution. Urns of hot water and packets of instant cocoa would be available along with disposable hot cups/stirrers and marshmallows (plastic gloves for distribution). We would need a trash bag/container outside. We are also willing to set up a donation bucket to help with the budget needs.
 - d. Activities around the Christmas Eve service(s)--We can discuss options at our December meeting when we have more details, such as how many services there will be and what time(s). Since we are not gathering for refreshments inside, we have yet to determine if it will be feasible for us to plan an activity for Christmas Eve.
- 4. We are continuing work on our tasks assigned at last week's meeting.
 - 5. Lent--We mentioned that we are hoping for success with our online discussion of the Advent devotional. If that goes well, we hope to repeat the process with the Lenten devotional from Brethren Press.
 - 6. Our next meeting is planned for next Wednesday, December 1, 2021, at 7PM via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Flury