

Nurture Commission Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2021 @7PM via Zoom

1. Present: Lisa Rosenberger (Chair), Glenn Book, Beth DeGoede, Ellen Flury, Trina Hollinger, Olivia Knight, Pastor Pam.
2. Nurture meetings are switching to the first Wednesdays of the month for 2021.
3. We noted we are having some issues with not everyone in Nurture receiving the emails that are going out to us through Breeze.
4. We reviewed the list of appointments under the Nurture Commission.
 - a. A working copy of the list with our names next to whom we volunteered to call is in an email from Lisa to us.
 - b. The Nurture Handbook is available in the Nurture GoogleDocs folder. In that are the descriptions of all of the appointment roles in case we want to go over those with the people we are contacting.
 - c. Email the results of who is leading what appointment to Lisa.
 - d. Lisa requests that we get the results to her within the week (by Jan. 13) because the office needs the information.
5. We discussed plans for Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021.
 - a. We can make the denominational Lenten devotionals available at the portico the way we did the candles and offering envelopes.
 - i. Pastor Pam will check on the availability of the devotionals.
 - ii. At our next meeting, we will need to finalize dates and volunteers for distribution of the devotionals.
 - b. We can use the same lists of Lenten activity suggestions that we used last year, but they would have to be modified for Pandemic implementation.
 - i. Glenn will edit the adult and children Lenten ideas documents, taking out reference to the bulletin board and making any other updates. He will send them to Ellen.
 - ii. Ellen will proofread the documents and will send them to Lisa.
 - iii. Lisa will send the final documents to the office to be emailed to everyone.
6. We discussed the board game connections activity.
 - a. Olivia shared her research on internet connections for board games and recommends Tabletopia. One person hosts a game and invites up to three other people to play. Many classic games (Parcheesi, Yahtzee, etc.) are available for free. Only the host needs to create a Tabletopia account.
 - b. Olivia also recommends using Google Meeting instead of Zoom due to Zoom time and account limitations.

- c. Olivia volunteered to write up a promotional text to go out to the congregation via email. She will choose 5 classic games for our first try at this online game night. Olivia will send that to Crystal at the church office for distribution. People who want to participate and/or host will email Olivia, who will arrange the groups.
 - d. Olivia also volunteered to write up instructions for doing the games on Tabletopia. Olivia and Ellen will practice with a game night to verify directions.
 - e. A winter evening is what we are thinking of for this, but we have not finalized a specific date yet.
 - f. If the first church game night is successful in making fun connections for people, we can offer additional game nights in the future.
 - g. We thank Olivia for all that work!
7. We discussed plans for a possible online household-oriented scavenger hunt for after Easter.
 - a. Ellen shared ideas for possible things for families to find and photograph.
 - b. We recommended choosing a few of those ideas for this hunt, perhaps five to ten that are pandemic-appropriate and can be accomplished in one afternoon. For motivation, recognition for winners could go on a slide at the start of a subsequent church service--for the first household to submit a certain number and for the household that submits the most.
 - c. Ellen will work on the list of scavenger goals and wording to promote the activity.
 - d. Ellen shared the possibility of creating a private Facebook group for participants to post their photos in and view the photos of others. We want to include everyone, and not everyone has a Facebook account, but we determined this may be a good place to start since we are not aware of any other outlets which would easily allow for this sharing. Perhaps before Easter, we can learn of another option outside of Facebook and accessible for everyone.
8. During our February meeting, we will review the calendar dates for the rest of 2021 planning. We will also plan when/how/who for handing out Lenten devotionals.
9. Our next meeting is planned for February 3, 2021, at 7PM via Zoom. Reminder that this is the first Wednesday of the month.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Flury