

Nurture Commission Meeting Minutes
April 7, 2021 @7PM via Zoom

1. Present: Lisa Rosenberger (Chair), Beth DeGoede, Ellen Flury, Trina Hollinger, Olivia Knight, Pastor Pam.
2. **Lisa** will contact Crystal in the church office about the following current needs:
 - a. Issuing a check for the counseling center,
 - b. Sending an invitation to Olivia Knight to attend the board meetings via Zoom,
 - c. Reserving the dates for our Outdoor Family Movie Night and rain date, August 20 and 21, 2021.
3. Glenn Book has resigned his position on the Nurture Commission due to overwhelming work responsibilities. We thank Glenn for all of the hard work and dedication he has brought to the Nurture Commission during his tenure. We pray for Glenn and Lia to find a smooth rhythm at work.
4. **Olivia** Knight has volunteered to take the Vice-chair position on the Nurture Commission since Glenn has vacated that role. **Olivia** plans to attend the church board meetings along with Lisa.
5. Lent responses-- Lent concluded April 3, 2021. We had no responses to our activities. We heard positive feedback on the talkback sessions following the church services and want to keep that in mind for future years. Those seemed to replace the small Lenten groups of previous years. We also heard positive feedback about the outside Easter morning service, although most who attended were the younger population.
6. Nurture Commission Purpose/Structure--Pastor Pam met with Sandy Garman from ECoB and Becky Becker from LititzCoB about how a Hospitality/Fellowship group could coordinate with Nurture. Lititz will be sending us job descriptions for their Hospitality and Fellowship groups. Barbara Ellis may join in to help at ECoB. Sandy is going to meet with Barbara and Becky and Pastor Pam to discuss. **Pastor Pam** will keep us informed.
7. Lititz CoB, which is moving to indoor services soon, will be hosting their annual church picnic and would like to include ECoB. Their picnic is usually in June, but they have considered changing it to the fall since that's when ECoB usually has our annual picnic. We actually prefer that Lititz keep their picnic date in June so that it does not conflict with our Outdoor Family Movie Night, slated for August 20, 2021 (rain date, August 21st). **Pastor Pam** will mention our August 20th/21st movie date to Sandy for her to share with LititzCoB so that they can plan the LititzCoB picnic with no date conflict.

8. Pastor Pam shared her recommendation that we sponsor the \$200 fee for ECoB to join the Supportive Communities Network (SCN). This organization is a network of 58 Brethren and Mennonite congregations in support of LGBTQ+ individuals. Most of the college-associated churches have joined. If we join, a representative from our church would attend quarterly meetings.
 - a. Pastor Pam will contact Carol, the director, to see if she would be able to join us at 7PM for part of our May 5, 2021, meeting to explain more about the SNC organization and what membership in it means. Items to discuss:
 - i. What requirements do we need to meet in order to qualify for membership? Are the actions we have already taken able to count toward that, or do we need to take additional actions?
 - ii. What benefits and resources would be available to the congregation if we were to join?
 - b. Each of us should take a look at the SNC website **before our May 5th meeting**. www.BMCLGBT.org. That way, we can have any questions ready for the representatives and feel more ready to make a decision.
9. Virtual Game Night--Only 3 people signed up for the end of March date. Thank you to Olivia, who did such excellent work on the events! Pastors Jason and Eric did a wonderful promo for it, too. Perhaps it has served its purpose over the winter, and we can consider it for next winter, maybe even in person. The people who have been participating steadily can continue on their own, if they like. Olivia will contact the "regulars" with information as to how to continue if they desire to do so.
10. Blessing of the Children for 4-year-olds, 5th graders, and HS seniors--**May/June**.
 - a. Pastor Pam will send the name lists and Faith Marker books to Olivia Knight for inscribing. Jerry will bring the books home one Sunday.
 - b. Pastor Pam will look for the blankets for the seniors. Lisa had ordered many last year.
 - c. Instead of traveling to homes to deliver the Faith Markers, we would prefer to present the Faith Markers to the children in person at an outdoor church service so that the children have their special moment. This would replace a need for a slideshow.
 - i. We suggest one Sunday for the seniors, perhaps in May. Then, another Sunday for the 4-year-olds and 5th graders in one service, perhaps in June.
 - ii. We can deliver the Faith Markers to the homes of the children who did not come in person.
 - iii. Pastor Pam suggests that if we take photos of some for display, we should take photos of all in order to be inclusive.
 - iv. We will finalize our plans at the May meeting, hoping to know the dates of upcoming outdoor services by that time.

11. Outdoor Family Movie Night--Glenn has finalized our dates with the company: **Friday night, August 20, 2021, with a rain date of the following night, Saturday, August 21, 2021.** Due to COVID, this event will be instead of the usual ECoB August church picnic.
 - a. **Lisa** will talk to Crystal to make sure we have these dates reserved for Outdoor Family Movie Night (as mentioned above).
 - b. Lisa has resent the link to us for the available movie lists for us to consider: <https://www.criterionpicusa.com/our-markets/outdoor-cinema>
 - c. **Each of us** should look over the lists of movies and bring our top 3 recommended titles to the **May meeting**. We will discuss and try to make a choice at that time.
 - d. Movie time may likely be from 8PM to 10PM.
 - e. **Trina** will take over from Glenn as the contact person with the movie company. www.usatheartres.com **Trina** will contact Glenn to ask for any information he has already collected.

12. Golden Age Dinner--October. Due to COVID, the Golden Age Dinner is cancelled for this fall. Other options to consider for **October 2021**, all plans depending on the pandemic status at that time:
 - a. A Scavenger Hunt event instead that could include families and/or vaccinated friends. We would need to figure out how to promote, collect photos of entries, determine winners to announce. Ellen prepared a doc of preliminary ideas for us in a Scavenger Hunt folder in our Google folder.
 - b. A "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" event instead that could include multi-generational small gatherings in individual homes. We would need to figure out how to promote, collect sign-ups, assign groups, and notify participants. Ellen prepared a doc of basic ideas for us in a Guess Who's Coming to Dinner folder in our Google folder.

13. Our next meeting is planned for May 5, 2021, at 7PM via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Flury