

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

1. Present: Lisa Rosenberger (Chair), Glenn Book, Beth DeGoede, Ellen Flury, Trina Hollinger, Olivia Knight, Pastor Pam.
2. We reviewed pertinent items from the February minutes.
3. We discussed some discrepancies within our Google Nurture folder of resources. Beth is collecting all the documents she can find to organize into the most complete folder and on an external hardware source, also. Lisa will add finalized Nurture appointments for this year to the Appointments folder, deleting the "in progress" document, which is temporarily in there. Ellen will unshare the folder with everyone not currently on Nurture.
4. Nurture Appointments
 - a. Historical Committee--At the request of Jim Hoffer, a current member, we have invited Ken Kreider and Brenda Barlet to join as additions to current members. Ken Kreider has agreed to join. Brenda is currently out of town, and we hope to hear a positive response when she is available.
 - b. Post High Group--Naomi Kraenbring is leading this group for 18- to 25-year olds from our church and Elizabethtown College. She would like some helpers, especially in the communication area. Olivia Knight has volunteered to help coordinate. Miles Book, who has a communication platform idea and is in the post-high age group, will assist. Glenn will contact Olivia Hershey, who is also in the post-high age group, to ask if she would be involved in assisting, also.
5. Lent responses--Current. Lent concludes April 3, 2021. We have seen no responses coming into the new Nurture Google account, which Lisa has been checking. Perhaps the pandemic is having an effect on that. This makes us wonder how we can better promote participation in events during COVID isolation.
6. Easter Sunday--Pastor Pam shared that the pastors are planning an Easter Egg hunt for Easter Sunday. There will also be an early service outside in addition to the regular online service at the usual time.
7. Nurture Commission Purpose--Pastor Pam shared the description of the Nurture Commission and encouraged us to focus on the "big picture," allowing other groups to help us with implementation and events. Nurture's *focus* should be on the overarching mission of fostering relationships, not on serving refreshments. Pastor Pam will follow up, talking with Sandy Garman about how a Hospitality/Fellowship group could coordinate with Nurture.

8. Virtual Game Night--Last Sunday evening of the month, ongoing. Participation is growing, promoted by participants. The next one will be March 28th. We are looking for additional ways to promote this event and make people aware of it.
 - a. Olivia will email Crystal about advertising.
 - b. Lisa will ask Pastor Jason and Pastor Eric if they would be willing to do a skit (like their Children's Time skits) during the worship service to promote Virtual Game Night.

9. Blessing of the Children for 4-year-olds, 5th graders, and HS seniors--May/June. We began plans for delivering gifts, taking photos, and slideshow during the worship service as we did last year.
 - a. Glenn will ask Crystal for lists of the children for this activity from the following groups:
 - i. 4-year-olds
 - ii. 5th graders
 - iii. HS seniors
 - b. Third graders will receive their blessings in the fall.
 - c. Pastor Pam will review the current lists with Pastor Jason.
 - d. Pastor Pam will make sure we have enough books for all the children once we see the numbers.
 - e. In our April meeting, we will divide up who will deliver the blessings to which group. We will also photograph the recipients and send the pictures to Lisa, who will prepare a slide show for the worship service as she did last year.

10. Scavenger Hunt--Possibly late May or early June. Due to the pandemic, it is a challenge to promote this event, but it is designed for families/households, so it is a good fit for pandemic times.
 - a. We reviewed the competition, prizes, and "treasures" list that Ellen had prepared. We will need to finalize those particulars.
 - b. We discussed promoting the event on the church Facebook page. We determined that Pastor Pam is already an administrator on the church FB page. If Olivia sends photos--both promotional and hunt results--to Pastor Pam, Pastor Pam can post them on FB.
 - c. Ellen suggested that perhaps we could create some sample event photos or skits to promote the event on Facebook and/or a slide in church.
 - d. Ellen will ask Sophia Flury about her creating a short promotional video or slide show for the scavenger hunt. [Ellen did ask, and Sophia is booked until May but would be open to helping then--as far as she knows as of early March, but her availability could change. Would that be enough lead time? Another idea--Following our "big picture" focus, should we look elsewhere within the church for promotional production? Maybe this is something the post-high or another group could develop for us? Is there an tech production group?]

11. Outdoor Movie Night--Summer date of Friday night with a rain date of the following night, Saturday. Due to COVID, this event may be a replacement for the usual church picnic. Glenn will contact the company to reserve our dates.
 - a. First choice is Friday, August 20th, with a rain date Saturday, August 21st.
 - b. Second choice is Friday, July 30th, with a rain date Saturday, July 31st.
 - c. Glenn will send us links to the available movie lists for us to consider.

12. Golden Age Dinner--October. Due to COVID, a large gathering may not be wise this fall. However, we may be able to plan a "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" event instead that could include multi-generational small gatherings in individual homes.
 - a. Pastor Pam suggests that Ellen connect with Becky Becker from Lititz to see if she has any insights as to how to plan a "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" event.
 - b. Pastor Pam will get Becky Becker's contact information to Ellen.
 - c. We discussed the possibility of planning a coordinated "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" and/or church picnic, including the Lititz congregation. Pastor Pam suggests that Ellen check with Becky Becker about that because we would not want to overlap or compete with the Lititz congregation's own plans.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Flury