

**Nurture Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**April 22, 2018 following worship in the Parlor**

1. Present: Beth DeGoede, Ellen Flury, Pastor Jason Haldeman, Manny Williams
2. Church Board Review - Rhonda
  - a. Rhonda was unable to attend the meeting today.
  - b. Jason filled us in that the board meetings are mostly focused on the building project.
3. Lenten Home Gatherings update - Beth still needs to set up a meeting
  - a. Beth still plans to organize a meeting with the hosts/facilitators of the year's Lenten Home Gather groups.
  - b. The purpose of the meeting is to review how this year's plan worked and to present some of the ideas that the Nurture Committee proposes for next year. We want to learn how people who have been involved feel about the possible success of those new proposals.
4. Dates of activities
  - a. Family Camp Weekend - June 15-17 - Jason
    - i. Jason has reserved the fellowship hall/pavilion at the family campground for Friday and Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoon. It is already reserved for the Sunday morning worship, which may include family campers in addition to the ones from ECoB.
    - ii. This year's plan for the Sunday after-service meal is to have a pot-luck to see how that goes. Perhaps in future years, we can add a grill-master if Jason finds interest in that this year.
    - iii. Costs are covered as only one cabin remains unspoken for, and that may still be claimed as we move closer to the date.
  - b. Church picnic - August 26 -- No planning needed at this time.
  - c. Golden Age Dinner - October 28 - entertainment options - Beth checking with Ralph Detrick
    - i. Beth still plans to check with Ralph Detrick for entertainment.
    - ii. No other planning needed at this time.
  - d. Chili Supper and Caroling - December 16 -- No planning needed at this time.
  - e. Faith Markers
    - i. Blessing of Children - May 20
      1. 4 year olds - Noah Houston-Johnson, Kason Barlet, Hana Hershey, what about Morgain Benner-Rhoads - no attendance date, Parker Langan - last attended 9/17/17, Ryan Esser - 9/18/16, Lorenzo Fields - 11/6/16, Jerrod Petty - 11/20/16
        - a. Jason will check with some of the grandparents to verify if the children are actually attending and/or would like to be included or were only visiting when here.
        - b. Jason will verify other attendance records to determine which of the above names should be included.
      2. Need someone to contact them

- a. Jason will get email addresses to Manny.
      - b. Manny will contact the families.
    - 3. Beth will inscribe the books on May 20 for the children who are present. Jason is sure that we have enough books.
  - ii. High School Graduates - Youth Sunday April 29
    - 1. Recognition and presentation of gifts in church service
    - 2. Fellowship celebration and "roast" after church service
      - a. invitations sent to graduates --Beth has already done that.
        - i. The following are definitely attending: Nate, Olivia, Jeli, Lily
        - ii. The following are possibly attending: Ryan, Abby
      - b. invite all high school youth to roast - Jason did this
      - c. Invitations to pastors, mentors and Sunday School teachers? -- Jason will reach out about this during church announcements next Sunday.
      - d. Gather and sign gifts/books
      - e. Pizza, veggies, cake? Who from Nurture will attend?
        - i. Nurture will provide the food. Beth will take care of procuring it: pizza, veggies, brownies or cake. We anticipate needing food for around 25 people.
        - ii. Beth and Jason will attend. Perhaps other pastors will attend, also. Jason will ask the pastors.
  - iii. 5th Grade Books - June 3
    - 1. Jason will pull the list of 5th graders--around 20, with at least 10 being regular attenders.
    - 2. Jason will send a list of family emails to Beth.
    - 3. Beth will reach out to families via email.
    - 4. Jason says we have enough books.
  - iv. 3rd Grade Bibles - September 9 -- No planning needed at this time.
5. Women's Spirituality Retreat - in the fall -- No planning needed.
6. Other - Easter Egg Hunt?
  - a. The committee sees it as a successful event that should continue.
  - b. Fourth and fifth graders enjoys planting the eggs--and hunting after the little ones were finished.
  - c. Adults with no little ones also came to watch the fun.
  - d. The small children enjoyed hunting.
  - e. Perhaps more variety of candy would be a good thing for next year.
7. Next meeting Saturday, May 26 8 am at Folklore -- Ellen will not be able to attend.