

Nurture Commission Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2022 @7PM via Zoom

1. Present: **Olivia Knight** (Chair), **Ellen Flury**, **Pastor Pam Reist**, **Gina Strouse**.
2. June minutes—We reviewed the minutes as accurate, and we followed up with progress notes on several of the discussion points from that meeting:
 - a. Prime Time Senior Adult Ministry is on its way in planning.
 - b. Small Group Formation has begun—
 - i. Olivia shared that the crafting group of 5 people from the survey held their initial meeting outside at Olivia’s house. **Olivia** will reach out to the whole church to advertise the next meeting in a different location. **Pastor Pam** will ask the pastors to announce about it during worship.
 - ii. Gina shared that Linda Hope has agreed to lead the book discussion group and has chosen a John Pavlovitz book for the first title. We look for that group to begin by late August or the fall.
 - iii. Gina shared that the Racial Justice group is also considering a book discussion on the title, *Blind Spot: Hidden Biases of Good People*. They want to be sensitive to our small group formations, and we appreciate knowing about it. We rejoice in the opportunity for additional connections and appreciate that Racial Justice would like to spearhead this book group.
 - c. Ted & Company program—**Olivia** will be following through with those details as per the June meeting.
3. LGBTQ+ Support—Ellen presented a slide show proposal for Etown CoB to sponsor an outreach support group, specifically for parents and adult family/friends of transgendered individuals, as this seems the area of greatest need at this time for the LGBTQ+ population.
 - a. We discussed the proposal, and the Nurture Commission approved it.
 - b. The proposal will go to the church board for approval in the August meeting. **Ellen** will attend.
 - c. We discussed some particulars on which the group can follow through, pending board approval.
4. Faith Markers—
 - a. **Olivia** will double-check the videos from last year to make sure the duplicate names on our kindergarten list will not be left out.
 - b. **Olivia** will send the list of names of children in grades K, 3, and 5, who received their Faith Markers last year, to Crystal for her to mark in the database.
 - c. Since the usual spring dates for Faith Marker presentation to grades pre-K and 5 have passed, we decided we will present those Faith Markers this fall—just for this year. Those children will now be IN Kindergarten and IN grade 6 this fall.

- d. We also plan to present the Bibles this fall to children who are IN grade 3, as per our usual schedule.
 - e. We plan to do a hybrid presentation format–in-person for all who can attend and home deliveries/slideshow acknowledgement for everyone else.
 - f. Our first task is to clarify which names on the list are actually regular attenders who would be interested in receiving a Faith Marker. To this end, we reviewed the lists with Pastor Pam during the meeting. We determined which names to definitely keep on the list, which names we know have moved on, and for which names we need to contact the families in order to learn what they would like us to do.
 - g. **Olivia, Ellen, Pastor Pam,** and **Gina** each volunteered to call particular families and then email the group with the responses.
 - h. **Ellen** will provide a phone script from which we can springboard for those calls.
 - i. As response emails come in, **Ellen** will update our lists.
 - j. Once the lists are finalized, then we can plan to present the Faith Markers:
 - i. Choose a Sunday for the presentations with pastoral approval. Allow several weeks of lead time.
 - ii. We divide up the lists to contact the families to ask if their child can be present that Sunday.
 - iii. For those families who say yes, we can inscribe the book to prepare for presenting.
 - iv. For those families who say no but are still interested in receiving a book, we can inscribe the book for presenting, but we also need to set up a time for delivering the book to their home.
 - v. We divide up the delivery names and take a photo of each child with his/her Faith Marker book when we deliver it.
 - vi. We submit the photo with the child's first & last name and grade for the creation of a slide show video to be shown in church on the presentation Sunday. (Getting the home delivery video ready is the reason we need several weeks of lead time.) **Olivia** will let us know where to submit the photos.
 - vii. After the presentations, we need to send Crystal a list of all of the kiddos who have received Faith Markers for each grade. She will mark that information in the database so the office will have a record (and there won't be accidental duplicates in future years). NOTE: In future years, we need to make sure we ask for the **PRE-K** list in the spring, not a currently-attending-Kindergarten list.
5. Family Movie Night–August 13th at 7PM.
- a. **Bill** will run the program.
 - b. **Ellen** will help set up.
 - c. **Bill** will let Ellen know the time for set-up.
 - d. **Olivia** will help take down.

6. Ellen will attend the board meeting in Gina's place on September 12, 2022.
7. Next meeting: The next Nurture Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 17, 2022, at 7PM via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Flury