

Nurture Committee Meeting Minutes

August 9, 2011 ~ 7:00pm

Attendees: Lori Weaver, *Chair*
Terri Vilagos, *Pastoral representative*
Rachel Rempson
David Dorsey

Jenni Jackson
Laura Fisher
Mendy Godman
Ryan Botzenmayer

Upcoming/Prior Events Discussed:

1. *Camp Tekoa*

- a. Tekoa is on track. We have way more people who have paid than in years past.
- b. The payment plan is a success thus far.
- c. Food to be ordered this week.

2. *Card Ministry*

- a. The kids cards are out, but parents need to be made better aware of the purpose.
- b. The postcards are in the pews and several have been turned in for mailing. It was pointed out that the postcard did not read as previously agreed upon. (Lori will fix that on the next order.) The postcard was SUPPOSED to (and will next time) read:

We Miss You!

Just wanted to let you know that we noticed you weren't at church.

We miss your smiling face!

If you need us, we're here for you.

Hope to see you back soon!

Your Friends at Hawthorne Lane Church

3. *4th of July*

- a. Was a success. Even though we had inclement weather, we had a good turn out and everyone seemed to enjoy the festivities.

4. *Movies on the Lawn for July*

- a. Was not a success. As a learning experience, we need to assure that we have commitments from committee members to head up events as they are planned instead of as we go.
- b. It was also suggested that the timing was off (too hot, too late, softball conflicts, etc.)
- c. If we attempt it again, maybe we can try another time of year, earlier, and possibly on a Saturday.

5. *Young at Heart*

- a. Was a success. Nancy and the fellow YAH folks seemed to enjoy the youth and children's programs.
- b. We will keep in touch with Nancy Crockford to see if she needs any more program help.

6. Wednesday Night Worship for the Summer

- a. To the best of my understanding, the post-worship gathering is a hit-or-miss event. Mendy, Rick, and Patty have fulfilled their commitments to run the refreshments, but there are no one signed up for the rest of August. If you can help with this, please let Lori or Terri know ASAP.

7. 2012 Budget Deadline for Finance Committee

- a. After much discussion and line by line analysis, we decided to request \$2,800 for next year's budget.
- b. Lori is to submit this number to Chris Jandebaur by August 15th.

8. Labor Day Block Party

- a. September 4th is the neighborhood block party from 4 – 7pm. All committees are to have a booth that represents how they serve HLUMC.
- b. Ryan has agreed to arrive at 3pm to help set up and man our booth.
- c. David will make the tri-fold board to sit on our table with pictures and information about our events throughout the year. We plan to have miscellaneous games set up for folks to play.
- d. Rachel will be there working with the Youth Booth and has agreed to help as she is able.
- e. **We need others to help work a shift at the booth. If 2 more people can work for a half hour to an hour we will be covered. This will merely encompass chatting with people about Nurture and facilitating game play. We need commitments on this NOW!**

Future Events/Ideas:

1. Fall Festival

- a. The fall festival is on Saturday, October 29th. The Children's Ministry is facilitating this event, but could use our help with ideas, volunteers, set up and take down.
- b. More discussion on this event at our next meeting.

2. Christmas Cantata Reception

- a. The children's ministry attempted this last year and struggled with it. We, as a committee, agreed to take it as our event with Mendy heading it up through Nurture.
- b. More details to follow.

3. Advent Wreaths

- a. It was agreed that the response to advent wreaths is lackluster and that they are a fire hazard in our member's homes.
- b. The idea was proposed that instead we have a family movie night in Evans Hall and show *A Charlie Brown Christmas*.
- c. We plan to maintain the date of November 27th.
- d. Ryan will head this event and Lori will assist him in organizing refreshments.

4. Graduation Dinner 2012

- a. It was discussed that due to the poor attendance and large number of projected graduates, we would change the dinner to a lunch time reception following the graduation Sunday.
- b. More details to follow.

Future Events/Ideas: (not discussed at this meeting)

1. What do we do to help new members get acclimated (and “nurture” current ones)?
 - a. *New Member Mentor Program*
 - i. Monthly rotation of Nurture Committee members (i.e. as they join, Nurture members rotate to “mentor” them)
 - ii. Task would include, but not be limited to: introductions to peers, fellowship events, involvement options, Sunday school options, church tour, etc
 - iii. Mentor is responsible for finding replacement if unavailable (like Usher Program)
 - b. *Member Wall/Recognition*
 - i. Take photo of new member/family to be put in *Happenings* with info
 - ii. David Dorsey to further investigate wall options
 - c. *Better connect with children*
 - i. During Children’s Time pick a child and have a “Do You Know This Child?” moment where we say a tidbit about them and their family until we run out of kids to feature.

Miscellaneous:

- Schedule next meeting
 - Next meeting is scheduled for **September 13th at 7:00pm in the Conference Room**

These are the events per Lori’s recollection. Please let her know of any things she may have missed or forgotten. Thank you to those who attended.