

Aging with Pride: Meeting Minutes March 12, 2023

Aging with Pride: Current Actions

1. Website Mock up Completed (Steve)
 - a. Continue to plan launch of website
 - b. All Aging with Pride event to be posted on website

2. Aging with Pride Book Club Event (Steve)
 - a. May 20, 2023 (1PM-2PM)- Werner Books
 - b. Event announcement to be completed for April Erie Gay News Calendar

3. Planning an Aging with Pride Launch Event
 - a. Explore venues for the event
 - (1) Community Church (Mike)
 - (2) Underdog Bar-B-Q (Randy/Blane)
 - b. Consider scheduling both an afternoon **and** an evening time to reach as many participants as possible.

4. Obtain Long-Range Calendar of LGBT+ Events in NW PA (Blane)
 - a. Identify Events that may be venues to promote Aging with Pride
 - (1) GAY Pride Erie June 24, 2023
 - (a) Table set up Perry Square?
 - (b) Will AWP participate in March to Perry Square?
 - b. AWP will identify other LGBT+ groups with which ARP may co-sponsor Events, as a marketing tool.

5. Explore possible future funding sources for AWP? (Marty)
 - a. March 15, 2023 article in Erie Times News: **LGBT Community Endowment**
 - b. Managed by Steve Scalise
 - c. Funding for LGBT initiatives.
6. Prepare a needs assessment to identify interests of participants in Aging with Pride?

Aging with Pride: Proposed Long Term Actions

1. Identify established State and National service groups that provide services to the senior LGBT+ populations.
 - (a) Explore options for development of local chapters of these organizations.
 - (1) SAGE
 - (2) LGBT Aging Bill of Rights
 - (3) Housing Initiatives for LGBT+ seniors
 - (b) Would similar service models be supported if replicated in NW PA?
2. Obtain statistical data on LGBT + population in Erie area.