

Aging with Pride: Meeting Minutes June 11, 2023

Attendees:

Dale A Blane D Mike M Mike S Pat Z Steve S
Karen F Peter G Cheryl S Marty S

NEW BUSINESS to be discussed May 7, 2023 Meeting

- Upcoming Event: Erie Community Foundation September 2023 LGBTQ+ Aging Issues
2 hour workshop
- Blane Dessy AWP
- UPMC Foundation Mandy Fauble
- Justin Beck, Mike Tach, Chuck Scalise LGBT Endowment Fund Erie Community Foundation
- * ***Blane will obtain more information specific to workshop as it becomes Available (date- Sept. 20th, location, tickets, etc.)***
- ***Dale A has volunteered to participate in the panel discussion (Aging in an Affirming Community) for the September Event.***

A. Aging with Pride: Current Actions

1. Website up and running Website address: agingwithprideerie.org
 - a. AWP meeting minutes to be sent for website posting
 - b. The AWP target age group is 50+
 - c. AWP includes provision for AWP Allies. (Friends, relatives, etc.)
 - d. Website traffic statistics were presented by Steve in 5/7/23 mtg.
March 2023 - Total Views 157, Total Visitors 46
April 2023 - Total Views 159, Total Visitors 67
*Traffic stats may give an idea as to interest in the 6/8/23 launch.
2. ***Steve presented website stats for May 2023 – Total Views 160.***

B. Aging with Pride Book Club:

1. Event 5/20/23: 1-2 PM - Werner Book Store
 - a. 6 in attendance
2. Reading selection for May - EIGHTY- SIXED (David B. Feinberg)
3. Event posted to website.
4. Event announced in Erie Gay News April issue.
5. Club events will be scheduled on the 3rd week of each month.
- ***Book Club selection for July 15, 2023 from 1-2 PM Metropolitan Life***

by Fran Liebowitz. Can be found in Fran Liebowitz Reader.

- *August 19, 2023 Book Club selection is Rubyfruit Jungle by Rita Mae Brown*

D. Aging with Pride Launch Event :

1. JUNE 8, 2023 Launching Event

a. Good Turnout for the event: 25 attended @ Oasis Pub 3122 West Lake Road Erie PA 16505

b. Needs Assessment Surveys completed by new comers.

2. Next AWP Gathering will be July 27, 2023.

a. Group discussion about venues for ongoing Happy Hour Gatherings.

b. Discussion on Samurai Kitchen as a possible Gathering venue was tabled pending concerns re: parking, options if patio not available due to weather and expense of menu which might limit attendance.

Further research to address concerns may be warranted.

3. T- shirt orders: T shirts, Tank Tops, Hoodies

Whee ! Studios - Patrick Hiller

[Wheepride.shop/collections/aging-with-pride](https://wheepride.shop/collections/aging-with-pride)

E. AWP Needs Assessment and Interest Inventory

1. AWP Article on Needs Assessment seen in May 2023 edition - **Senior News**
2. Current editions of the AWP Needs Assessment and Interest Inventory will be available at the AWP Launch Event on July 27, 2023.

3. Communication with NW PA Pride Alliance reveals AWP Needs Assessment and Interest Inventories can be sent to the alliance. Alex Spohn states completed inventories will be returned to AWP.

TO DO: send final copy of Needs Assessment to Alex Spohn.

Email address for Spohn ?

4. Consideration may be given to including the survey with an edition of EGN
 - a. Will research cost. (Check with Copy King, printer for EGN.
 - b. Consider manpower of AWP volunteers in folding of EGN

1. AWP Upcoming Meeting Dates:

June 26, 2023 **7:00 PM – MONDAY** (following PRIDE weekend)

2. **Pride Weekend**

June 24, 2023

- **Vendors (tables) will have access for unloading materials at Perry Square from 10:30 AM -11:00 AM**
- **NO VEHICLES WILL BE PERMITTED BEYOND BARRIERS AFTER 11:00 AM**
- **When you arrive at Perry Square, please go to the white registration tent, in the middle of Perry Square WEST to check in.**

Table at Perry Square: 12:30 PM – 5:00 PM

- **Schedule for AWP members manning AWP Table at Pride.**
- **Mike, Randy and Blane volunteered to do set up and man table from 12-3 PM.**
- **Other AWP members are encouraged to take over the table from 3-5 PM**
- **Per Blane, he and Randy will stay as needed.**
- **List items needed for Pride Table (assessments/inventories, cards, table topper).**

3. **Other Upcoming Events**

- a. **June 25, 2023 Drive Your Pride**
- b. **June 26, 2023 7:00 PM – MONDAY (following PRIDE weekend)**
Review Pride event.
- c. **June 29, 2023 Pride Night at Erie Seawolves. First pitch 6:05 PM**
UPMC Park.
- d. **July 9, 2023 Regularly scheduled AWP Meeting at 1932 W 8th St**
- e. **July 15, 2023 Book Club/Werner Books 1-2 PM,**
Cosmopolitan Life by Fran Liebowitz available in the Fran Liebowitz
Reader available at Werner Books.
- f. **July 23, 2023 Regularly scheduled meeting at 1932 W. 8th ST.**
- g. **July 29, 2023 Meadville Pride 1:00 – 5:00 PM**
(Upper Chestnut Street and Diamond Park)
- h. **August 4 & 5 2023 - Erie Jazz Festival Frontier Park**
- i. **August 12, 2023 Pride Picnic Presque Isle**
Rotary Pavilion 1-5 PM - AWP will have a table at this event.
(AWP Contact is Pat Z.)
- j. **August 13, 2023 Pride Day at Waldameer**
- k. **August 19, 2023 Book Club 1-2 PM at Werner Books selection**
Rubyfruit Jungle by Rita Mae Brown.

- I. **LGBTQ+ Health Workshop**
(September Date to be determined)

Potential Future Events:

Discussion of an AWP movie event@ Erie Movie House

Dale obtained preliminary information:

- Seats 35 people
- movie run time 3 hours,
- costs 195.00 -300.00. might get a break to 195.00 for nonprofit group
- Considering for a future event Could we launch this at a future Happy Hour? (testing interest of group, consider paying for ticket in advance of the event, other thoughts?

- a. Erie Zoo Day/picnic
- b. Clay Space
- c. Field Trips: Pittsburgh, Buffalo, Cleveland
 - (1) Art Galleries
 - (2) LGBT events
 - (3) Film Festival
- d. Putt-Putt golf
- e. Erie Bay Boat Rides