

## **Aging with Pride: Meeting Minutes July 9, 2023**

### Attendees:

Dale A     Blane D     Mike M     Mike S     Pat Z     Steve S  
Karen F     Marty S     Ellen M     Shelly M

### **September 20, 2023 Upcoming Event:** Erie Community Foundation

LGBTQ+ Aging Issues, 2hour workshop

- UPMC Foundation Mandy Fauble
- Justin Beck, Mike Tach, Chuck Scalise LGBT Endowment Fund Erie Community Foundation

*\* Blane will obtain more information: location, tickets, etc.*

- *Dale A has volunteered to participate in the panel discussion (Aging in an Affirming Community) for the September 2023 Event.*

#### **A. Aging with Pride: Current Actions**

1. Website up and running Website address: [agingwithprideerie.org](http://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.
2. ***Steve presented website stats for June 2023 – Total Views 142.***

#### **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. Events are posted in Erie Gay News
4. Club events will be scheduled on the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of each month.
  - Book Club selection for July 15, 2023 from 1-2 PM Metropolitan Life - Fran Liebowitz. Can be found in Fran Liebowitz Reader.
  - August 19, 2023 Book Club selection is Rubyfruit Jungle - Rita Mae Brown
  - September 16, 2023- Tales of the City - Armistead Maupin
  - October 21, 2023 A Density of Souls – Christopher Rice
  - November 18, 2023 City of Night- John Rechy
  - December 16, 2023 Naked Lunch - William S. Burroughs

#### **D. Aging with Pride Launch Event :**

1. Next AWP Gathering will be July 27, 2023 at Oasis Pub.
  - 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.

#### **E. 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)

#### **F. 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

#### **G. June 26, 2023 AWP Meeting following Pride**

**Attendees :** Dale A. Pat Z. Randy S. Michael M. Steve S. Michael S.  
Karen F. Cheryl S. Marty S.

- Consensus indicates it was a good idea to share AWP table with Werner Books – it may have increased traffic for AWP table.
- Candy at AWP table appears to have also been a draw
- Several contacts with representatives from other LGBT+ groups
  - a. Pennsylvania Equality Project – David Moore
  - b. McDowell High Scholl contact Jess A. LGBT Funds of the Erie Community Foundation – Michael Ta
- American Red Cross – Danielle Reed Disaster Preparedness Program for Seniors

- Lutheran Memorial Church minister
- A few more interest inventories were completed at Pride event
- Might be a good idea to offer raffle prizes at future events.  
A gift certificate from Werner's Books will be available at the Pride Picnic on August 12, 2023
- Will revisit thoughts of participation in the No H8 Campaign photo shoot on **July 22, 2023 from 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM**  
**Studio West 117, 1384 Hird Ave., Lakewood Ohio**

#### **H. Upcoming Events**

- a. **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.
- b. **July 22, 2023:** NO H8 Photo Shoot Lakewood, Ohio
- c. **July 23, 2023:** Regularly scheduled meeting at 1932 W. 8<sup>th</sup> ST.
- d. **July 29, 2023:** Meadville Pride 1:00 – 5:00 PM  
(Upper Chestnut Street and Diamond Park)
- e. **August 4 & 5 2023:** Erie Jazz Festival Frontier Park - **CANCELLED**
- f. **August 6, 2023:** Regular AWP Meeting 1932 W. 8<sup>th</sup> St.
- g. **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.)
- h. **August 13, 2023:** Pride Day at Waldameer
- i. **August 19, 2023:** Book Club 1-2 PM at Werner Books selection  
**Rubyfruit Jungle** by Rita Mae Brown.
- j. **August 20, 2023:** Regularly scheduled AWP Meeting **1932 W. 8<sup>th</sup> St.**
- k. **September 20, 2023 LGBTQ+ Health Workshop** Erie Community  
Foundation. LGBTQ+ Aging Issues, 2 hour workshop
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## **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?

Erie Zoo Day/picnic

- (1) Art Galleries
- (2) LGBT events
- (3) Film Festival
  - a. Putt-Putt golf
  - b. Erie Bay Boat Rides