

Aging with Pride: Meeting Minutes August 6, 2023

Attendees:

Dale A Blane D Mike M Mike S Pat Z Steve S
Karen F Marty S Michael S.

September 20, 2023 Upcoming Event: Erie Community Foundation

LGBTQ+ Elders and Affirming Community: A Film and Conversation for Erie's Future

September 20, 2023 - 2:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Venue: Tom Ridge Environmental Center: 301 Peninsula Drive., Erie PA 16505

Contact: (814) 454-0843 or oburgess@eriecommunityfoundation.org

- Free event provided by UPMC Western Behavioral Health at Safe Harbor, The LGBT + Funds of the Erie Community Foundation ND Mercyhurst University.
- Blane sent conference information and registration information to all AWP on July 27, 2023.
- Dale has volunteered to participate in the panel discussion (Aging in an Affirming Community) for the September 2023 Event.

Thoughts on letter to the editor related to Sanctuary City designation for Erie:

A. Michael S indicates an article appeared in the Advocate

1. Link for the Advocate article shared with all.
2. Blaine and Michael M. developed a 'Letter to the Editor' in appreciation of the designation of Erie as Sanctuary City for LGBT+

B. 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. Steve presented website stats for June 2023 – Total Views 142.
 - f. July 2023 website activity:

B. Aging with Pride Book Club:

1. Book Club is held the 3rd Saturday of the month: 1-2 PM - Werner Book Store

2. Reading selection for August 19, 2023 Book Club: Rubyfruit Jungle - Rita Mae Brown

of participants ?

Feedback on the event

- 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 July Happy Hour Event :

1. August Happy Hour:c 8/31\23 Underdog BBQ
2. September Happy Hour scheduled for 9-28-23 at Erie Brewing Company 6-9 PM.

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

1. Whee ! Studios - Patrick Hiller
2. Wheepride.shop/collections/aging-with-pride
3. Patrick reports \$ 63.44 in funds for AWP from T Shirt sales.
4. Steve and Blane have looked into options for establishing a AWP bank Account for any funds that accumulate.
5. Ongoing discussion ?

F. August 12, 2023 Presque Isle Picnic

1. Pat Z., Barb B, Robin G.
2. Feedback on the event:
Interest in AWP?
Door Prize?
Needs assessments ?

G. AWP Needs Assessment and Interest Inventory

1. AWP Article on Needs Assessment: blank assessments in closet in mtg room.
2. Three assessments were completed at Meadville Pride.
3. Any new assessments done at the Presque Isle Picnic?
4. As of July: 34 assessments completed:
 - age range of respondents 40-79 years
 - Greatest interests to date are (1) gatherings at

Restaurants, (2) movies, (3) live performances, (4) coffee houses.

- Respondents: 57% Male, 34% Female

Crawford County in partnership with the Crawford County Block Grant Program is conducting a," LGBTQ+ Needs Assessment to help define the needs of the LGBTQ+ Community within Crawford County."

5. Per Michael M. there is a **Warren County group called "Aging with Pride."**

AWP Thoughts on connecting with Warren County Group?

G. July 22, 2023 NO H8 Campaign Photo Shoot/visit to Cleveland Art Museum

Participants : Pat Z. Randy S Steve S. Karne F, Blane D., Marty S.

- Group would have liked to spend more time at Museum. Consider another field trip to Cleveland Art Museum.
- Photos should be received in 6-8 weeks (9/2/23)

H. Upcoming Events

- a. **August 20, 2023:** Central Outreach will be collecting back to school supplies donations from 10 AM- 2PM.
- b. **August 20, 2023:** Regularly scheduled AWP Meeting **1932 W. 8th St.**
- c. **August 31, 2023 Happy Hour 6-8 PM Underdog Bar-B-Q**
This event has already been announced on AWP website and in EGN
Therefore, it will be held at Underdog B-B-Q, whether or not the facility has an active liquor license.
- d. **September 15,2023 Warner Theater:" Beautiful"**
 - **Encourage interested parties to contact the Warner and purchase tickets, no assigned seating will be general seating only.**
- e. **September 20, 2023 LGBTQ+ Health Workshop** Erie Community Foundation. LGBTQ+ Aging Issues, 2-hour 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 Event.
- f. **September 28, 2023 AWP Happy Hour- Erie Brewing Company 6-9 PM**
Materials for his event?
Needs assessments, table top sign, etc.

- g. **October 27, 2023 Movie “Rocky Horror Picture Show 2 Erie Movie House**

Potential Future Events:

Discussion of an AWP movie event@ Erie Movie House

1. 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?

2. Andy Warhol Museum, 117 Sandusky Street, Pgh Pa 15212
412-237-8300
Free admission in August
7 floors and the underground.
Get tickets and select date online
\$25.00 Adult
\$13.00 65+
3. Erie Zoo Day/picnic
4. Art Galleries
5. LGBT events
6. Film Festival
7. Putt-Putt golf
8. Erie Bay Boat Rides