

## **Aging with Pride: Meeting Minutes July 23, 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+ Elders and Affirming Community: A Film and Conversation for Erie's Future**

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

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

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

## **Any thoughts on letter to the editor related to Sanctuary City designation for Erie ?**

### **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. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month: 1-2 PM - Werner Book Store
2. Reading selection for August 19, 2023 Book Club: 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 July Happy Hour Event :**

1. Next AWP Gathering will be July 27, 2023 -6-8 PM at Oasis Pub.
  - a. Group discussion about venues for ongoing Happy Hour Gatherings.
  - b. 18 attendees
2. August Happy Hour: need more information on the availability of Underdog Bar-B-Q and whether or not they will have an active liquor license in August: Tentative date 8/31\23

#### **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 ?

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#### **F. 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 July Happy Hour at Oasis?
4. To date 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
5. While in Meadville for Pride on July 29, 2023 signs in businesses indicate **Crawford County in partnership with the Crawford County Block Grant Program**
6. is conducting a," LGBTQ+ Needs Assessment to help define the **needs of the LGBTQ+ Community within Crawford County."**
7. A google search didn't yield a copy of the needs assessment. There is a Contact block on the announcement of the Crawford Needs assessment.

8. 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 6, 2023:** Regular AWP Meeting 1932 W. 8<sup>th</sup> St.
- b. **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.)
- c. **August 13, 2023:** Pride Day at Waldameer
- d. **August 19, 2023:** Book Club 1-2 PM at Werner Books selection  
**Rubyfruit Jungle** by Rita Mae Brown.
- e. **August 20, 2023:** Regularly scheduled AWP Meeting **1932 W. 8<sup>th</sup> St.**
- f. **August 31, 2023 Happy Hour 6-8 PM Underdog Bar-B-Q**  
**Need to check on the venue before finalizing this event.**
- g. **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.

#### **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