

Aging with Pride: Meeting Minutes August 20, 2023

Attendees:

Dale A Mike M Mike S Pat Z Steve S
Karen F Marty S Randy S

A. 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 will not be participating in the panel discussion at this event.
- How many AWP members are registered for this event?

B. AWP Responds to LGBT+ Sanctuary City Resolution passed by Erie City Council:

1. Members reviewed the Sanctuary City Resolution passed by City Council.
2. Link for the Advocate article shared with all/reviewed.
3. Blaine and Michael M. developed a 'Letter to the Editor' Erie Times News in appreciation of the resolution. Letter was submitted to the Erie Times after review by the AWP members.
4. To date, no report of publication of the "Letter to the Editor."

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. Steve presented website stats for July 2023 – Total Views 104.
 - f. August 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
 - a. 6 attendees (3 new participants)
 - b. Attendees book reviews were mixed
3. September 16, 2023- Tales of the City - Armistead Maupin
!-2PM at Werner Books, Liberty Plaza
 - 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: 8/31/23 at Underdog BBQ
 - a. 16 attendees (3 new attendees)
 - b. Any new interest inventories completed at this event?
2. Thoughts on having some sort of a closing/opening?
 - a. Cite the AWP mission?
 - b. Asking how new folks heard about AWP
 - c. Going around table with all introducing selves?
 - d. Or, Keep Happy Hour happily informal.
3. September Happy Hour scheduled for 9-28-23 at Erie Brewing Company
4120 West Lake Road, 6-9 PM.
 - a. Michael Sc. Scouted site – Thanks Michael
 - b. Using the AWP table topper
 - c. Provide AWP Calendar of Events?

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 AWP bank Account for any funds that accumulate.

5. Check signatories selected. A pool of Randy/Steve/Dale/Michael with two signatures required on each check. Lake Erie Counseling office address will be used on account.

F. August 12, 2023 Presque Isle Picnic

1. Pat Z., Barb B, Robin G.
2. Feedback on the event: approx. 187 attended picnic
6 needs assessments completed
Gift Certificate to Werner Books given as door prize

G. AWP Needs Assessment and Interest Inventory

1. AWP Article on Needs Assessment: blank assessments in closet in mtg room.
2. Any new assessments done at the Presque Isle Picnic?
3. To date, 42 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

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

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

- Received email with preliminary group NO H8 picture
 - Actual photos should be forthcoming via mail.
- If all pictured in the NO H8 photo consent to use, does AWP want to use photo in any public media or promo?

H. Upcoming Events

- a. **September 15, 2023 Erie Playhouse:" Beautiful" 7:30 PM**
13 West 10th Street, (814)454-2852.
- **Encourage interested parties to contact Erie Playhouse to purchase tickets, no assigned seating, it will be general seating only.**
- b. **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.
- c. **September 24, 2023 Regularly scheduled AWP planning session.**
Lake Erie Counseling Center 1-2 PM.
- d. **September 28, 2023 AWP Happy Hour- Erie Brewing Company 6-9 PM**
4102 West Lake Road.
Needs assessments, table top sign, etc.
- e. **October 8, 2023 Regularly scheduled AWP planning session.**
Lake Erie Counseling Center 1-2 PM.
- f. **October 22, 2023 Regularly scheduled AWP planning session.**
Lake Erie Counseling Center 1-2 PM.
- g. **October 27, 2023 Movie "Rocky Horror Picture Show 2 Erie Movie**
House, 3424 West Lake Road. 7PM – 10 PM.

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