

Aging with Pride: Meeting Notes January 7, 2024

Attendees: Pat, Kem, Steve, Blane, Randy, Karen, Barb, Robin, Marty, Dale, Michael S., Mike M.

A. Aging with Pride Website (agingwithprideerie.org):

1. Activity level 149 views, 85 visitors (Steve provided stats for 2023 as well as December)
2. Technical Issues none
3. Actions Pictures pulled from FaceBook currently, Steve will let us know if he needs anything else from us.

C. Aging with Pride Book Club: Werner Book Store 1PM-2PM

1. January 20, 2024 Book Club selection: **Best Years of Your Life** by Jen Craven, local author. Author will attend.
2. Future Selections: Have selections through Sep 2024. In August will call for ideas for the rest of the year.

D. Treasury/Checking Account/Monetary Transactions

1. Current Balance: \$345.70
2. Transactions since last meeting: All checks have cleared
3. Upcoming expenditures: Movie House cost--\$195 due February 9th
4. Logo Item Sales since last meeting and feedback: none yet
5. Feedback on tip jar: Tip jar in use

E. AWP Representation in Community Organizations:

1. GECAC Advisory Board Meeting—Dale A. Nothing to report this meeting.
2. ICA (icaerie.org)—Robin provided information on the Valentine Day luncheon. We discussed having a table at the event. Robin will

follow-up on that. Blane and Randy expressed interest in manning the table. (KB note: I looked at the sponsor information and it looks like a table would cost \$1000. Need to verify this)

3. Contact with the AWP group in Warren PA? Dale
4. Posting AWP fliers at community resource centers Steve created a great flier (thanks, Steve!)
 - i. Mike M will have color copies made and drop off with Erie Gay News; see if there is a distro list for the Tri-State Senior News; one copy will be dropped off at each distro site; will also get extra copies for us to post places where there is no Erie Gay News distro.
 - ii. Mike M will let us know the cost.

F. AWP Needs Assessment and Interest Inventory

1. New Needs Assessment Responses?
 - i. Number: 2 more, total 48
 - ii. Rankings: have not really changed
 - iii. New events suggested: sports events, motorcycle riding
2. Assessments available at future events:

G. Event Feedback

1. Game Night
 - i. Turnout for January 3, 2024? Good turnout
 - ii. Does 5PM-8PM work? Yes, will keep time for future
2. AWP Happy Hour
 - i. Turnout for December 28 at Royal Chopstix? Very good about 20 people
 - ii. Would we eat there again? Food was good, but hospitality was mixed. They didn't seem to be expecting us.

H. Ideas for Events and Speakers

1. Speakers: Mike M will reach out to his POC on the banking commission to invite them to give a talk on fraud. The when and where will be determined later depending on speaker availability.

2. Events: future AWP happy hours—Feb 29th Brewery at Union Station, March 28th Habibi's. Randy will make reservations. Began discussing 2024 Pride Events and calendar. Planning for a table at Erie Pride.

I. Upcoming Events

- 1. January 7, 2024** Regularly scheduled AWP planning session. Lake Erie Counseling Center 1-2 PM
- 2. January 20, 2024 Book Club *Best Years of Your Life*.** Werner Books and Coffee 3608 Liberty Street, 1-2PM
- 3. January 21, 2024** Regularly scheduled AWP planning session. Lake Erie Counseling Center 1-2 PM
- 4. January 25, 2024, AWP Happy Hour,** Enrique's, 1801 Liberty Street 6PM.
- 5. February 3, 2024** Regularly scheduled AWP planning session. Lake Erie Counseling Center 1-2 PM
- 6. February 7, 2024, Game Night at Werner Books,** 3608 Liberty Street 5-8PM.
- 7. February 9, 2024** Erie Movie House 7P-10P.
- 8. February 17, 2024 Book Club *The Color Purple*.** Werner Books and Coffee 3608 Liberty Street, 1-2PM
- 9. February 18, 2024** Regularly scheduled AWP planning session. Lake Erie Counseling Center 1-2 PM
- 10. March 16, 2024** Erie Otters LGBTQ Night.