

## **Aging with Pride: Meeting Minutes December 17, 2023**

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Attendees: Dale A., Pat Z., Robin G., Barb, Blane D., Mike M.  
Kem, Marty, Randy S., Steve, Mike S.

### **A. Aging with Pride Website:**

1. agingwithprideerie.org
2. AWP minutes will be posted on website
3. More photos capturing AWP activities, travel and events are being posted on website and in Erie Gay News. Photos from Christmas gathering will be posted to website and EGN.

### **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.
2. **Book Club Calendar** has been completed by Steve, listing monthly book selections through September 2024.

### **D. Treasury/Checking Account/Monetary Transactions**

1. Checks have been received.
2. Check sent to place 1/8-page ad in Council on Aging Guide to Community Services. (\$250.00)
3. Current Treasury: \$345.70
4. Motion approved to pay February 9, 2024 movie rental from checking account. (195.00)
4. Motion approved to set up "tip jar" at future planning session meetings to cover costs of snacks.

### **E. AWP Representation in Community Organizations:**

1. Dale A. attended the first GECAC Advisory Board Meeting. (quarterly meetings)
2. About 24 attendees from other organizations attended, positive response to AWP inclusion on Advisory Board.
3. Another contact will be attempted with the AWP group in Warren PA, there was no response from previous attempt.
4. Consideration given to production of AWP fliers for posting at

Community Resource Centers (i. e. Central Outreach, Senior Centers, etc.).

**F. AWP Needs Assessment and Interest Inventory**

1. AWP Article on Needs Assessment: blank assessments in closet in mtg room.

2. To date, 45 assessments completed:

-- age range of respondents 40-79 years

-- Greatest social interests to date are (1) gatherings at Restaurants, (2) movies, (3) live performances, (4) coffee houses.

Respondents rank interests in Educational/Community Resources as **(1) Housing (2) Healthcare (3) Medication access (4) Transportation.**

Respondents: 57% Male, 34% Female

**G. AWP Game Night**

1. Good turnout for Initial Game Night on December 6, 2023.

2. Will add one hour to future game nights, times now 5PM-8PM.

3. Next game night January 3, 2023.

**H. Upcoming Events**

1. **December 28, 2023** AWP Happy Hour/Dining Royal Chopstix Asia, 3444 West Lake Road, Erie. 6PM – 8 PM. Randy will provide approximate head count to the venue. Marty in charge of getting AWP table topper and inventories to the event.

2. **January 3, 2024** Game Night Werner Books 5-8 PM.

3. **January 7, 2024** Regularly scheduled AWP planning session.  
Lake Erie Counseling Center 1-2 PM

4. **January 21, 2024** Regularly scheduled AWP planning session.  
Lake Erie Counseling Center 1-2 PM

5. **February 3, 2024** Regularly scheduled AWP planning session.  
Lake Erie Counseling Center 1-2 PM

6. **February 9, 2024** Erie Movie House 7P-10P.

7. **February 17, 2024** Regularly scheduled AWP planning session.  
Lake Erie Counseling Center 1-2 PM

**\* Beginning January 2024 Kem has volunteered to facilitate AWP**

**Planning sessions and Robin will act as scribe. Thank You Robin and Kem!**