

Aging with Pride: Meeting Minutes December 3, 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. December 16, 2023 Naked Lunch -William S Burroughs
2. January 20, 2024 Book Club selection: Best Years of Your Life by Jen Craven, local author.
3. **Book Club Calendar** has been completed by Steve, listing monthly book selections through September 2024.

D. Treasury/Checking Account/Monetary Transactions

1. **Council on Aging** Pro-rated annual fee: \$70.00 donated by Robin and Barb to cover the Council on Aging membership for Council of Aging AWP representative: Robin G
Alternative AWP representatives are Pat Z. and Kem B.
2. Council on Aging Guide to Community Services 1/8-page ad for AWP \$250.00
Collection today yielded \$400.00+ to cover AWP expenses.
3. Dale A. to attend the first GECAC Advisory Board Meeting.
 - a. quarterly meetings

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 Holiday Party of December 14, 2003

1. Fabulously hosted by Blane and Randy **Bellissima !**
2. Excellent culinary masterpieces !
– *there were no entries in the spam casserole contest.*
3. Great turnout. **THANK YOU BLANE AND RANDY !!!**

H. Upcoming Events

1. **December 17, 2023** Regularly scheduled AWP planning session.
Lake Erie Counseling Center 1-2 PM
2. **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.
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 9, 2024** Erie Movie House 7P-10P.