Aging with Pride: Meeting Notes February 4, 2024

Attendees: Steve, Pat, Karen, Randy, Blane, Mike M, Mike S, Marty, Kem

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

- 1. Activity level Went over 100 visitors in January
- 2. Technical Issues Domain Name successfully updated
- 3. Actions

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

- 1. February 17th The Color Purple, Alice Walker (Jen C. invited via Zoom)
- **2.** Future Selections:

D. <u>Treasury/Checking Account/Monetary Transactions</u>

- 1. Current Balance: \$277.67
- 2. Transactions since last meeting: \$49.03 for flyers, \$19 For domain name
- 3. Upcoming expenditures: \$150 for movie night
- 4. Logo Item Sales since last meeting and feedback: first sales on Red Bubble
- 5. Feedback on tip jar:

E. AWP Representation in Community Organizations:

- 1. GECAC Advisory Board Meeting—Dale A. (Jan 22 meeting)
- 2. ICA—Robin. (Feb 2 meeting) Notes from Pat: A representative from the VA spoke about setting up a foster program for disabled vets. Vets would potentially live with families. Right now they're working on certifying homes. Question was asked about serving LGBTQ+ vets. (nobody really knows) Valentine's Day lunch is sold out. Call for artists for 55+ art show. Group decided not to sponsor one of the awards for the art show.

- 3. Contact with the AWP group in Warren PA? Reach out to Buffalo group? Blane will write a polite letter to the Buffalo group.
- 4. Central Outreach connection: Marty will be stopping by there every week or so to build that connection.
- 5. Posting AWP fliers at community resource centers
 - Status of drop off with Erie Gay News? More will be sent out with mailed Gay News. Extra flyers are in THE CLOSET with surveys

F. AWP Needs Assessment and Interest Inventory

- 1. New Needs Assessment Responses?
 - i. Number: new survey response led to a new demographic.
 - ii. Rankings:
 - iii. Demographics:
- **2.** Assessments available at future events:

G. Event Feedback

- 1. Happy hour Jan 25th at Enrique's
 - i. Turnout? Good
 - ii. Feedback? Not going to go there again

H. Ideas for Events and Speakers

1. Speakers: February 18 B. Martin from Northstar; waiting to hear from NW PA Pride;

2. Events: Planning started for Mar 29 Gallery night (Pat); Buffalo Art Museum Apr 20 or 27; May 4 or 11 wine tasting (Randy)

I. Upcoming Events

- 1. February 7, Game night
- 2. February 8, Zoom Meeting on Senate Bill
- 3. February 9, 2024 Erie Movie House 7P-10P.
- 4. February 10 Warm Clothes drive at Journey to a Trauma Informed Life
- 5. February 14, 2024 Valentine Lunch
- 6. **February 17, 2024 Book Club** *The Color Purple*. Werner Books and Coffee 3608 Liberty Street, 1-2PM
- **7. February 18, 2024** Regularly scheduled AWP planning session. Lake Erie Counseling Center 1-2 PM Northstar Rep attending
- **8. March 4, 2024** Regularly scheduled AWP planning session. Lake Erie Counseling Center 1-2 PM
- **9. March 17, 2024** Regularly scheduled AWP planning session. Lake Erie Counseling Center 1-2 PM
- 10. April 20 2024 Trip to Buffalo Art Museum?