

## **Aging with Pride: Meeting Notes March 17, 2024**

Attendees: Robin, Barb, Randy, Blane, David, Marty, Dale, Karen, Pat, Kem, Michael M, Steve, Phyl, Laurie, Deb

### **A. Aging with Pride Website (agingwithprideerie.org): Links added to pages, Rest is NTR**

1. Activity level
2. Technical Issues
3. Actions

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

1. April 27, Ocean at the End of the Lane, Neal Gaiman (note different day)
2. Future Selections:

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

1. Current Balance: \$117.67 (no change since last meeting)
2. Transactions since last meeting:
3. Upcoming expenditures:
4. Logo Item Sales since last meeting and feedback:
5. Ideas for Making Money:
  - a. Partner with GEAE: Marty will reach out to them
  - b. Dining Idea: Max & Erma's (20% food to charity), Primati (20% all day), Blaze Pizza (20%), Buffalo Wild Wings (15%), plus one I missed the name of, Laurie is checking on 501C3 requirements, etc, will consider doing this for our May happy hour
  - c. 50/50 raffle suggestion turned into a call for suggested donations at the 21 April meeting

#### **E. AWP 501C Discussion**

**There is no fee to apply, but a total of \$140 in fees to register a unique name with PA and register as an organization. Blane will research getting a speaker from non-profit partnership for 21 April meeting. There are still questions how much paperwork overhead there would be and if we should have officers or a board of trustees.**

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

1. GECAC Advisory Board Meeting—Dale A. NTR
2. ICA—Robin. NTR
3. Contact with the AWP group in Warren PA? Reach out to Buffalo group? NTR

#### **G. AWP Needs Assessment and Interest Inventory**

1. New Needs Assessment Responses?
  - i. Number:
  - ii. Rankings:
  - iii. Demographics:
2. Assessments available at future events: Since responses are very consistent, will move focus to gathering emails, and having on-line surveys only except for at our Pride Table. Look into updating surveys.

#### **H. Event Feedback**

1. Book club (positive) and game night (these are going really well, well-attended); hockey game was fun!

### **I. Ideas for Events and Speakers**

**1. Speakers: More ideas? Report on a spirituality discussion: Karen and David will see what Community United Church of Christ, Unitarian Universalist, Mt. Calvary Luthern, synagogues, etc are already doing, and those interested can partner with them. If there is a need for a panel discussion, it will be done outside of regular meeting times for AWP.**

**2. Events: Gallery night (Randy and Blane are POCs, meeting at 530pm at Dale's parking lot), Buffalo trip (leaving 10am from Dale's parking lot, room in Pat's car to carpool), Calamari's for April Happy Hour?**

### **J. Upcoming Events**

- 1. March 28, AWP Happy Hour at Habibi**
- 2. March 29, Gallery Night**
- 3. April 7, Regularly scheduled AWP planning session. Lake Erie Counseling Center 1-2pm (Kem will email if this is cancelled because of eclipse)**
- 4. April 10, Game Night at Werner Books and Coffee, Now 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday so we can attend Erie Pride Happy Hour at Oasis.**
- 5. April 13, Odd City Entertainment @ Basement Transmissions, noon to 8pm.**
- 6. April 20 2024 Trip to Buffalo Art Museum leaving at 10am, Kem is POC [kemlynb@gmail.com](mailto:kemlynb@gmail.com)**
- 7. April 21, Regularly scheduled AWP planning session. Lake Erie Counseling Center 1-2pm**
- 8. April 27, Ocean at the End of the Lane, Neal Gaiman, Werner Books and Coffee 1pm.**

