

Aging with Pride: Meeting Minutes March 3, 2024

Attendees: (Season Crannell and Anita Holland from NWPA Pride , speakers) Pat, Mike S. Kem, Marty, Steve S, Karen, Mike M, Steve, Blane, Randy, Robin, Barb, Laurie, Deb, Dale, David, Phyl

We've been meeting for 1 year!

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

1. Activity level: consistent
2. Technical Issues: none
3. Actions: none

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

1. March 16, Like People in History, Felice Picano
2. Future Selections:

D. Treasury/Checking Account/Monetary Transactions

1. Current Balance: \$117.67
2. Transactions since last meeting: \$30 for Pride table
3. Upcoming expenditures: None at this time, but funds are low.
Requested every think about activities we can do to raise funds and we will discuss it on 17 March. Mike M will report on percentage of profit from Pridewear sales to give us an idea of what is profitable.
4. Logo Item Sales since last meeting and feedback:
5. Feedback on tip jar:

E. AWP Representation in Community Organizations:

1. GECAC Advisory Board Meeting—Dale A. There was a special meeting this week to discuss the 4 year aging plan for the state. Matt Trott will be submitting it. Dale will get us a copy.
2. ICA—Robin. Directories are available and AWP add is in it. Valentine's event went well.

3. Contact with the AWP group in Warren PA? (Mike M to check back with them) Reach out to Buffalo group? (no response to Blane's message)
4. Good discussions with Anita and Season from NWPA Pride. Their organization is all volunteer, originated in 1992, current form since 2012. Upcoming opportunities for service include collecting food for 2nd Harvest Food Bank. This spring events include Pride Prom, Otters and Seawolves games. Good discussion which led to question of AWP getting 501C status. Steve S will bring notes from previous discussions to the next meeting, Blane will research pros and cons.

F. AWP Needs Assessment and Interest Inventory

1. New Needs Assessment Responses? Nothing to Report
 - i. Number:
 - ii. Rankings:
 - iii. Demographics:
2. Assessments available at future events:

G. Event Feedback

1. Happy Hour at Erie Brewery at Union Station: good event. Well-attended

H. Ideas for Events and Speakers

1. **Speakers: More ideas?** Spirituality Topic: David, Karen, Phyl to discuss and bring back ideas

2. Events: Gallery night per Pat renting a van is too expensive, will have to organize drivers, Buffalo trip will be 20 April, car pools leaving from LEC parking lot at 10am. Kem is POC.

I. Upcoming Events

- 1. March 3, 2024** Regularly scheduled AWP planning session. Lake Erie Counseling Center 1-2 PM
- 2. March 6, 2024 Game night Werner Books and Coffee**
- 3. March 16, 2024 March 16, Like People in History, Felice Picano at Werner Books 1-2pm**
- 4. Erie Otters Hockey Game with NWPA Pride March 16 7pm**
- 5. March 17, 2024** Regularly scheduled AWP planning session. Lake Erie Counseling Center 1-2 PM
- 6. March 28, AWP Happy Hour at Habibi**
- 7. March 29, Gallery Night**
- 8. April 10, Game Night at Werner Books and Coffee, Now 2nd Wednesday so we can attend Erie Pride Happy Hour at Oasis.**
- 9. April 13, Odd City Entertainment @ Basement Transmissions, noon to 8pm.**
- 10. April 20 2024 Trip to Buffalo Art Museum leaving at 10am, Kem is POC kemlynb@gmail.com**