

Aging with Pride: Meeting Notes May 5, 2024

Attendees: Blane, Randy, Dawn, Michael M, Laurie, Deb, Phyl, Steve, Dale, Mike S, Pat

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

1. Activity level: same as previous
2. Technical Issues: none
3. Actions: none

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

1. May 18, The Sweetness of Water, Nathan Harris
2. Future Selections:

D. Treasury/Checking Account/Monetary Transactions

1. Current Balance: \$430.55
2. Transactions since last meeting:
3. Upcoming expenditures:
4. Logo Item Sales since last meeting and feedback:
5. Ideas for Making Money: June happy hour at Prismati Brothers; Take flyers and share them! Donation items for Steve's site. Two sales from Steve's site

E. AWP Representation in Community Organizations:

1. GECAC Advisory Board Meeting—Dale A. 20 May is next meeting
2. ICA—Robin. Need update from last meeting
3. Contact with the AWP group in Warren PA? none

F. AWP Needs Assessment and Interest Inventory

Two new, non-binary/transgender participants; Interests seem the consistent with previous ones.

G. Event Feedback

1. Book Club (went well, new participant), Oasis, Calamari' (participation was down, but could have been because of time of year and illness; there were two new faces at AWP happy hour)

H. Ideas for Events and Speakers

1. Blane suggested and is heading up a plan to write a letter to the Erie News, TV stations, etc to mark this years day honoring LGBTQ+ Elders. The letter would include names of those who have made a difference in Erie. SAGE sponsors this event. Blane? Will reach out to Ray Maholtz about posting SAGE announcements about this event at area senior centers.

2. Events: Underdog BBQ for May Happy Hour Trip Ideas: June 8, Comedy Museum and Pride Fest in Jamestown NY, Leaving at 830am to go to museum first then hit Pride Events in the afternoon. Potential drivers include (Blane, Kem, Pat, Dale, Laurie and Deb) CM Science Museum in Pittsburgh (Kem will look into this) (aviary, Phipps?)

3. Pride Month 2024: June 8, Jamestown (Trip planned), June 15 Ashtabula, June 22 Warren, June 29 Erie Table at Liberty Park (set up starts at 1030am First shift: Kem, Pat, Steve, Dale) 2nd shift Randy, Blane, Dawn), June 30 Parade (not marching), July 27 Meadville Pride (attend and bring our own table Blane, Randy,

Steve, Kem, Laurie and Deb expressed interest in manning the table. Set up at noon, event 1-5pm

4. In August there are two more potential table events: National Night Out and the Jazz and Blues Festival

J. Upcoming Events

- 1. May 8, Game night at Werner Books, 5-8pm**
- 2. May 5, Regularly scheduled AWP planning session. Lake Erie Counseling Center 1-2pm.**
- 3. May 18, HIV/AIDS Walk around Perry Square 11am**
- 4. May 18, Book Club The Sweetness of Water by Nathan Harris, 1pm at Werner Books**
- 5. May 19, Regularly scheduled AWP planning session. Lake Erie Counseling Center 1-2pm (Kem will not be at this one)**
- 6. May 30, Happy Hour at Underdog BBQ, 6pm**