

AGING WITH PRIDE
MEETING NOTES - July 6, 2025

Attendees: Dale, Dawn, Randy, Blane, Jeff, Steve, Michael M, Pete, Kem, Pat, Marty, Laurie, Deb, Phyl, Kelly, Henry, Ron

I. Website (Steve)

- A. June: 309 views 207 visitors
 May: 163 views 110 visitors
 June 2024: 211 views 160 views
- B: Consensus to not post links from “for profit” organizations.
- C. New merchandise site link added: karste.threadless.com/designs/aging-with-pride

II. Treasury (Steve)

- A. Account Balances:
 Checking: \$71.00 Savings: \$416.90
- B. Income
 June 29 \$21.00 EBay sales
- C: Question was asked if we need another fundraiser.
 Only an upcoming expense at this time is movie night in the fall, so Pampered Chef fundraiser is good for now.

III. Community Representation

No reports.

IV. Needs Assessment (Pat)

One new survey from Pride, responses consistent with previous results.

V. Archive Project Update (Blane)

Group is meeting July 10.
Jeff has almost finished digitizing artifacts.
Blane will send ZOOM link to committee for July 10 meeting.

VI. Event Feedback

- A. June 21 Book Club *Disco Witches of Fire Island* by Blair Fell
 18 people, mixed reviews on the book
- B. June 21 Ashtabula Pride
 Good turnout, there were visitors & performers from Erie.
- C. June 24 Folding *Erie Gay News*
 Good turnout.

- D. June 26 Dinner @ Give a Crêpe
22 people, very accommodating
- E. June 28 Erie Pride
Great weather. Many visitors to our table.
About 20 people signed interest form for legacy project, Pat will start a spreadsheet.
- F. June 30 Erie Gay Pride Parade
Very good turnout.
- G. July 2 NWPA Pride Alliance Happy Hour @ Room 33 Speakeasy
7-8 people attended.
- H. July 4 Millcreek Parade
Michael slept in.

VII. Upcoming Events

Planning Meetings — Lake Erie Counseling — 1:00 PM

Jul 20	Aug 3	Aug 17	Sep 7	Sep 21	Oct 5	Oct 19
Nov 2	Nov 16	Dec 7	Dec 21			

Game Night — Werner Books & Coffee — 5:00 PM

Jul 10	Aug 14	Sep 11	Oct 9	Nov 13	Dec 11
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Book Club - Werner Books & Coffee — 1:00 PM

July 19 — *Dear Evan Hansen* by Val Emich, et al.

August 23 — *North Woods* by Daniel Mason Note change to 4th Saturday due to Pride Picnic

September 20 — *Kissing Girls on Shabbat: a Memoir* by Sara Glass

October 18 — *Red, White & Royal Blue* by Casey McQuiston

November 15 — *Lamb: The Gospel According to Biff* by Christopher Moore

Monthly Dinner — 6:00 PM

Thursday, July 24 Syd's Place, 2902 west Lake Road

Thursday, August 21 Wooden Ladle, 4753 West Lake Road (with the Pittsburgh Prime Timers)

Tuesday, September 30 - Pete will look into having it at the Oakwood.

Volunteers Needed for Folding Erie Gay News — Lake Erie Counseling — 7:00 PM

Jul 22	Aug 26	Sep 23	Oct 21	Nov 25	Dec 23
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NWPA Pride Alliance Erie Queer Happy Hour — Locations Vary — 6:00 PM

Lavery Brewing Company, 128 West 12th Street	Sep 2 (date may change)
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The Zone Dance Club, 133 West 18th Street	Oct 1
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Room 33 Speakeasy, 1033 State Street	Nov 5
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Ugly Tuna Tavern, 1012 Peninsula Drive	Aug 6	Dec 3
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Pride Events

July 26 — Meadville PA Gay Pride Celebration

AWP Table	11:00-2:00 (setup)	Pat, Dawn, Marty, Phyl
	2:00-5:00 + cleanup	Randy, Blane

If anyone else is interested, let us know at the next meeting.

August 16 — 1:00 Erie PA Pride Picnic — Rotary Pavilion, Presque Isle State Park

AWP Table Barb, Robin, Pat, and Dawn will set up.

Other Events

July 12 Noon - 5:00 PM Trans Family NWPA picnic @ Beach 11

July 19 4:00 PM Pampered Chef Demo by Pete at Steve's

OK to come any time after book club is over.

August 2-3 Blues and Jazz Festival at Frontier Park — Noon-8:00 both days

Setup is Saturday at 9:00 AM.

Will have information at the EGN table, contact Michael if you can help.

August 9 Erie Pride 365 Block Party @ Perry Square

August 21-24 Pittsburgh Prime Timer's Visit (Tall Ships)

August 21 regular AWP dinner at Wooden Ladle

August 22 picnic at Presque Isle Pavilion 3 at 2:00

Prime Timers bringing main course, we can bring side dishes.

We will invite Prime Timers to the August book club meeting.

August 25 Table at Ryan Bizzarro's Senior Fair with Lake Erie Counseling

Shriners at 38TH and Zuck 9:00-Noon

Dale, Steve, Pete, and another person from Dale's office.

September 6 LBT Women's picnic 4114 McClelland Ave, probably at 2:00.

October 11 Family Photo 11:00-1:00 Erie County Courthouse

Dates TBD

Trip to Pittsburgh OWLS - riverboat tour

We will ask the OWLS to choose September 5, 12, or 19.

Movie Night

Dale will check on availability for October 17.

VIII: New Business

- A Chicago Art Gallery *The First Homosexuals: the Birth of a New Identity 1869-1939* (Dale)
 - By train, round trip is about \$200.
 - Ends July 26.
- B. Friends of Aging with Pride (Pete)
 - Recognition of supporters of AWP.
 - Possible recipients were mentioned.
 - (Not listing on the off chance they read our notes online.)
 - Design an award using Kem's painting *Celebrating Aging with Pride*.
 - Pete, Steve, Pat, and Michael will meet to present specific suggestions at the next meeting.
- C. Erie Bird Observatory is interested in setting up a Bird Watch Tour with us.
 - Laurie will follow up for possible dates and locations.
- D. Erie Cemetery Historical Tour in October.
 - Laurie will contact for more information.