

AGING WITH PRIDE
MEETING NOTES - December 7, 2025

Attendees: Steve, Pete, Kem, Barb, Robin, Michael, Jeff, Dawn, Karen, Kelly

* Guests Olivia Burgess and Chuck Scalise of the LGBT Funds of the Erie Community Foundation talked about their organization and the types of things they fund.

I. Website (Steve)

November 2025	132 views	69 visitors
October 2025	244 views	144 visitors
November 2024	120 views	94 visitors

II. Treasury (Steve)

A. Account Balances:

Checking: \$75.00 Savings: \$583.81

B. Merchandise Sales

Five AWP t-shirts sold at Werner in November.

III. Community Representation

A. GECAC Advisory Board (Dale) *no report*

November 17 Meeting to be discussed at our next meeting

B. ICA (Robin)

December 5 Meeting

Grants were awarded to the Community of Caring, Food Bank, and Meals on Wheels

Guide for Services being published soon

AWP opted to not place an ad this year - every 2-3 years is sufficient

Medicare will be a popular legislative topic moving into the new year

Task force is focusing on socialization

C. SAGECollab (Blane)

Adding AWP to their website

IV. Needs Assessment (Pat) *no report*

V. Archive Project

A. Legacy Project / CAM (Marty) *no report*

B. Other Archive Project Progress (Blane) *no report*

VI. Erie Gives Back Warm Boots and Coats Drive event for this Winter (Michael)

Journey to a Trauma-Informed Life, 201 W 11th St, 11 AM - 1 PM (Parking lot entrance off of 11th.)

Date - January 31 (Community Shelter Services)

Multiple groups involved, out to lunch for those interested after the drive

Warm clothing, non-perishable foods. Pete will collect at our January meetings.

VII. Monthly Dinners (Pete)

- A. November 19 - Valerio's Feedback
23 people, excellent service
Unfortunately there were a couple of falls in the parking lot
- B. December 18 - Holiday Party at Blane and Randy's
Drinks at 5:30, dinner around 6:30. Bring a dessert if you wish, NOT required.
Will be catered by Cali's west.
- C. January 24 11:00-1:00 - Give a Crepe Brunch

VIII. Celebrate Aging with Pride (Pete)

Third award to Erin Phillips of the Erie Reader on November 30
She was very surprised and happy with the award
Group meeting after this meeting to discuss awards for the next year

IX. Other Organizations

- A. Pittsburgh Prime Timers (Dale) *no report*
- B. Persad - Pittsburgh Owls (Blane)
Will look into more activities when weather is better.
Possibility of adding Buffalo group along with Cleveland group for tri-state activity in Erie

X. InReach.org listing (Steve)

app.inreach.org/org/aging-with-pride OR inreach.org, then search Erie PA
AWP has been listed, is currently the only group from Erie
They will eventually allow providers to update their listings, Steve will keep an eye on this

XI. Educational Activities

Kem, Michael, and Pete will work on this in 2026.
Many possible activities were mentioned.

XII. Feedback and Follow-ups

- A. November 20 Transgender Day of Remembrance
40-50 people, very nice ceremony
- B. November 22 TransFamily Transgiving at Erie Food Coop, 1341 West 26th Street.
Food was good, nice location

XIII. New Business

Dale & Kem participating in PA Connect Zoom meeting on Wednesday
Pete volunteered to take Dale's place if he is still sick

XIV. Adjourn

Planning Meetings — Lake Erie Counseling — 1:00 PM

Dec 21	Jan 4	Jan 18	Feb 1	Feb 15	Mar 1	Mar 15
Mar 29	Apr 19	May 3	May 17	Jun 7	Jun 21	Jul 9
Jul 26	Aug 9	Aug 23	Sep 20	Oct 4	Oct 18	Nov 1
Nov 15	Dec 6	Dec 20				

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

Dec 11	Jan 8	Feb 12	Mar 12	Apr 9	May 14	Jun 11
Jul 9	Aug 13	Sep 10	Oct 8	Nov 12	Dec 10	

Book Club - Werner Books & Coffee — 1:00 PM

December 20 — Here We Go Again by Alison Cochrun
 January 17 — Do Not Say We Have Nothing by Madelein Thien
 February 21 — P.S. Your Cat Is Dead by James Kirkwood Jr.
 March 21 — How I Paid for College: a Novel of Sex, Theft, Friendship & Musical Theater by Marc Acito
 April 18 — Drag King Dreams by Leslie Feinberg
 May 16 — Confession of an Ugly Stepsister by Gregory Maguire
 Jun 20 — Fourth Wing by Rebecca Yarros

Monthly Dinner — 6:00 PM

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

Dec 23	Jan 20	Feb 24	Mar 24	Apr 21	May 19	Jun 23
Jul 21	Aug 25	Sep 22	Oct 20	Nov 24	Dec 22	

Other Events

none at this time