

**Aging with Pride**  
**Meeting Notes - December 21, 2025**



Attendees: Steve, Pete, Kem, Barb, Robin, Michael, Jeff, Dawn, Karen, Kelly, Laurie, Deb, Pat, Marty, Dale, David

I. Community Representation

A. GECAC Advisory Board (Dale)

November 17 Meeting – Year End Celebration

B. ICA (Robin)

Next meeting is in the first week of January.

C. SAGE Colab (Blane)

Health and Human Services proposal Older American Act removes LGBT services.

Once announced, recommend bombarding HHS with messages of why this is a bad decision, giving personal examples if possible.

Blane will send out an email once this is announced with additional information.

Robin will bring up at next ICA meeting.

Dale will reach out to Ray Mayholtz about local position.

II. Committees

A. Treasury (Steve)

1. Accounts

No Change

Checking: \$75.00          Savings: 583.81

2. Sales *no report*

B. Website/Email (Steve)

Will add Celebrate Aging with Pride page soon.

C. Needs Assessment (Pat)

LGBT funds from the Erie Community Foundation available for what might be needed.

There is a presentation on January 13 at 5:30 PM at the Foundation, 459 West 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

We have provided activities for the larger identified needs.

D. Legacy Project / CAM (Marty)

Pat created a background banner for the interviews.

Michael and Dale will be interviewed soon.

Will try to find info on the Aids Hospice in Erie.

Doris who testified before the Judiciary Committee wasn't satisfied with her interview, reinterview?

E. Archive Project (Blane) *no report*

F. Monthly Dinners (Pete)

1. Holiday Party Feedback

“Awesome.” – 24 people attended

2. Give a Crepe Brunch, Saturday, January 24 11:00-1:00

Many people have already responded they are coming-

3. February

Many possible locations mentioned, Pete will schedule for February 19 dinner at one of them.

G. Celebrate Aging with Pride (Pete)

Committee discussed possibilities, first 2026 award will be in February.

Planning on 3 awards in 2026.

Joe Schember recognition should be a different form, possibly from whole LGBT community.

Request a meeting with Daria Devlin on moving forward.

H. Educational Activities (Kem)

Will begin work in 2026.

III: Other Organizations

A. Pittsburgh Prime Timers (Dale)

Will look into spring activity.

B. Persad / Pittsburgh Owls (Blane)

Will look into activities in the spring, possible Erie-Pittsburgh-Cleveland-Buffalo activity in Erie.

IV. Upcoming Special Events

A. Erie Gives Back Warm Boots and Coats Drive for Community Shelter Services (Michael)

Saturday, January 31 11:00-1:00 at Journey to a Trauma Informed Life

Pete will collect items at our January meetings for those who cannot attend.

Volunteers interested will go to lunch afterwards.

Non-perishable foods also accepted.

19 organizations participating.

Just show up to volunteer.

V. Event Feedback

A. December 11 Game Night

Weather was bad, however 6-8 people showed up.

B. December 20 Book Club

11 people – good discussion – no one disliked the book

VI. New Business

A. Dale and Kem presentation to PA Link – giving more support to aging individuals.

Received good feedback except for one mildly hostile response.

**Upcoming Events**

***Planning Meeting — Lake Erie Counseling (1932-34 West 8<sup>th</sup> Street) — 1:00***

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 (3608 Liberty Street) — 5:00**

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 (3608 Liberty Street) — 1:00**

January 17 — *Do Not Say We Have Nothing* by Madelein Thien (Harry)  
February 21 — *P.S. Your Cat Is Dead* by James Kirkwood, Jr. (Dave)  
March 21 — *How I Paid for College: a Novel of Sex, Theft, Friendship & Musical Theater* by Marc Acito (Steve)  
April 18 — *Drag King Dreams* by Leslie Feinberg (Kem)  
May 16 — *Confession of an Ugly Stepsister* by Gregory Maguire (Michael)  
June 20 — *Fourth Wing* by Rebecca Yarros (Kelly)

**Monthly Dinner — 6:00 PM**

January 24 — 11:00-1:00 Brunch — Give a Crepe (1909 Chestnut Street) \*\*NOTE Time Change

**Folding the Erie Gay News — Lake Erie Counseling (1932-34 West 8<sup>th</sup> Street) — 7:00**

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**

Erie Community Foundation Presentation

Thursday, January 13 — 5:30 PM

459 West 6<sup>th</sup> Street

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Saturday, January 31— 11:00-1:00

Journey to a Trauma Informed Life (201 West 11<sup>th</sup> Street)