

Aging with Pride
Meeting Notes – January 18, 2025



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

I. Community Representation

A. GECAC Advisory Board (Dale)

Next meeting is Monday, January 26.

B. ICA (Robin)

January 9 meeting

Speaker Alan McCallm Attorney General's Office on senior bullying.

Both physical and emotional, seniors bullying other seniors.

Financial aspects, children taking money.

There is a toll free number that can be called to report.

Valentine Day luncheon already full.

C. SAGE Colab (Blane)

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

Blane will send out email once announced so we can contact legislators.

Haven't heard anything yet, Blane will reach out to follow up.

II. Committees

A. Treasury (Steve)

1. Accounts

Checking \$75.00 Savings \$583.96

Upcoming expense \$19 to renew domain name approved.

2. Sales *no report*

B. Website/Email (Steve)

	Dec	Nov	Dec 2024
Views	150	132	178
Visitors	94	69	138
	2025	2024	
Views	2.2 K	2.1 K	
Visitors	1.5 K	1.5 K	

C. Needs Assessment (Pat)

Pete will add link to facebook page.

D. Legacy Project / CAM (Marty)

Completed interviews with Dale and Michael.

Article for EGN is done and will be in the next issue.

E. Archive Project (Blane) *no report*

F. Monthly Dinners (Pete)

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

Expecting about 25 people.

Ideas of what to share with Mayor Devlin and Tyler Titus.

Legacy project, Archives, Educational Activities, keeping MDI perfect score.

Will get AWP t-shirts to present to them, Steve will pick up from Werner's.

Involvement with other LGBT organizations was discussed.

2. February 19 – Royal Chopsticks, 3444 West Lake Road

3. March 26

Possible Donates Pizza, invite owner Christine Vogel to attend.

Different month if she can't, then Brewererie for March.

G. Celebrate Aging with Pride (Pete) *no report*

First 2026 award planned for February

H. Educational Activities (Kem)

Kem provided list of possible activities.

She will reach out to Dr. Matthews, Erie Black Wall street, who indicate an interest in talking to our group.

III: Other Organizations

A. Pittsburgh Prime Timers (Dale)

Will look into spring activity.

Possibly Pittsburgh Pride, day trip to Oil City, Rehoboth Beach in Delaware, probably for a week.

Interested in joining us for multiple city event in Erie.

B. Per sad / Pittsburgh Owls (Blane)

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

Owls, New Castle Prism, Cleveland groups interested, did not reach out to Buffalo yet.

Mayor Devlin interested in / supportive of this event.

Blane, Dale, and Pete will begin planning.

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 and brunch for those who cannot attend.

Volunteers interested will go to lunch afterwards, looking at side room at Calamari's Squid Row

Michael trying to get a head count, let him know if you are going.

Non-perishable foods also accepted.

19 organizations participating, just show up to volunteer.

V. Event Feedback

A. January 8 Game Night

10 people, 2 tables. One new person.

B. January 13 Erie Community Foundation Presentation

Went well, explained what ECF does.

This summer, cohort LGBTQIA+ groups improving/becoming non-profits.

May do again in 6 months. There is a need to keep this type of collaborative activity going.

C. January 17 Book Club

7 people, only a couple read the book.

April and May books are being swapped.

VI. New Business

A. Email Lists & Contact List (Steve)

Planning list has 33 names.

New events list has 8 names, let Michal know if you want to be added.

Book Club list has 22 names.

Steve prepared a form so new people can request to be on lists.

Upcoming Events

Planning Meeting — Lake Erie Counseling (1932-34 West 8th Street) — 1:00

Feb 1	Feb 15	Mar 1	Mar 15	Mar 29	Apr 19	May 3
May 17	Jun 7	Jun 21	Jul 12	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

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

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 Action (Steve)

April 18 — *Confession of an Ugly Stepsister* by Gregory Maguire (Michael)

May 16 — *Drag King Dreams* by Leslie Feinberg (Kem)

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

February 19 — Royal Chopstix (3444 West Lake Road)

March 26 — TBD

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

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

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Journey to a Trauma Informed Life — 201 West 11th Street