

Aging with Pride
Meeting Notes – January 4, 2025



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

* Pete confirmed individuals with additional responsibilities willing to continue in 2026.

I. Community Representation

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

B. ICA (Robin) *no report (next meeting Friday, January 9)*

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.

Follow up from Dale - Ray Mayholtz about local position.

II. Committees

A. Treasury (Steve)

1. Accounts

Checking \$75.00 no change

Savings \$583.96 \$0.15 interest earned 12/31

2. Sales

Sold 3 shirts in December at Werners. Purple selling more than black.

Out of XL, Steve will order more

B. Website/Email (Steve) *no report*

C. Needs Assessment (Pat)

Information sent to Olivia (LGBT Funds of Erie Community Foundation)

D. Legacy Project / CAM (Pat)

Finished interview with Michael

Pete and Dale interviews scheduled for next week.

Pete will write article for EGN

Email awplegacyproject@gmail.com

E. Archive Project (Blane)

Jeff almost finished with scanning

Will review for order/organization then look into getting items to Behrend

F. Monthly Dinners (Pete)

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

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

3. March date set – March 26

G. Celebrate Aging with Pride (Pete)

First 2026 award planned for February

H. Educational Activities (Pete)

Kem will complete spreadsheet of ideas already suggested and any sent to her
Will have available at the next meeting
Once reviewed, committee will meet to begin discussing logistics

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.
Will also reach out to New Castle Prism Institute

IV. Upcoming Special Events

A. 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 6th Street.
Helpful to pre-register, snacks will be provided
Blane, Randy, Pete, Michael, Kelly, Robin, and Barb planning to attend
Several LGBT groups will be represented, encouraged to interact

B. 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 Upper room at Calamari's Squid Row
Non-perishable foods also accepted.
19 organizations participating, just show up to volunteer.

V. Event Feedback

(No events since the last meeting.)

VI. New Business

A. Recognition of Mayor Schember, Daria Devlin, Christine Vogel

Will bring up at Jan 13 Erie Community Foundation meeting, general recognition from the LGBT community

B. Create second email list

Current list for the planning group
New list just for email reminders of events, Michael will send out 5 days in advance
Steve will update contact list this week and send out for corrections, then print for next meeting

Upcoming Events

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

Jan 18	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

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
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

Thursday, January 13 — 5:30 PM — Erie Community Foundation Presentation
459 West 6th Street
Saturday, January 31— 11:00-1:00 — Erie Gives Back Warm Boots and Coats Drive for Community Shelter Services
Journey to a Trauma Informed Life — 201 West 11th Street