

**Aging with Pride**  
**Meeting Notes – February 1, 2026**



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

I. Community Representation

A. GECAC Advisory Board (Dale)

January 26 meeting was cancelled.

B. ICA (Robin)

Next meeting is February 6.

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, expected to be some time in February or March.

Will try to get actual language of the proposal.

II. Committees

A. Treasury (Steve)

1. Accounts

Checking \$56.00                      Savings \$583.96

2. Sales

2 t-shirts sold at Werners in January.

B. Website/Email (Steve)

Home page picture replaced with group photo from Give a Crepe.

C. Needs Assessment (Pat)

Four new responses, similar responses to what we have had.

Coffee Shop adventures has had many responses. Pete will schedule a weekday early afternoon at Werners.

D. Legacy Project / CAM (Marty)

Interviews need to be rescheduled because of the weather.

Article with email appeared in latest EGN. No responses yet.

E. Archive Project (Blane) *no report*

F. Monthly Dinners (Pete)

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

Largest to date, 29 people.

Discussion with Tyler Titus about intergenerational activities positive – their connection with Compton's Table will be helpful for this.

Tyler was very interested and supportive of our activities. They expressed interest in possibly attending book club.

Mayor unable to attend due to weather emergency. Will invite her to a future dinner and/or a planning meeting.

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

3. March 26 — Donatos Pizza or Brewerie

No reply from county executive yet.

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

H. Educational Activities (Kem)

No response from Dr. Andrews yet.

Committee will meet soon.

III: Other Organizations

A. Pittsburgh Prime Timers (Dale) (*nothing new*)

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 met to begin planning.

First draft of possible activities reviewed. July 31-Aug 1 probably best weekend.

Mayor Devlin wants to be involved with this – bringing people into Erie.

Those who can may want to offer overnight accommodations to visitors.

Niagara has a group that could also be invited.

IV. Upcoming Special Events

*none at this time*

V. Event Feedback

January 31 Erie Gives Back Warm Boots and Coats Drive for Community Shelter Services

More stuff collected than last year. Pete's vehicle was filled. Good networking opportunity.

Food drive in spring, tentative date May 9.

Back to School drive in summer, tentative date August 9.

VI. New Business

Coming up on three years for AWP. We are one of the areas fastest growing groups – have done a lot in these 3 years.

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**Upcoming Events**

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

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|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 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***

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| 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)

*NOTE: April and May's books have been switched from original list.*

**Monthly Dinner — 6:00 PM**

February 19 — Royal Chopstix (3444 West Lake Road)

March 26 — TBD

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

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