

Aging with Pride
Meeting Notes – February 15, 2026



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

I. Community Representation

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

B. ICA (Robin)

February 6 Meeting

Speaker from the Sight Center was very informative. Most clients have partial vision.

About 450-500 people attended Valentine Luncheon, about 8' were turned down because 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, expected to be some time in February or March.

“5 Calls is the easiest and most effective way for U.S. constituents to make a political impact. Find your legislators.”

II. Committees

A. Treasury (Steve)

1. Accounts

Checking \$56.00 Savings \$583.96

2. Sales

\$84.86 to be deposited (balance to \$140.86 – combined \$724.82)

\$39.82 – Werner Sales (11 t-shirts)

\$14.06 – Online Celebrate AWP Sales

\$30.98 – EBay donated items sold

B. Website/Email (Steve)

Views Visitors

January 218 165

December 150 94

January 2025 107 88

C. Needs Assessment (Pat) *no report*

D. Legacy Project / CAM (Pat)

Completed interview with Pete.

Improvements have been made to the setup.

One email response received from couple in Pittsburgh, will follow up for interview.

Let committee know if you are interested in being interviewed.

Will send a copy of the questions to the AWP Planning Group.

E. Archive Project (Blane) *no report*

F. Monthly Get Together (Pete)

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

Should have about 20 people.

2. March 26 — Donatos Pizza, 1535 West 8th Street, Suite A1
Christine Vogel (County Executive) planning to attend.
Limited parking, carpool if possible.

3. April 28 – location TBD

G. Celebrate Aging with Pride (Pete)

Presented 4th award to Dale Allgeier at the meeting.

H. Educational Activities (Kem)

See handout.

Art dates are March 14 and April 4. Change from March 28 b/c No Kings Rally scheduled for that date.

Both session dates are full. – BYOB and bring latex gloves if pastels would bother you.

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.

Requested numbers interested in attending Pittsburgh Pride June 5-7.

B. Persad / Pittsburgh Owls (Blane)

Spring Erie-Pittsburgh-Cleveland-Buffalo-New Castle Prism activity in Erie.

Buffalo? Niagara?

See updated handout of possible activities.

IV. Upcoming Special Events

A. February 24 and March 19 Coffee Hour — 1:00 at Werners

Future gatherings will be the third Thursday of the month.

B. March 14 and April 4 — Art Class for Beginners presented by Kem — 1:00 at Lake Erie Counseling

Both dates full.

C. Possible Events (Michael)

1. Second Harvest Food Drive (tentative May 9) possibly @ Crime Victims Center

2. Back to School Supplies Drive (tentative August 9) probably @ Compton's Table

Will be meal after both of these events for groups to get to know each other.

3. Marching in Collective Parade Units

a. Millcreek 4th of July Parade

b. Edinboro Homecoming Parade (September or October)

c. Meadville Halloween Parade (October 25)

4. Table with EGN at Erie Blues and Jazz Festival (first weekend in August)

5. National Night Out at Gridley Park (August 5)

6. Other Possibilities

- Ryan Bizzarro's Senior Fair (August 17)

Dale, Steve, and Pete will attend again.

V. Event Feedback

February 12 Game Night

8 people, 1 new person

VI. New Business

A. Will do Pampered Chef fundraiser again. Demo at Steve's, possibly in May or June.

Probably Pete's last year with PC.

B. Possible movie night in the spring – possible movie Mädchen in Uniform (1931) – Pete has a copy.

Upcoming Events

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

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		

March 29 guest Speaker Beth from TransFamily of NWPAA.

Game Night — Werner Books & Coffee (3608 Liberty Street) — 5:00

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

AWP Coffee Hour — Werner Books & Coffee (3608 Liberty Street) — 1:00 PM

Feb 24	Mar 19	Apr 16	May 21	Jun 18	Jul 16	Aug 20
Sep 17	Oct 15	Nov 19	Dec 17			

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 Acito (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 Get Together

February 19, 6:00 PM — Royal Chopstix (3444 West Lake Road)

March 26, 6:00 PM — Donatos Pizza (1535 West 8th Street, Suite A1)

April 28 - TBD

Folding the Erie Gay News — Lake Erie Counseling (1932-34 West 8th 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

March 14 and April 4, 1:00 PM — Art Class for Beginners presented by Kem Brazda

Both sessions full.