

Aging with Pride
Meeting Notes – March 1, 2026



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

I. Community Representation

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

B. ICA (Robin)

Robin requested a sub for the March 6 meeting, Pete volunteered.

C. SAGE Colab (Pat)

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

Pat will send out email once announced so we can contact legislators, expected to be some time in March.

II. Committees

A. Treasury (Steve)

1. Accounts

Checking \$140.86

Savings \$583.96

2. Sales

No t-shirts were sold at Werner in February.

3. Aging with Pride for All

Kem created a new painting, Aging with Pride for All.

Place on t-shirts & mugs to sell at Pride events in June.

Will follow up in May so we can have items prepared for June.

B. Website/Email (Steve)

	Views	Visitors
February	186	131
January	218	165
February 2025	97	74

C. Needs Assessment (Pat) *no report*

D. Legacy Project / CAM (Pat)

1. Proposed Mission Statement discussed and accepted as is.

To identify, preserve and provide equitable access to historical records chronicling the development and growth of the LGBTQIA+ community in northwestern Pennsylvania and the immediate tristate area ensuring the long-term stewardship to foster a historical understanding, support research and connect the public to their shared heritage.

The Aging with Pride Legacy Project, a virtual time capsule, includes newspaper/newsletter articles, photographs, journals, posters and oral histories fostering a sense of community identity and preserving voices that capture the diversity, contributions and lasting cultural value of LGBTQIA+ citizens.

2. Marty attempted to contact Tyler Titus about an interview, but has not heard back yet. He will follow up with them.

Michael Tack agreed to interview around Easter.

3. Looking for people with knowledge of Personal and Alternative Lifestyles Group from the mid 1980s'

Dale was involved and will meet with Marty.

4. Marty will send a copy of the interview questions to the group.

5. Once releases are signed will discuss posting someplace for easy access, such as a YouTube channel

E. Archive Project (Jeff)

Still working on photos.

Marty and Jeff will meet with people from Behrend.

F. Monthly Get Together (Pete)

1. February 19 – Royal Chopsticks, 3444 Feedback

22 people, a dancing Panda, and a robot attended.

Food was good, but setup was not as good as the last time.

2. March 26 — Donatos Pizza, 1535 West 8th Street, Suite A1

Christine Vogel (County Executive) and Mayor Devlin planning to attend.

Limited parking, carpool if possible.

3. April 28 – location TBD

Possible locations: Oasis, The Barracks Tavern, or The Brewerie at Union Station.

4. Hold off on using The Cork or The Colony for now.

G. Celebrate Aging with Pride (Pete)

Possible award recipients mentioned.

Will probably give in June and sometime in the fall.

H. Educational Activities (Kem)

1. May 7 Dealing with Grief–Dale

Dale will give details at the next meeting.

2. Art classes March 14 & April 4 – There is 1 opening for April 4, contact Kem if interested.

3. Beth from TransFamily will be a guest speaker at our May 29 meeting.

Kem will reach out to Beth about possibility of inviting a couple additional guests.

4. All Ages Chat at Compton's Table this Saturday (March 7) from 12-2.

III: Other Organizations

A. Pittsburgh Prime Timers (Dale) *no report*

B. Persad / Pittsburgh Owls (Pete)

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

Buffalo? Niagara?

Dale and Pete will participate in Zoom meeting on the 4th.

IV. Upcoming Special Events

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

Future gatherings will be the third Thursday of the month.

February 24 Feedback

12 people including 2 new people – fun, good discussion

AA. Karen will conduct an Introduction to Mah Jongg session at 11:30, before the planning meeting.

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

One opening for April 4, contact Kem if interested..

C. August 17 Ryan Bizzarro's Senior Fair

Dale, Steve, and Pete will attend again.

D. 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. Table with EGN at National Night Out at Gridley Park (August 5)

V. Event Feedback

February 21 Book Club *P.S. Your Cat Is Dead* by James Kirkwood, Jr.

10 people – good discussion – book was well liked

VI. New Business

- A. Forms available for individuals wishing to be added to email lists and/or directory.
Will try to have someone with a couple forms available at events.
- B. Education evaluation form completed and will be available for Art activity.
- C. Ashley Sullivan is teaching an LGBT studies course at Behrend, several of us volunteered for a panel discussion.

Upcoming Events

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

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 NWPA.

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

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

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

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

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.

May or June — Pampered Chef Demo

Spring — Movie Night, possible movie: Mädchen in Uniform (1931) – Pete has a copy