

Aging with Pride
Meeting Notes – March 29, 2026



Attendees: Steve, Pete, Barb, Robin, Michael M, Jeff, Dawn, Pat, Dale, Kem, Karen, Carol, Kelly, Marty, Henry, Laurie, Deb, Rick

Guest Speaker Rose from TransFamily of NWPAA presented information and answered questions about her organization and about transgender individuals.

Transgender Day of Visibility is Tuesday, March 31 "Honor the past and embrace the future at Perry Square, 6:00 PM.

A scan of the information cards she had at the meeting is included after the meeting notes.

I. Community Representation

A. GECAC Advisory Board (Dale)

March 23 meeting

Senior centers are updating their lunch procedures to provide fresher food.

Calls to adult protective services are up.

B. ICA (Robin) *no report*

(Next meeting is April 10.)

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.

Pat was in contact with SAGE who indicated they will keep us in the loop.

II. Committees

A. Treasury (Steve)

1. Accounts

Checking \$200.00

Savings \$524.82

Total \$724.82

Check written for \$100 for our table at Pride on the Bay in June.

2. Sales *no report*

B. Website/Email (Steve)

We received an email about a research study for senior transgender individuals. A copy was given to Rose to take back to TransFamily. If anyone knows of someone who might be interested let Steve know and he will forward the email to you or them.

C. Needs Assessment (Pat) *no report*

D. Legacy Project / CAM (Marty and Pat)

Will be interviewing someone from Pittsburgh, need to find out if they will come to Erie or if we will need to meet them in Pittsburgh.

Dale and Marty working on an article for the Erie Gay News.

E. Archive Project (Jeff) *no report*

F. Monthly Get Together (Pete)

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

Twenty-nine people attended. Impressed with messages delivered by Mayor Devlin and County Executive Vogel.

Both will be speaking at the Jefferson Society, 3207 State Street about their first 100 days in office.

Christina Vogel on April 9, 2026 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Daria Devlin on April 14, 2026 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

2. April 28 – The Juice Jar, 2620 West 8th Street (in the Colony Plaza)

Will be closed to the general public while we are there.

3. May 28 – The Wooden Ladle, 4753 West Lake Road

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

(Next award will be given around June.)

H. Educational Activities (Kem)

1. Tentative May 7 Dealing with Grief – Details being worked out. (Dale)

2. Speakers concurrent with meetings only if ½ hour or less.

3. Tim’s gardening session will probably be the week after Mother’s Day.

III: Other Organizations

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

(Have invited us to come to Pittsburgh Pride June 5-7. Offered home hospitality.)

B. Persad / Pittsburgh Owls (Pete)

July 31-August 1 Erie-Pittsburgh-Cleveland-Buffalo-New Castle Prism activity in Erie.

Buffalo? Niagara?

For those wanting to see Hairspray it would probably be better to eat somewhere downtown.

With higher hotel prices because of the Blues and Jazz festival, may want to change to the following weekend.

IV. Other Events

A. March 19 Coffee Hour Feedback (Pete)

Twelve people attended, discussion flowed well.

B. Mar 21 Book Club Feedback (How I Paid for College by Marc Acito)

Good discussion, book was generally liked. Ten people attended.

C. Ashley Sullivan LGBT studies course at Behrend panel discussion. (Michael)

Michael, Kem, and Dale will attend on April 6 from 12:05 – 1:20.

V. New Business

A. Pampered Chef Demonstration at Steve’s. (Steve)

Sunday May 31 at 11:00. Lunch will be served.

B. Movie Night (Pete)

Pete passed around his copy of Mädchen in Uniform, a possible movie for that night.

For Future Meetings:

May – Aging with Pride for All t-shirt and merchandise to sell at Pride events.

Upcoming Events

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

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

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

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

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)

(Steve is collecting titles for the next cycle beginning in July.)

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

Monthly Get Together

April 28 — The Juice Jar (2620 West 8th Street – in the Colony Plaza)

May 28 — The Wooden Ladle (4753 West Lake Road)

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

Apr 21	May 19	Jun 23	Jul 21	Aug 25	Sep 22	Oct 20
Nov 24	Dec 22					

Other Events

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

Session is full.

April 27, 5:30 PM — Erie Community Foundation Community Conversation @ Cathedral of St Paul, 134 West 7th Street

May 9 — Second Harvest Food Drive @ Central Outreach, 3104 State

May 31 — Pampered Chef Demo/Lunch at Steve's home.

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

June 27 — Pride on the Bay

July 31 – August 1 — Group visit to Erie

August 1-2 — Table with EGN at Erie Blues and Jazz Festival

August 5 — Table with EGN at National Night Out at Gridley Park

August 17 — Table with Lake Erie Counseling at Ryan Bizzaro's Senior Fair

Tentative August 9 — Back to School Supplies Drive @ Compton's Table

Possible Events

a. Millcreek 4th of July Parade

b. Edinboro Homecoming Parade (September or October)

c. Meadville Halloween Parade (October 25)



WHO WE ARE?

Transfamily NWPA is an organization dedicated to giving the transgender community of Northwest Pennsylvania the resources and support it needs.







We welcome anyone who identifies as gender diverse, past, present, or future, regardless of their gender.

WHAT WE DO?

We provide a safe space for those who do not fit into the gender binary. We offer community, support, and resources to help support their lives.

We also support the community through advocacy efforts and education to the larger transgender community, and we stand in support of all trans people regardless of their gender identity or expression.

HOW TO CONTACT US:

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TRANSGENDER DAY OF VISIBILITY



Bring Your Family, Friends, and
Neighbors as We Honor the Past and
Embrace the Future.

MARCH | 31 | 6 PM

Perry Square
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General Logo

CONTEST

Logo Criteria:

01. Includes Our Name
02. Your Own Design
03. In A Common Image Format

**TAKE A CHANCE TO
MAKE YOUR DESIGN
THE LOGO FOR A
YEAR!**

**APRIL 1ST TO
JUNE 1ST**

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