

Aging with Pride
Meeting Notes – April 19, 2026



Attendees: Steve, Pete, Barb, Robin, Michael M, Jeff, Dawn, Pat, Dale, Kem, Carol, Marty, Laurie, Deb, Linda, Randy

CHANGE OF MEETING DATES FOR JUNE: Now June 14 and 28 (instead of June 7 and 21).

The June 14 meeting will be at 3:00 PM (instead of 1:00).

I. Community Representation

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

B. ICA (Robin)

April 10 Meeting

Speaker indicated the intention to break ground at the end of April on a facility for hospice in McKean.

Polish Falcons cash bingo fundraiser the last week of April.

Tickets will go on sale in May for the Art Raffle.

Report on the Governor's budget and the reliance on federal funding. Concern about federal program cuts.

C. SAGE Colab (Pat) *no report*

II. Committees

A. Treasury (Steve)

1. Accounts

Checking \$100.00

Savings \$524.97

Total \$624.97

\$0.15 interest on March 31.

2. Sales: 1 online t-shirt / several lesbian fiction books on eBay.

B. Website/Email (Steve)

	Views	Visitors
March	207	148
February	186	135
March 2025	151	124

C. Needs Assessment (Pat)

One new survey completed, did not select anything in the desired activities section.

D. Legacy Project / CAM (Marty and Pat)

Will follow up with potential participants and work on getting releases from those who have completed interviews.

TransFamily interested in doing a podcast looked at CAM setup with us, will see if any of their members are willing to be interviewed.

E. Archive Project (Jeff) *no report*

F. Monthly Get Together (Pete)

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

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

Potential additional menu offers discussed, Steve will pass on to Susie at the Juice Jar.

2. May 28 – The Wooden Ladle, 4753 West Lake Road — confirmed.

3. June 25, Pete will look into location from those suggested.

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

(Next award will be given around June.)

H. Educational Activities (Kem)

1. April 4 Art Class Feedback

Feedback from both sessions was very good. People would like to do more and suggested a small fee to cover the cost of supplies. Ten dollars per person should do it.

2. May 7 Dealing with Grief (Dale)

3. Tim's gardening session will be later in May or in June.

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.

The Erie Pride 365 Block Party is August 8.

Committee will meet and report back at our next meeting.

IV. Other Events

A. April 9 Game Night Feedback (Pat)

Two tables, went well.

B. April 16 Coffee Hour Feedback (Pete)

Informal discussion went well. Joined by a woman who happened to be there that lead to a good discussion.

C. April 16 Ashley Sullivan LGBT studies course at Behrend panel discussion Feedback. (Michael)

Went well, informal, students asked interesting questions.

D. April 18 Book Club Feedback (*Confessions of an Ugly Stepsister*) (Steve)

Eight people, good discussion.

E. May 16 - Sharing Session at 2 PM at Werner Books

Open to all ages! What have some of the elders done or been through? Are there individuals who inspired you? Please join us even if only to listen! For questions about the Sharing Session, please contact Pete at 814.384.9785.

Several members agreed to be there to start the conversation.

Will reach out to others to try to get other generations, Werner's will promote.

F. Movie Night – set a date? Mädchen in Uniform?

Will table until the fall.

G. Next Chat and Chill is May 2nd from 12 – 2 at Compton's Table.

V. New Business

A. Justin Wagner, running against Mike Kelly, would like to speak to our group. Marty will contact to set up for our next meeting, May 3.

B. The memorial service for Blane is June 7. We will change our meeting dates in June to June 14 and 28 so people will be able to attend. Because of the Pride Parade on June 14, the meeting that day only will be held at 3:00 PM.

For Future Meetings:

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

Fall — Movie Night (possible movie Mädchen in Uniform)

Upcoming Events

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

May 3	May 17	Jun 14 (3:00 PM)	Jun 28	Jul 12	Jul 26
Aug 9	Aug 23	Sep 20	Oct 4	Oct 18	Nov 1
Dec 6	Dec 20				Nov 15

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

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

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

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)
 June 25 — location TBD

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 27, 5:30 PM — Erie Community Foundation Community Conversation @ Cathedral of St Paul, 134 West 7th Street
 May 2, 12:00 Noon - 2:00 PM — Chat and Chill @ Compton's Table, 3104 State Street
 May 9 — Second Harvest Food Drive @ Central Outreach, 3104 State
 May 16 — National Honor Our LGBT Elder's Day
 May 16, 2:30 PM — Sharing Session @ Werner's Books and Coffee
 May 21, 10:00 AM — Mah Jongg @ Werner Books and Coffee
 May 31, 11:00 AM — Pampered Chef Demo/Lunch at Steve's home.
 June 14, 12:00 Noon — Erie Pride Parade
 June 27 — Pride on the Bay
 July 31 – August 1 — Group visit to Erie (possible change to August 7-8)

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 8 — Erie Pride 365 Block Party

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)