

**Aging with Pride**  
**Meeting Notes – May 3, 2026**



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

Guest Speaker Justin Wagner

**I. Community Representation**

**A. GECAC Advisory Board (Dale)**

Next meeting is May 4.

Statistics July 1, 2025-now: 7,237 people assisted including 1,284 for adult protective services.

**B. ICA (Robin)**

May 1 meeting:

New Guide to Services directories are out – copies on AWP table.

Speaker on adult protective and GECAC services.

There is an 800 number to report abuses, if under 60 they will refer to the proper organization(s).

Art Show is June 6, Gallery Night is June 28, next meeting is June 5

**C. SAGE Colab (Pat)**

Please send in your comments on equal access to housing and homeless services per the email from the SAGE Action Squad – see the email forwarded by Steve on April 29.

**II. Committees**

**A. Treasury (Steve)**

**1. Accounts**

Checking \$100.00

Savings \$524.97

Total \$624.97

New signers for checking and savings accounts at Flagship Bank effective ASAP:

Karl Siwiecki   Dale Allgeier   Kem Brazda   Pat Zeller

**2. Sales:**

Check for eBay sales of \$44.25 received.

Reminder if AWP members buy items they receive a 20% discount, and for items not already being sold for AWP, Steve will donate 10% to AWP.

Aging with Pride for All t-shirt and merchandise to sell at Pride events (*see new business*)

**B. Website/Email (Steve) *no report***

**C. Needs Assessment (Pat) *no report***

**D. Legacy Project / CAM (Marty and Pat)**

Studio time has been booked for May 8.

Continuing to make contacts for interviews.

If you would be willing to be interviewed, contact Marty, Pat, or Laurie.

**E. Archive Project (Jeff) *no report***

**F. Monthly Get Together (Pete)**

**1. Feedback April 28 – The Juice Jar**

Owner went out of her way to provide non-vegan options to our group, very supportive, 16 people.

2. May 28 – The Wooden Ladle, 4753 West Lake Road  
Everything is set. RSVP on Facebook or to Pete.

3. June 25 – location TBD by next meeting.

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

H. Educational Activities (Kem)

1. May 7 Dealing with Grief 6:30 PM

Please let Dale know in advance if you are planning to attend. (814-460-7430 —  
daleallgeier@outlook.com)

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

### III: Other Organizations

A. Pittsburgh Prime Timers (Dale)

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

Also invited us to Lawrenceville Pride Events June 13, consensus was that most of our members who would otherwise go will more likely go to Jamestown Pride the same day.

B. Persad / Pittsburgh Owls (Pete)

July 31-August 1 or August 7-8 Multiple organizations coming to Erie

Will schedule for August 7-8, Pete will work on a final menu of events.

### IV. Other Events

A. April 27 Erie Community Foundation Community Conversation Feedback

Really good session.

Held at Temple Anshe Hessed on Old Zuck Road, very open to hosting events.

B. May 2 Chat and Chill @ Compton's Table Feedback

Meeting was cancelled but Pete & Steve had a nice chat.

C. May 16 - Sharing Session at 2:30 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.

Tyler Titus strongly believes a multigenerational approach for the community is best.

### V. New Business

A. Book Club

List of all books read so far available, last call for books for the next cycle – to Steve by the end of this week.

B. Pete met publisher of new senior magazine, has agreed to do an article on AWP.

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

Will order a small quantity and provide QR codes on a handout for people to order online.

Steve will prepare and order, and will also provide some to Werner Books to sell.

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### For Future Meetings:

Fall — Movie Night (possible movie Mädchen in Uniform)

## Upcoming Events

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

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

### ***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***

May 28 — The Wooden Ladle (4753 West Lake Road)  
 June 25 — location TBD

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

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

### ***Other Events***

1. May 7, 6:30 PM — Dealing with Grief @ Lake Erie Counseling
- 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 17, 11:00 AM — Mahjong @ lake Erie Counseling
- May 21, 10:00 AM — Mahjong @ 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
- 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 7-8 — Group visit to Erie
- 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 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade
- b. Edinboro Homecoming Parade (September or October)
- c. Meadville Halloween Parade (October 25)