

Aging with Pride Agenda – May 17, 2026

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

I. Community Representation

- A. GECAC Advisory Board (Dale) - No Report
- B. ICA (Robin) - Next Meeting 6/5/26, Art Show 6/6/26, Gallery Night 6/28/26
- C. SAGE Colab (Pat) - Please send in your comments on equal access to housing and homeless services per the email from SAGE. Action Squad - see the email forwarded by Steve on April 29.

II. Committees

A. Treasury (Steve)

1. Accounts: Checking \$144.25 Savings \$524.97 Total \$669.22

- 2. Sales: Aging with Pride for All t-shirt and merchandise to sell at Pride events. Remember 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.

B. Website/Email (Steve)- 1 RSVP for PC Demo; 4 others from groups will attend

C. Needs Assessment (Pat)- No Report

D. Legacy Project / CAM (Marty, Pat, Laurie)

- 1. Completed Kem
- 2. Working to get more people scheduled
- 3. Pete to send Donald's contact info to Pat

E. Archive Project - Combine with Legacy for the future

F. Monthly Get Together (Pete)

- 1. May 28 - The Wooden Ladle, 4753 West Lake Road
- 2. June 25 - Brewerie, 123 W 14th Street
- 3. July 28 - Date set; Possible location: Pano's

G. Celebrate Aging with Pride (Pete)

- 1. Possible date for XXXXXXXXXX is July 12
- 2. Marty proposed the possibility of awarding to XXXXXXXXXX
- 3. Committee to meet

H Book Club (Steve) - Drag King Dreams - General consensus was that it was depressing yet they were glad they read it because the author played such an important part in our LGBT history.

I. Educational Activities (Kem)

- 1. Review May 7 Dealing with Grief (Dale)
- 2. Tim's gardening session - Date TBD, Possibly 6/13/26

III: Other Organizations

A. Pittsburgh Prime Timers (Dale/Pete)

B. Persad / Pittsburgh Owls (Pete/Dale)

August 7-8 - Plan for 2 days - Working document distributed at meeting and being sent as part of these minutes.

IV. Other Events

A. May 16 - National Honor Our LGBT Elders Day - Sharing Session at 2:30 PM at Werner Books - Robin reported that the session was well received. 16 in attendance

V. New Business:

Cohort Meeting (Pete) - Pete will attend on 7/23/26 from 9 AM until 1 PM, Temple Anshe Hased

Marty suggested the possibility of Flowers for Blane's Celebration of Life; Marty is to check with Randy. If OK, Marty will order from Larese Flowers, budget \$150; individuals can contribute

Celebration of Life for Blane is on 6/7/26 at PACA from 1 until 5 PM

For Future Meetings:

Fall — Movie Night (possible movie Mädchen in Uniform)

Upcoming Events:

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

Jun 14 (3:00 PM)		Jun 28	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

Jun 11	Jul 9	Aug 13	Sep 10	Oct 8	Nov 12	Dec 10
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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)

New AWP Book Club Selections is available for July 2026 thru April 2027 is available

Monthly Get Together

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

June 25 — Brewerie, 123 W 14th Street

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

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

Other Events

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

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 - Groups to visit to Erie

August 8 - Erie Pride 365 Block Party

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

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

Possible Events: Millcreek 4th of July Parade; Edinboro Homecoming Parade (September or October);
Meadville Halloween Parade (October 25)

Planning for Multiple Group visit to Erie

****NOTE: This is still in process.****

Groups to include: Pittsburgh Owls, Pittsburgh Prime Timers, New Castle Prism, Cleveland Rainbow Pioneers, and Rainbow Seniors WNY (Buffalo)

Plan for a day in Summer 2026

****Locally, Erie Playhouse** will have a production of ***Hairspray*** (July 24-Aug 9). Ticket sales should begin on June 30.



****Looking at a “modular approach” that will allow local people and visitors to partake in whichever portions of the day(s) they wish. Out-of-towners may wish to spend the night.**

FRIDAY, Aug 7	SATURDAY, Aug 8
10 AM - Tom Ridge Environmental Center and Tower (free admission)	9 AM - Breakfast (maybe Avanti's)
12 PM - Lunch at Sara's	10AM until ??? - Car pool to Jamestown to visit the National Comedy Center and the Lucille Ball Desi Arnez Museum
1 PM - Drive around the Presque Isle State Park	Senior Tickets: NCC \$35, LBDAM \$23, Both places \$42.50
3:30 PM - <i>Taste of Erie</i> ** at Werner's	
Dinner (organized or on-own??)	12 PM - 6 PM - Erie Pride 365 Block Party in Perry Square
<i>Hairspray</i> - Erie Playhouse - tickets range from \$44 to \$74	
Bar Night (??)	Romolo's - Meet Coffee/Ice Cream
Overnight Guests in Hotels or possibly Home-Stays	

*****Taste of Erie*** possibilities are Sponge Candy, Pepperoni Balls/Bread, Local Wine, Capicola from Larry's, other samples from local markets, Art's Bakery items

NOTE: Invite Mayor Devlin and others (Erie City Council President, Dr Tyler Titus; Erie County Executive, Christina Vogel; Representative Bizzaro).