

Aging with Pride
Agenda/Minutes – June 28, 2026

Christopher Street Day

Attendees: Pete, Carol, Pat, Kem, Marty, Jeff, Dale, Barb, Robin, Laurie, Deb, Michael

Thank you note from Dr Tyler Titus for AWP's participation in Queer Youth Prom 2006 was circulated

I. Community Representation

- A. GECAC Advisory Board (Dale) - next meeting July 20th
- B. ICA (Robin) - next meeting September
- C. SAGE Colab (Pat) - nothing to report



II. Committees

- A. Treasury (Steve submitted account balances to Pete via email.)

- 1. Accounts: Checking \$175.57 Savings \$524.97 Total \$700.54
 - 1. Sales: 11 T-shirts were sold; more would have sold if we took credit cards
 - 2. Checks needed: Romolo's (Pete); Steve will reimburse next meeting
 - 3. Pampered Chef Fundraiser is currently at \$313.63 (as of 6/10/26); \$338.18 (as of 6/25/26)
 - 4. Flower Garden at Werner Books - Fundraiser currently at \$175 (as of 6/23/26)

- B. Website/Email (Steve) no report

- C. Needs Assessment (Pat) two new surveys filled out; suggestions included pickleball, hiking, motorcycles, tennis, and other sporty activity

- D. Legacy Project / CAM / Archive (Marty, Pat, Laurie) Two Pittsburgh interviews completed,
One with Don, scheduled for the 10th

- E. Monthly Get Together (Pete)

- 1. July 28 - Pano's, 1504 W 38th Street
- 2. August 27 - TBD
- 3. September 24 - TBD

- F. Celebrate Aging with Pride (Pete)

- 1. Kem presented the Celebrate AWP Recognition Award to Blane Dessy and Randy Shannon at the dinner on June 25 at Brewerie.
- 2. EGN to receive next award in September

- G Book Club (Steve) - no report

- H. Educational Activities (Kem) on hold for the summer

Possible ideas were brought up: estate planning, survivor rights

III: Event Feedback

- 1. Display at City Hall 6/2026 - the people who went said it was well done; Robin to write a thank you to Mayor Devlin
- 2. LGBTQ+ and Law Enforcement Presentation 6/17 - informative; system flawed
- 3. AWP Coffee hour 6/18 - 8 - 10 people shared fabulous conversation

4. Book Club 6/20 - 3 people only shared Kelly's book
5. AWP Dinner at Brewerie 6/25 - 26 people attended; Randy was happy
6. Pride on the Bay 6/27 - "Peoplely" was the word of the day. Fun. Well attended

IV: Other Organizations

A. Pittsburgh Prime Timers / Persad / Pittsburgh Owls (Pete/Dale)

August 7 - Plan for 1 day - Separate Document - plans discussed - Friday dinner location will depend on number of individuals participating

V: New Business:

A. Q+ Cohort meeting 7/28/26 - Topic of interest is 501c3 status

B. Need to talk to Steve about more tshirts for future events

C.. Kem will look into Square reader - \$59

D. Pete will get more info on Venmo

E. City Council Meeting - good turn out, words to describe were eloquent and reinvigorating; well attended by well spoken youth

Upcoming Events:

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

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

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

Jul 16	Aug 20	Sep 17	Oct 15	Nov 19	Dec 17
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Book Club — Werner Books & Coffee (3608 Liberty Street) - 1:00 PM

July 18 - *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho (Pete)

August 15 - *This Is How It Always Is* by Laurie Frankel (Robin)

September 19 - *Parable of the Sower* by Octavia E Butler (Steve)

October 17 - *Less* by Andrew Sean Greer (Harry)

November 21 - *"The Man Who Thought Himself A Woman" and Other Queer Nineteenth-Century Short Stories* Edited by Christopher Looby (Kem)

December 19 - *The Lilac People* by Milo Todd (Michael)

A print copy of the AWP Book Club Selections for July 2026 thru April 2027 is available.

Monthly Get Together

July 28

Aug 27

Sept 24

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

Jul 21

Aug 25

Sept 22

Oct 20

Nov 24

Dec 22

Other Events

June - AWP Display at Werner Books / Flower Fundraiser at the Cafe

July 11 - TransFamily Picnic at Glenwood Park

July 23 - Q+ Cohort Meeting

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 - Visit to Erie

August 8 - Erie Pride 365 Block Party - Plan for AWP to share table with Lake Erie Counseling

August 9 - Back to School Supplies Drive

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)



Flower Garden at Werner Books