

Aging with Pride
Agenda – July 26, 2026
National Bagelfest Day
July is Disability Pride Month

In Attendance: Steve, Pete, Barb, Robin, Dale, Kem, Laurie, Deb, Jeff, Rick, Carol, Dawn, Karen, Marty, Pat, Michael

Special guest - Anna from Werner Books

I. Community Representation

- A. GECAC Advisory Board (Dale) - July 27
- 27B. ICA (Robin) - September 4
- C. ~~SAGE Colab (Pat)~~



II. Committees

A. Treasury (Steve)

- 1. Accounts: Checking \$146.90 Savings \$525.10 Total \$672.00
 - 1. Sales: Meadville Pride - sold 3 t-shirts and 3 Steve's t-shirts
 - 2. Pampered Chef Fundraiser is currently at \$383.24 (as of 7/23/26)
 - 3. Flower Garden at Werner Books - check for \$500 delivered by Anna

B. Website/Email (Steve) 272 views 144 visitors

- 1. Screening requests to join Leadership Google Group

C. Needs Assessment (Pat) - No report

D. Legacy Project / CAM / Archive (Marty, Pat, Laurie) Marty will pass out release forms next meeting. Mike T and Rick L are next. Paid CAM \$90 (for 2 people) Will meet with Behrend on 8/23 or 8/30.

E. Monthly Get Together (Pete)

- 1. July 28 - Pano's, 1504 W 38th Street
- 2. August 27 - Habibi's, 127 W 14th Street
- 3. September 24 -

F. Celebrate Aging with Pride (Pete) - Next Award in the Fall

G Book Club (Steve) - 8 people for discussion of *The Alchemist*

H. Educational Activities (Kem) - Next programs in the Fall Looking into Grounded Printshop for fall collage classes - save your magazines. Note: Collage Class set for October 10, 2026, 11 AM until 2 PM. Studio rental fee of \$50 to be paid by AWP; New Chair for Educational Activities is needed.

III: Event Feedback

- 1. Coffee Hour 7/16/26 - Good discussion; about 8 people
- 2. Book Club 7/18/26 - 8 people for discussion of *The Alchemist*

3. Q+ Cohort Meeting - Original idea from Blane Dessy; ;non-profits in the Queer Community working together; developing cooperation; common thread topics; will meet every 2 months
4. Blue Couch Interview 7/24/26 - Well received; did not get a chance to cover all topics
- \ 5. Meadville Pride 7/25/26 - Very loud, but good!

IV: Other Organizations

- A. Pittsburgh Prime Timers / Persad / Pittsburgh Owls / Rainbow Pioneers (Pete/Dale)
- August 7 - Updates (Pete / Dale)

V: New Business:

Upcoming Events:

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

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

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

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

August 15 - *This Is How It Always Is* by Laurie Frankel (Robin) ***Special time: 10 AM; back of store.***

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

Aug 25	Sep 22	Oct 20	Nov 24	Dec 22
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Other Events

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 - Visit to Erie - Schedule at bottom of minutes. Approx 20 from Pittsburgh.

AWP can cover necessary costs incurred by Pete and Dale,

August 8 - Erie Pride 365 Block Party - ~~AWP Table~~

August 9 - Back to School Supplies Drive - Pete can collect and deliver on August 9th.

August 15 - Pride Picnic

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

Location is Convention Center; People for table are Dale, Pete, Robin, Pat, others

Possible Events: Edinboro Homecoming Parade (October 3); Meadville Halloween Parade (October 31)

Visit to Erie / Aging with Pride / August 2026

FRIDAY, Aug 7

10 AM - Arrive/Meet at the **Tom Ridge Environmental Center and Tower** (301 Peninsula Drive, Erie, 16505) located near the entrance of **Presque Isle State Park**.

10 AM - Tom Ridge Environmental Center and Tower (free admission) This education center is for visitors to learn about **Presque Isle**. Beautiful views of Lake Erie (on a clear day, one can see Canada).

12 PM - Lunch at **Sara's** (25 Peninsula Dr, Erie, 16505) - Summertime tradition, hot dogs, burgers, fries, shakes, etc. Locally made **Smith's Hot Dogs** are on the menu!

1 PM - Drive, carpool group, around the Presque Isle State Park stopping at nature sites, beaches, etc.

3:30 PM - Taste of Erie at **Werner Books and Coffee** (3608 Liberty St, Erie, 16506) Sample some of the tastes of Erie, which *might* include: Sponge Candy, Pepperoni Balls from Art's Bakery, Local Wine, and Herb & Honey Bakery items!

5:30 PM - Dinner at **Wooden Ladle** (4753 W Lake Rd, Erie, 16505)