

Aging with Pride
Agenda – August 23, 2026
National Sponge Cake Day

Special Meeting Time: 4:30 PM (due to roof construction/power)

Attendance:

Marty, Rick, Steve, Pete, Dale, Kem, Barb, Robin, Carol, Pat, Dawn, Karen, Jeff, Michael

I. Community Representation

A. GECAC Advisory Board (Dale) No report

B. ICA (Robin) Next in September (Pre-sign up day) We are signed up
Next meeting will be September 4



II. Committees

A. Treasury (Steve)

1. Accounts: Checking \$100.00 Savings \$1022.00 Total \$1122.00

1. Sales: couple shirts were sold at Werner's

a. Kem asked if we could have a formal, written documentation of all incoming and outgoing money; Steve to gather, document, and present for 9/20/26 meeting followed by discussion at the meeting on 10/4/26.

2. Pampered Chef Fundraiser is currently at \$494.96 (as of 8/21/26) - Roughly \$90 more than LY

B. Website/Email (Steve) - no report

C. Needs Assessment (Pat) - no report

D. Legacy Project / CAM / Archive (Marty, Pat, Kem) - 9 completed and 7 in the queue

E. Monthly Get Together (Pete)

1. August 27 - Habibi's, 127 W 14th Street

2. September 24 - Oasis Pub & Tiki Bar, 3122 W Lake Road

3. October 27 - TBD

4. November 19 - TBD

5. December - Need to start planning for a Holiday Gathering - Possible locations are Karen's synagogue; Pete to check. Robin will check with the UU and the co-op.

F. Celebrate Aging with Pride (Pete) - 10/17 will be given to EGN at book club (1 PM) at Werner books

G Book Club (Steve) - *This is How it Always Is* - Steve stated this work is extremely well done;; a must read, regardless of book club. Next book is *Parable of the Sower*, a very timely and meaningful work

H. Educational Activities (Robin/Pat)

1. Collage Workshop - 10/10/26 - 11am-2pm Sign up with Kem through email; limited to 10 people

2. Ideas from Senior Fair - Robin to explore

3. Garden Care - Tim at the end of September

III: Event Feedback

1. August 13 - Game Night - Good night approx 7-8 people
2. August 15 - Book Club - Exceptional book, 3 people in attendance
3. August 15 - Erie Pride Picnic - Hot, Good, Slow, gave out 180 bracelets
4. August 16 - Pride Day at Waldemere Park - no report
5. August 17 - Senior Fair and Older Living Expo - 1700 people in attendance, 90 vendors, LOTS of people...
6. August 20 - Coffee Hour - 8 people in attendance, lots of variety of topics

IV: Other Organizations

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

Pittsburgh planning an event for Saturday, October 24, 2026 OR a weekday in October

V: New Business:

- Shari Gross is organizing other Training Sessions for the community. Continue AWP involvement?
- For inclusion in the October Calendar, please have info to Steve by September 15
- All Ages Chat & Chill will resume on the Second Saturday of each month from 12 noon to 2 PM and will be held at the Community Room at the Food Co-Op on W 26th Street
- "Free LGBTQ+ Library" to be started at Lake Erie Counseling - Dale, Pete, and Jeff to begin the process
- Movie Night - Friday, November 6 - Dale to inquire/make reservation

Upcoming Events:

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

Sep 20	Oct 4	Oct 18	Nov 1	Nov 15	Dec 6	Dec 20
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Game Night — Werner Books & Coffee (3608 Liberty Street) - 5:00

Sep 10	Oct 8	Nov 12	Dec 10
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AWP Coffee Hour — Werner Books & Coffee (3608 Liberty Street) - 1:00 PM

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

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

Aug 27	Sept 24	Oct 17	Nov 19	Dec
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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

Other Events

September 9 - Webinar - Protecting Seniors Online

September 12 - Chat n chill Erie Food Co-op 12-2

September 18 - National HIV/AIDS and Aging Awareness Day

September 23 - Q+ Cohort Meeting

October 5 - Community Meeting 5:30 PM at Temple Anshe Hesed

November 6 - Movie night

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

Dale wants to create a library for the community to use.