



East Haven Pride
Meeting Agenda- Paper meeting
Creative Studio @LUV Custom Creation
April 29, 2025 6:30 pm

- I. Call to Order
- II. Officer's Reports
- III. Committee Reports:
 - A. Outreach Committee -April Report, 4/27/25, Heather and Darleen:
 - The committee did not meet in April
 - On April 4th, Heather, along with EH Pride volunteers Paul and Sarah, presented a short talk to the cast and crew of EHHS play, The Prom. The director requested that we give a short talk re: who we are, what we do, and why The Prom and its message matters. It was a pleasure to talk with the students and to thank them for their work!
 - On April 5th, Heather and Jessica staffed the EH Pride table at The Prom. The table had a lot of interest from students and some family members; the rubber bracelets and pins were a big hit, as was Cindy's homemade popcorn bags! One student asked about LGBTQ pride flags we had on display; it might be a good idea to look into getting all of the different flags and having some on hand to give away; this student was looking for the Aro-Ace flag.
 - ETV is happy to host our Queer Coffee House in June. Connor said that they would be happy to hold just a social event if that was what we wanted, but they are also happy to do something like an open mic event alongside the Coffee House, etc. If anyone has any ideas in regards to our June Coffee House event, please share. Also it may be good to send out a poll or survey for this event to see what everyone would like for it.
 - My friends have a queer run business here in East Haven. It's called Queerly Departed and they sell pins, stickers, etc. At last month's meeting we mentioned a little Goodie Bag type of item for the people who attend the Ride with Pride event on May 4th. They were happy to provide something for the bags. I will be talking to them tomorrow (Monday) about this to get an update on where they are with that.
 - Darleen is in email contact with the manager at Witch Bitch Thrift Store and is trying to coordinate a meet up to discuss future partnership options. In the meantime, the store is happy to post our flyers and promote any happenings that we have, including Ride with Pride, Prism Book Club and other events hosted by the library.
 - Darleen attended April's Prism Book Club, which read and discussed Joy Landin's book of poems titled *Family*. Themes revolved around Joy's experience of losing her mother to illness, being seen/not seen or accepted by her mother and her children (Joy is a transwoman), what the concept of "family" means and how it can cross beyond bloodlines into "chosen" family (non-biological connections that are equally powerful).
 - Next month's Prism Book Club event is a poetry writing workshop on May 28th from 6-8pm in the DeMayo Room. Contact cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org
 - B. Fundraising - (see Ride with Pride Report)
 - C. Teen Programming/Social Events- no report
 - D. Website/Social Media- Check it out, IT LOOKS AWESOME!!!

Mission Statement: East Haven Pride fosters a vibrant and Inclusive community for LGBTQ+ individuals and allies in East Haven, CT. We celebrate our diversity, advocate for equality and empower all members to live authentically.

E. Education - Some days coming up in May!

IV. Old Business:

A. April Paint Night, 4/17

Sarah- We had a full room and a great time at our April Paint Night! We painted "Cherry Blossoms": just in time for spring! The Creative Studio was a great small space for the 11 participants that attended, teens and adults. I was able to connect with Raven from North Haven Pride also, and will continue to cross-share events. :)

B. Prism Book Club, 4/22 (see Outreach report)

V. New Business:

A. [Ride with Pride](#), Sun. May 4th

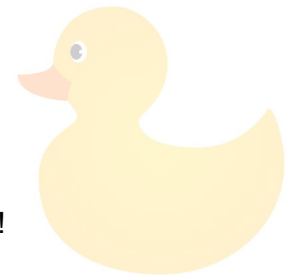
Carmen & Darleen- Tickets are still available, so help us make this a sold out event! Wine, Ride and Dine. Hope to see you there!

B. [Guilford Pride](#), Sat. May 17th, 12-4pm

New! Mark your calendars, EHP will be attending

C. [North Haven Pride](#), Sat. June 14th, 12-4pm

We will be tabling again this year, mark your calendars for a great day out!



VI. Guest Speaker : Tony Ferraiolo, author

VII. Community Calendar: If anyone would like to go as a group to an event, reach out to our email or post on signal!

A. [North Haven Pride](#): Pre-Teen Group, Caregiver Support Meeting, Teen Night

B. [Q+](#): New Haven Game Space every 1st Saturday

C. [Hagaman Library](#): (check calender)

Coffee & Conversation- Thur. May 22nd 6pm, Poetry Workshop- Wed. May 28 6-8pm, Kindness Rocks- Sat June 7th 2pm, Prism Book Club- Thur. June 17th 6:30pm *rsvp

D. [New Haven Pride Center](#)- LOTS of events & groups- Trans Adult Support, Transmasculine Support, Ace Space, Bi+ Support, Queer and Latine, Rainbow Support, Rainbow Elders, Food Pantry and Community Closet

E. [Hartford Gay Men's Choir](#) spring concert "I Am What I Am" May 10-11

F. [CT Gay Men's Choir](#)- concert "LEGENDS" May 4 & 16

G. [Yale Repertory Theater](#) - "Notes on Killing Seven Oversight, Management and Economic Stability Board Members" APRIL 25- MAY 17, 2025, Queer Theater Night! Fri, May 2, 8PM

VIII. Rainbows / Other Business (Member can share any news or happenings)

IX. Next Meeting: 6:30pm Tuesday, June 24, 2025 - Hagaman Library

X. Adjournment