



East Haven Pride
Meeting Agenda
Hays School
May 27, 2025 6:30 pm

- I. Call to Order 6:40pm
- II. Officer's Reports
 - A. Cindy- Meet with Amanda Gabriel of NHP, send over step-by-step instructions for 501c3 status if an accountant isn't able to do it.
 - B. Cindy- Great chat with North Haven Pride co-founder Raven Chopin. The summer NHP fest cost \$13-15,000 to run a year, with medical, police, performers, and other costs. Teen nights- NHP uses Q+ counselors to staff events, cost \$250 for two professionals. Good to have in case any issues comes up, and help with insurance and liability. NHP provides planning and supplies for each teen night to cut down on costs.
 - C. NHP will be holding a Lavender Ball in winter, suggested pairing up with us. Last year they had 85 kids attend. Cost: food decorations, photographs, DJ (\$1K), held at North Haven Rec Center (free for NHP), partnered with Guildford Pride. Last year cost \$6K, split 3 ways would be cheaper than each running an event.
 - D. Legislative update: [House Bill 6913, An Act Concerning LGBTQ+ Discrimination in Long-Term Care Facilities](#) has PASSED. Zullo voted Yes, Cicarella voted No.
- III. Committee Reports:
 - A. Outreach Committee-
 - 1. Talked to ETV about partnering for a June coffeehouse event! Discussion of event details, target age range 18+, board, card games, 7pm with snacks & soda, pick need to pick a date
 - 2. Coffee&Conversations from the library, poor turnout only 1 person not involved in the hosting group. Discussion about difficulty with engagement in this community, very common with other groups, schools, ect.
 - B. Fundraising - see Ride with Pride report
 - C. Teen Programming/Social Events- no report
 - D. Website/Social Media- no report
 - E. Education - no report
- IV. Old Business:
 - A. Ride with Pride, 5/4/25- SOLD OUT event!!! Excellent feedback from attendees, everyone had a lot of fun. Event skewed older, a lot of 60+yo. A huge thank you to EVERYONE who helped make this event happen!
\$2,550 income - \$840 costs (tips to Rossi Vino staff, supplies, swag bags) = \$1,709.61 profit

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.

- B. Guilford Pride, 5/18/25- A good time, lots of happy kids and surprise at our tent. The bead craft is a hit with kids and adults. Suggestion: more pony bead colors for more pride flag options.

V. New Business:

- A. East Haven Banner Update- a new banner of a rainbow is on order. When it comes it will be on the corner of Margaret Tucker Park. Some discussion had about the willingness of the town to work with us on an actual flag. When it goes up, a POSITIVE reception is important! Feel free to call town hall with your input, especially if you are a resident.
- B. North Haven Pride, Sat. June 14th - Need volunteers for our table! We will have shirts, hats and stickers. It's a beautiful day, tell your friends!
- C. East Haven Pride event- Mark your calendars.....July 16! Ice Cream Social at the Trolley Museum (Give Back Nights- host local nonprofits). Discussion of event details- Ice cream to be donated by Ann Penington, ice cream bar with topping station. Time? Suggested 5/5:30-8pm, invite other groups? NHP, Guilford Pride, East Shore Health Department.
We will need volunteers for set up, clean up, and to scoop ice cream
- D. EHP was invited to participate in Family Day at the East Haven Farmer's Market - Sunday July 13th, 8am-1pm. Need volunteers!
- E. Suggestion: set up a Zoom option for meetings.

VI. Community Calendar

- A. [North Haven Pride Flag Raising Ceremony](#)- Friday May 30th, 10am
- B. [North Haven Pride](#): Pre-Teen Group, Caregiver Support Meeting, Teen Night
- C. [Q+](#): New Haven Game Space every 1st Saturday
- D. [Hagaman Library](#): (check calendar and website for locations info)

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

- E. [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
- F. [Queer Mixer: Pride Edition @ Strange Ways](#), New Haven Thur. June 5
- G. [Connecticut LGBTQ Film Festival](#) will be held June 20 - 28, 2025
- H. [NEW HAVEN'S CLOSET: 400 YEARS OF QUEER HISTORY IN THE ELM CITY](#) by New Haven Pride Center & International Festival of Arts and Ideas, Sun, June 22, 2025 - 11:00am

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

VIII. Next Meeting: 6:30pm Tuesday, June 24, 2025 - location TBD

IX. Adjournment

