



East Haven Pride Meeting Agenda

Tuesday June 24, 2025 6:30 pm

- I. Call to Order 6:33pm
- II. Officer's Reports
 - A. North Haven Pride Event - Cindy, Wonderful turnout! Wheel was a hit, raised \$135, to be invested in v-neck EH Pride shirts. Also saw a lot of other tables with wheels. People enjoyed our free crafts: bead bracelets and rainbow scratch art!
Cindy- Met with NHP at a prep meeting, there was a lot of discussion about how far they've come, and the struggle with participation they still face. Main take away: KEEP GOING
 - B. Gayme Night - Jess, decent turnout, overlap with library event. Good event at ETV studio.
Suggestions: work on a clear calendar on the EH Pride website. Include library events
- III. Committee Reports:
 - A. Outreach Committee - Suggestion: meet with NHP, see what they are doing well, continue to get advice from them
Working on a membership survey and feedback form, annually? Poll our own members
Saw a sign "LGBTQ, Allies & Families Welcome Here" at Christ of the Epiphany (church on the green), excellent to see support. Cindy- Talks to Barbara from the church at food pantry, expressed how meaningful the sign is. Potential for future use of space(church basement), fundraiser for food pantry.
 - B. Fundraising - Carmine- notes for next year's Ride with Pride event: change it up a little. Dessert Bar after trolley ride, different menu, theme. Make it interesting each year, signature event.
 - C. Teen Programming/Social Events- no report, idea! Open mic night, maybe Cabaret on Main?
 - D. Website/Social Media- idea: work on calendar, embed on website
 - E. Education - no report
- IV. New Business:
 - A. East Haven Banner Update - Cindy: banner priced out w/ LUV Custom to be VERY expensive due to all the colors, Business Stickers- nearly \$7 a sticker. Looking for different options/work arounds.
Suggestion: Business cards, and specific "EH Pride supports your business" cards to give when patronizing local businesses. Would be a good publicity campaign
Suggestion: For the 'Safe Space' stickers, brainstorm some guidelines to ensure the businesses are actually a safe space, before putting our name to it. Offer employee training? A pledge? Ask NHP about their process

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. East Haven Pride at the Farmers Market - **Sunday, July 13, 2025, 8am-1pm. East Haven Green.** Sarah- We were invited to participate in Family Day! Sign up to volunteer at our craft table, or stop by to visit! (Please come hang out with me)
- C. East Haven Pride 1 year Anniversary event: **Wednesday, July 16, 5:30-8pm, Shoreline Trolley Museum.** Mark your calendars, tell your friends, and sign up to volunteer! We'll have our crafts (bead bracelets and rainbow scratch art), merch, ice cream bar, and Trolley Rides, and 50/50 raffle! Thank you to the Shoreline Trolley Museum for hosting us for their non-profit giveback night. Trolley Museum also shared event on a LOT of social media and news outlets. If you see it, like, share and repost! Invitations sent to local elected officials.
- V. Community Calendar
- 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 calendar and website for locations info)
- 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
-July 2nd- Pass the Plate Community Dinner
- E. [Connecticut LGBTQ Film Festival](#) will be held June 20 - 28, 2025
- F. [Strange Ways](#) (New Haven) LGBTQIArts Show closing reception 6/27, 6pm
- G. [Shoreline Theater Company](#)- RENT at Branford HS, 6/26&27
- H. [Milford Pride](#)- 6/28
- I. [Madison Pride](#) Sept. 13.
- VI. Rainbows / Other Business (Member can share any news or happenings)
-Idea for next year: offer scholarships to graduating high school students. Small, but meaningful gesture to local students.
- VII. Next Meeting: 6:30pm Tuesday, July 29, 2025 - location TBD
- VIII. Adjournment 7:06pm

Bonus: Thank you Cindy for the ice cream!

-Respectfully submitted, 6/30/2025, Sarah Parlato

