



East Haven Pride
Meeting Minutes
Beach House
August 26, 2025 6:30 pm

- I. Call to Order 6:30pm
- II. Officer's Reports
 - A. Cindy- EHPride keychains are in! And they look AWESOME
 - B. Recently saw a video about seeing other people that support the lgbtq community in public and how much of an impact it can make. From the [Rainbow Youth Project](https://www.tiktok.com/@rainbowyouthproject/video/7510220396055072043) and Oslo Pride (Norway) <https://www.tiktok.com/@rainbowyouthproject/video/7510220396055072043>
 - C. Treasurer: \$2,985 in all accounts to date
- III. Committee Reports:
 - A. Outreach Committee:
 1. Survey Results are in! 10 responses. Highlights include:
 - a) Tuesday night meetings work, suggest a virtual option
 - b) Facebook and email most popular communication
 - c) High interest in adult programs, speaker series
 - d) Suggestion: define roles and duties of committees, possible recruitment by advertising
 - e) Suggestion: make it clear that allies are included at events
 2. There is an interest in resuming a speaker series, inviting guests, and round table discussions.
 3. Suggestion: Thimble Island Cruise as a special event, more presence at town & local events. Anyone interested in a EHPride team for the EH Rec Bocci Tournament (16 week starting in the spring). Or once off games, challenge other local groups
 4. New Haven Pride Bowling was in East Haven at circle lanes. Possible winter events
 - B. Fundraising: Lots of upcoming events in the works
 1. Darlin Divas Drag Queen Bingo- winter event, check Annex schedule to avoid overlapping events
 2. KenDUCKy Derby, Rubber Duck Race at Trolley Museum- spring
 3. Christ and the Epiphany (church on the green) offered space for dinner or other events
 4. Thimble Island Cruise- "Launch Pride" summer event for Pride
 - C. Teen Programming/Social Events
 1. Teen game night at Phantasm Gaming in Branford, offered to host for \$5 a person, either game rental or lead game, end of September. Aim for teens in middle and high school. Reach out to school contacts to advertise. Confirm the date and get a flyer to advertise at Fall Fest.

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.

D. Website/Social Media

1. Suggest more regular posting, schedule for once a week

E. Education

1. Looking into speaker series

IV. Old Business:

A. East Haven Pride at the Farmers Market, 7/13/25

Sarah- It was a great time! Lots of exposure, got over 40 people added to the newsletter list.

Rainbow candy raffle basket was well received, and it was a great advertising opportunity for our 1 year later that week. Saw a LOT of families with young children looking for things to do.

B. East Haven Pride 1 Year Anniversary event, 7/16/25

EXCELLENT event with the hot weather. Good turnout with lots of new faces, a good time had by all. Made \$400. Special thanks to the Trolley Museum for hosting.

V. New Business:

A. East Haven Fall Festival, September 5, 6 & 7th

Volunteer Sign-ups! Need people for the whole weekend, sign up for an hour or two to help out!

Email us to sign up Craft: beads and rainbow scratch-off, Merch including keychains and stickers will be for sale. Raffle baskets, sell tickets. Suggestion: Rainbow crosswalk on sidewalk near booth. Suggestion: flag or sign on poles ABOVE tent

B. Madison Pride, Sept 13th, 1-4pm

Volunteer sign-ups! Email to sign up

C. Motion for East Haven Pride to become a nonprofit member of the East Haven Chamber of Commerce, for \$150/year. Discussion: would be great visibility and access to local businesses. Will help when we do our sticker campaign.

Motion passes with majority agreement.

D. Library reached out to partner for a spooky game night on October 1st, they will organize, we will both advertise.

E. Momauguin Trunk or Treat will be Sat. Oct. 25. Does Pride want to participate? Will need to purchase candy

F. Lavender Ball (joint event) will be in Jan/Feb 2026

G. Future meeting through the end of the year will be at the Beach House

H. Hagaman Memorial Library put out [an update](#) on the flood repairs and a request for letters:

“What do you love about your library?” Members took a minute to write down their responses to include in a letter from East Haven Pride. Members are encouraged to write their own letters and send them to smallory@biblio.org

- VI. Community Calendar
 - A. [New Haven Pride](#) Sunday Sept. 7th
 - B. [Madison Pride](#) Saturday Sept. 13th
 - C. [North Haven Pride](#): Pre-Teen Group, Caregiver Support, Teen Night
 - D. [Q+](#): New Haven Game Space every 1st Saturday
 - E. [Hagaman Library](#): (check calendar and website for locations info)
 - F. [New Haven Pride Center](#)- LOTS of events & groups-
- VII. Rainbows / Other Business (Member can share any news or happenings)
- VIII. Next Meeting: 6:30pm Tuesday, September 23, 2025 - location TBD
- IX. Adjournment 7:23pm

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Parlato, secretary