

PFLAG Madison

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Meeting Place:

Friends Meeting House, 1704 Roberts Court, Madison, WI

Meeting:

2:00 to 4:00 PM, 3rd Sunday of the month, Sept. to May

National PFLAG Website: <http://www.pflag.org>



President: Jeanne Williams

Treasurer: Paul Wertsch

Board Members: Sandy Feria, Michael Rosenman, and Jackie Wealti

Founded in 1973, PFLAG is the first and largest organization dedicated to supporting, educating, and advocating for LGBTQ+ people and their families.

HAPPY PRIDE!

Meeting Summary - May 21, 2023

Erika Gallagher (she/her) is a fourth year high school teacher currently at Verona Area High School. Erika was a Posse scholar, triple-majored in English Literature, Gender & Women's Studies, and Social Welfare, and has a Masters of Science in Curriculum & Instruction from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She is a WI lifetime certified teacher in Secondary English and ESL. This year she was awarded classroom grants from the Greater Madison Writing Project, the Verona Area Education Foundation, and the National Abolitionist Teaching Network. She is co-advisor of the VAHS Gender and Sexuality Alliance, an eSports coach, and a leader in grading for equity, standards-based learning, and social justice issues. She expressed gratitude for PFLAG-Madison for helping fund her excursion to the 2023 NEA LGBTQ+ Social Justice & Leadership Conference from April 21-23, 2023 -- it was an experience that truly changed her life! During this conference studies revealed that only 1% regretted having gender transformation surgery as compared to 65% for cosmetic surgery and 20% for knee replacement surgery.

Annual Meeting Summary

Prior to the start of the our speaker meeting May 21, 2023, we had a brief Annual Meeting. There will be no changes:

Board members & Officers

Sandy Feria

Michael Rosenman

Jackie Wealti

Paul Wertsch, Treasurer

Jeanne Williams, President

Thank you Board Members and officers and the following people who continue with their time and dedication to our Chapter:

Jim Whitney - Webmaster & newsletter

Karen Baker - Phone messages & endless amounts of ribbon cutting

Sandy Feria - Email messages
Jackie Wealti - Meeting summary writing
Matt Shapiro - Facebook redesign
OutReach, Our Lives Magazine & Isthmus - Event announcements
Fromagination - Supply storage for the farmer's market

No Summer Meetings

Keeping with our usual schedule, there will be no monthly meeting until September. We will; however, continue to be at the Dane County Farmer's Market each Saturday in addition to numerous Pride Events in June.

The Board will meet in July to set up the schedule with topics and speakers for next year. We want to represent YOU so please let us know what you would like to know more about or if you have a subject or speaker to suggest.

Pride Events

By the time this goes to print, we will have participated in the Pride Drag Queen Story Time at the Henry Vilas Zoo on the afternoon of June 9th.



At the Vilas Drag Queen Story Time

Saturday, June 3 we were at the Trek Bike & Madison Soccer Pride Event at Breese Stevens Field. Steve Davis and Amy Squitieri volunteered for the second shift.



Join us Saturday afternoon, June 24 in Sun Prairie and Sunday, June 25 in McFarland.

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“I have only to break into the tightness of a strawberry,
and I see summer – its dust and lowering skies.”

—Toni Morrison, *The Bluest Eye*

