

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>

Parents, Families, Friends and Allies United with LGBTQ People to move equality forward

Support

Education

Advocacy

President: Lora Schmid-Dolan

President-Elect: Susie Murray

Past President: Jeanne Williams

Treasurer: Susie Murray

Board Members: Joanne Lee, Sandy Feria, Paul Wertsch, Nancy Jones, Ken Jones and Joann Elder



NEXT MEETING – September 17

Andrea Johnson from American Family Insurance will speak to their LGBTQ policies.

May Meeting Summary - Lora Schmid-Dolan

The annual board of directors elections were held at the May general meeting. Elected to the board were Paul Wertsch, Nancy Jones, and Ken Jones.

Karen Baker is stepping down after 18 years of continuous service. Anne Urbanski is also leaving the board after 5 years of service. Thank you Karen and Anne for your hard work and dedication.

A PFLAG member and parent of an adult child in the LGBTQ community discussed the non-binary/genderqueer community. Each person in this community experiences and expresses this differently, but they essentially have a deep, persistent unease with being associated only with the binary gender assigned to them from infancy. She stressed the need on how we could be better allies to this community. We can and should mention our pronouns when introducing ourselves in all settings, and should add it to name tags. We can use inclusive words more frequently, such as person, parent and friend, rather than man/woman, mom/dad and boyfriend/girlfriend. We can also challenge ourselves to not automatically label people as male/female.

Madison PFLAG Membership Reminder

PFLAG memberships run from Oct. 1 - Sept 30th each year. If you have not yet submitted your membership for this upcoming year, please fill out the [membership form](#) and send it along with your dues to Susie Murray, 106 Mary Lou St., Verona, WI, 53593.

PFLAGPole Goes Online

Summer 2017 is the first issue of the National PFLAG newsletter, the PFLAGPole, to be distributed online. It's impressive. [Check it out here.](#)

Madison PFLAG Summer Activities

PFLAG summer picnic

At the PFLAG summer picnic 14 PFLAGer's and friends enjoyed each other's conversations and a meal in August at the home of Karen and Preston Baker. Plans were discussed for the upcoming parades.

Waunakee Parade

It was a beautiful Sunday afternoon, July 30th, when we participated in the Waunafest Parade in Waunakee for the first time. We were met with a warm reception from the crowd with the usual applause and thank you shouts coming from them.

Madison Pride Parade

PFLAG participated in the annual celebration of the LGBTQ community, culminating with the Pride parade and rally on August 20.



Thank You from Jeanne Williams

To all who volunteered to sit at the farmer's market table, thank you for giving up a portion of your busy schedule. It was a fantastic season and the weather cooperated with only one rain cancellation. Our rainbow flag pins were especially popular, so much so that at times made it difficult to keep with the demand; what a fun problem! So, thanks to the ribbon cutters, too.

PFLAG Policy Matters: August 11, 2017

Federal Matters

[Lawmakers craft bicameral letter condemning anti-LGBTQ DOJ filing.](#) On August 7th, a group of 62 lawmakers from both chambers of Congress led by Rep. David Cicilline (RI-1) and Rep. Frank Pallone (NJ-6) issued a [letter](#) denouncing the Justice Department's recent friend-of-the-court [brief](#) (a recent filing arguing that lesbians, gays and bisexuals have no protections under existing federal civil rights law) in the Title VII case of Zarda V. Altitude Express.

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“Education is an admirable thing,
but it is well to remember from time to time that nothing worth knowing can be taught.”

Oscar Wilde