

## **PFLAG Madison**

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### **Meeting Place:**

Friends Meeting House, 1704 Roberts Court, Madison, WI

**Meeting:** 2:00 to 4:00 PM, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 - Mar 18, 2018: Lora Schmid-Dolan**

Our guest speaker for our March meeting will be Alan Ferguson, president of the Mount Horeb chapter of PFLAG. The [Mount Horeb chapter](#) began meeting in January, 2017. Alan will share with us a brief history of the chapter, current projects, and issues/challenges their members face.

## **February Meeting Summary - Lora Schmid-Dolan**

Our guest speaker for February's monthly meeting was James Van Abel, a facilitator from Briarpatch's Teens Like Us group. Teens Like Us has operated for 20+ years as an educational and support group for LGBTQ youth between the ages of 12-19. It offers a safe place for young people to be themselves, especially if they are the only out kid in their community which often can be unsafe. This is especially true for young people in rural areas of the state. The group also provides frank and honest discussions on such topics as safer sex for queer youth.

The group draws participants from many of the surrounding areas including Sun Prairie and Stoughton and as far away as Baraboo since these communities lack services for this population.

Teens Like Us is planning their Pride Prom which will be held at the Children's Museum (date to be determined). They are seeking cash donations and other items such as transitional gear (binders), wigs, prom clothing, and Uber gift cards.

For more information or to make a donation please contact James. ---- [James.Vanabel@briarpatch.org](mailto:James.Vanabel@briarpatch.org)

## **PFLAG at the Dane County Farmer's Market - Jeanne Williams**

Starting in May and every Saturday through September, we will have our table at the Dane County Farmer's Market. Please watch for information about signing up in next month's newsletter.

## **Link to conferences related to LGBTQ youth - Anne Urbanski**

This is the longest list of LGBTQ+ conferences on the Internet.

<http://www.transstudent.org/conferences>

## Whitehorse Middle School “Boxes and Walls”

Jeanne Williams and Karen Baker met with each 6th grade and 8th grade classroom at Whitehorse Middle School during their first “Boxes and Walls” event. We were in the LGBTQ+ Resource Room joining with trans presentations as well as Sheri Hohs of MMSD. Anne Urbanski met with the 7th graders in the afternoon. Many little “pride flags “ were given out to those who understood that the flag identifies you as an ally.

## Say "Happy anniversary, PFLAG!"

This Sunday (3/11/18) PFLAG will celebrate its official 45th anniversary. That’s 45 years on the frontlines of family and ally acceptance and action, transforming values through small, personal, radical acts of love.



## Drive to ban library books with LGBTQ content erupts in Orange City (Iowa)

More than 300 people have signed a petition to either ban or label and group materials related to homosexual and transgender content in the Orange City Public Library.

Rev. Sacha Walicord of Grace Reformed Presbyterian Church rose before an overflow crowd of more than 100 at the Orange City Public Library Board of Trustees meeting Tuesday and said that LGBTQ books and other library content are “pushing an agenda” that is counter to those in the faith community.

“We won’t roll over,” he said. “We will stand up and we will fight.”

Others defended the selections, saying that a library is a place of diverse ideas and that library patrons are free to choose what to view or ignore.

See the entire article [here](#). [same-sex marriage legislation](#)

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The test of our progress  
is not whether we add to the abundance of those who have much.  
It is whether we provide enough to those who have little.

Franklin D Roosevelt (1882 - 1945)