

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

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

Next Meeting - Sunday, December 15, 2024 2:00PM

Introducing Dina Nina Martinez-Rutherford, who was called "...very funny" by the Late Late Show's James Corden, is a transgender standup comedian, Actor, Speaker, Activist and Politician. In 2023 she became the first Transgender Woman Elected to office in Madison, WI. She currently serves on the Common Council as Alder for District 15.

Her signature blend of disarming sass and charm has been featured in comedy festivals and multiple world-class comedy venues including LA Pride, The Chicago Women's Funny Festival, LA's The Comedy Store and Chicago's Zanies Comedy Club. She is the creator and executive producer of Lady Laughs Comedy Festival. She was named one of the "58 Trans Women Actors You should Know & Also Love" by AutoStraddle, She won Madison's favorite Local Comedian as voted by the readers of the Isthmus, has been in the top 3 for Best of Madison and is the recipient of the GSAFE Tammy Baldwin Trailblazer Award in 2024.



1704 Roberts Ct, Madison

2:00 - 3:00PM Guest Speaker

3:00 - 4:00PM Optional sharing/support time

Overflow parking is free and available next to the Madison Public Library, 1705 Monroe St. Everyone is welcome!

Meeting Summary Sunday, November 17, 2024

Meeting attendees were welcomed by the vibrant and passionate Pastor Jo Wiersema. They are the pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Oregon, Wisconsin. They were ordained as the first transgender clergy person in the local Presbyterian governing body in September of 2024. Pastor Jo was born and raised in Austin, TX. Although not exposed much to church as they grew up, Pastor Jo was drawn to the love, caring and support that they experienced while attending church in Madison. Pastor Jo gave up a lucrative career in the tech world to go back to school to become a pastor. Pastor Jo's remarkable story is about love being the center of everything they do as a

pastor: listening to people, caring and making sure that people are heard. One of Pastor Jo's many goals is to have church become a healing place to raise kids in a safe and inclusive environment. Pastor Jo can be reached at jo@fpcoregonwi.org.

Book & Movie Suggestions

If you have suggestions on references, reading material or movies, please let us know: pflagmadison@gmail.com.

In-Person Meetings Resume

We're excited about the topics for 2024-25 that have been scheduled so far and encourage your ideas. Meetings will be September 15, October 20, November 17, December 15, January 19, February 16, March 16, and May 18. Because of Easter, there will be no meeting April 20.

Speaker meetings are held from 2:00 - 3:00PM followed by an optional hour of sharing/support time at 1704 Roberts Ct, Madison. Overflow parking free and available at the Madison Public Library, 1705 Monroe St. Everyone is welcome and we looking forward to see you.

Membership Renewal

Annual dues, \$30 per person or \$40 per couple are due October 1, 2024. See the membership form at

<https://www.pflag-madison.org/MembershipCurrent.pdf>

and submit payment online through our website "donate" button or send your payment directly to our Treasurer, Paul Wertsch, 4221 Venetian Ln, Madison, WI 53718.

When submitting payments using PayPal or credit cards, please provide the following information via email to Paul Wertsch, Treasurer, pwertsch@gmail.com:

- Your complete name, mailing address for a tax receipt, and email address to receive the monthly newsletter.
 - The amount of money you submitted either as membership (\$30 individual/\$40 family) or as a donation.
- Email pwertsch@gmail.com if you have not received a confirmation of past transaction.

"My Christmas to-do list:

- eat,
- drink,
- be merry,
- nap."