

PFLAG Madison

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Meeting Place:

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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

Secretary: Jackie Wealti

Board Members: Sandy Feria, Michael Rosenman, Sue Martinson

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

Next Meeting - May 18

The speaker for the May 18th meeting will be Abigail Swetz, Executive Director of Fair Wisconsin. Abigail will do a short introduction and will then entertain questions from the group. She welcomes any and all questions as it relates to Fair Wisconsin and their mission. Her role with Fair Wisconsin includes an extensive history of policy, communications, public education, and advocacy experience driven by a deep passion for LGBTQ+ rights and queer liberation. Most recently, she served as the Communications Director at the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. She is an award-winning teacher, having been named the 2017 Educator of the Year by GSAFE, and has been recognized for her writing and performance at theater festivals. A powerful public speaker, she spoke at the Women's March on Madison alongside student poets, and is a spoken word artist in her own right. As a former foster parent teacher and GSA advisor, and a new adoptive parent, Abigail believes strongly in ensuring that Wisconsin is not only safe and welcoming today, but also a state where LGBTQ+ rights are protected and our community celebrated for many generations to come. The meeting will continue with a short Annual Meeting followed by the usual confidential sharing time.

Annual Meeting - Sunday, May 18 3:00PM

Following our speaker, Abigail Swetz, we will have our Annual Meeting before continuing with the sharing time. Items to discuss are: a Treasurer's Report, Membership Update, Donations Received and Gifted, and updates on the Executive Board. There are also three Board Member Nominees that we will vote on: Bill Gillespie, Deb Laurence and Amelia McConnell. Everyone is welcome to attend; however, only members are allowed to vote.

Thank You Great Dane

Madison's Great Dane Pub & Brewing recently sent us a generous donation. Please visit them as our way of saying thanks!

Farmer's Market Update

Saturdays at the Dane County Farmer's Market have begun with much appreciation to all of the volunteers. Check out the schedule for some open slots at SignUpGenius.com. You will need a User ID and password, search for PFLAG Farmer's Market Table. Questions? Contact jtwilliams8348@gmail.com.

GSAFE Leadership Celebration May 17, 2025

Join GSAFE at their annual Leadership Celebration Saturday, May 17, 2025 from 5:00-8:30PM at the Monona Terrace, <https://gsafewi.org/event/8973/>.

Washington DC Update

While in Washington DC recently Jeanne and Matt had the pleasure of meeting with aides of Senator Tammy Baldwin and Congressman Mark Pocan (who also stopped in to say hello). In addition to Wisconsinites expressing our concerns via phone or email to them, we were encouraged to contact all state representatives about proposed anti-LGBTQ legislation now and in the future. You can share your stories and experiences with Senator Baldwin at <https://www.baldwin.senate.gov/mystory> as well as request being included on the "Tammy Tipsheet" for updates on her projects.

Board of Directors Announcement & Looking for More!

I am pleased to announce Jackie Wealti has become our Chapter Secretary and Sue Martinson is our newest Board of Director.

Do you have an interest in becoming more involved in the future of our Chapter and have ideas to share? We are looking to expand our Board of Directors, please contact pflagmadison@gmail.com for more information.

Book & Movie Suggestions

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

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.

"You gotta bloom where you're planted."

Dolly Parton

