

The Frederick Center Annual Meeting Minutes
10am Saturday, October 17, 2015
Grace Reformed United Church of Christ, Frederick MD

Welcome and introductions Brian Walker, Chair

State of The Frederick Center

Treasurer's Report Peter Brehm, Treasurer

- Balance as of 10/1/2014: \$17,659.40
- Balance as of 1/1/2015: \$18,000.55
- Balance as of 9/30/2015: \$21,233.66

Youth Services Report Maureen Connors & Gene Stanton

- Hosted weekly Youth Group meetings, with average attendance of 25 LGBTQ youth
- Retained the paid services of an LCSW to provide counselor-led meetings twice a month
- Started participating in the Youth Equality Alliance (YEA). In support of that organization, attended a hearing in Annapolis in support of greater State resourcing for LGBTQ youth
- Planning a Housing Instability program for LGBTQ youth who get kicked out of their homes
- Volunteer Fair on 11/5/2015, looking for parents, allies, and adult LGBTQ to get involved

Transgender/Gender Nonconforming Group Kristopher Fair for Miller Hoffman

- Hosted monthly meetings, a growing adult group

HIV Home Test Kits Program Peter Brehm

- Distributed 72 HIV Home Health Test Kits at outreach events like In the Streets and Pride 2015
- Always need volunteers to assist staffing outreach events and [soliciting donations](#)

Adult Services Katherine Jones and Brian Walker

- Supported presentation of "I am my Own Wife" play at MET, story of Trans person in Germany.
- Initiated compilation local LGBTQ his/herstory
- Held interdenominational service in conjunction with Pride
- Held Ally of the Year event last winter. [Make nominations for 2015 here.](#)
- Organized 12 Pink Drink social events, [join our mailing list to get invites.](#)
- Need volunteers to help think of, organize, staff, and host events

Outreach Kristopher Fair

- Events
 - Mental Health Awareness Event table and panel participation in October, 2015
 - In the Streets table, September 2015
 - National Night Out table, Summer of 2015
 - Hood College Community Resources Day table, Spring 2015
- Liaisons Into
 - Youth Equality Alliance
 - Frederick County Child Fatality Review Board

- Frederick County Human Relations Commission
- Frederick County Equity Partnership
- HIV/AIDS Coalition
- Formal Partnerships/MOUs (Memorandum of Understanding)
 - Frederick County Department of Health
 - FreeState Legal
 - Frederick Film Festival
- Networking
 - Met with new City of Frederick Police Chief, to continue existing strong relationship
 - Met with Frederick County Department of Health Director
 - Met with Frederick Memorial Hospital Diversity Director
- Policy Guidance
 - Provided input to Frederick Memorial Hospital on Sexual Orientation/Gender Identity record keeping/medical intake questions
- LGBTQ 101 presentations
 - The Jefferson School
 - Mental Health Association
 - Child Protective Services(the Child Advocacy Center, CPS, DSS, FCSO, FCPD)
 - Heartly House
 - Maryland Department of Corrections supervisors
 - Frederick county Public Schools
- Need volunteers to support all of these activities

Grants and Fundraising

Steve Pippin

- Received inkind support from GRUCC for office and meeting space
- Received inkind support from ERUCC for meeting space
- Received inkind support for meeting space from Dublin Roasters
- Received donations from four churches for our HIV Home Test kit Distribution program
- Received donations from two churches to support hiring of LCSW for Youth Group
- Received grants from PFLAG for Youth Group activities
- Held Carnival fundraiser, attracting 75 attendees
- Held Frederick Pride 2015, attracting 1900 attendees
- Held Pride Silent auction at donated space from Brewer's Alley
- Held F3, an LGBTQ film festival at donated space from Delaplaine Arts Center. In partnership with The Frederick Film Fest.
- Need volunteers to help plan and staff these events and write grants. Contact <mailto:fundraising@thefrederickcenter.org>

2014 Ally of the Year and 2015 Nominations Brian Walker

- 2014 Ally: Tiffany Fossett
- [2015 Ally nomination](#) period ends 11/10/2015
- Need volunteers to plan, host, and staff this event.

Looking Ahead

Kris Fair

- Pride 2016, 06/25/2016 11-7pm in Carroll Creek Linear Park

- Restart of Peaceful Connection peer support group
- LGBTQ 101 presentation to 2016 Frederick Police Academy (and many others)
- “Frederick as a Welcoming City” conference. All day conference for teachers, health-care professional, social service agencies, and others. Spring 2016, in concert with partners.
- Formation of a Parents of Trans Youth Support Group – need champions
- Formation of a Young Adult (21-35) Group – need champions
- Continue pursuing Emergency Shelter / Housing Instability Program; MOU with Student Housing Initiative Program (SHIP) being explored
- Based on volunteer support, expanded Outreach, Adults Services, HIV, Youth Group programming

Getting Involved

Brian Walker

- 1) [Join our free self-serve mailing list online](#)
- 2) [Become a paying member online](#)
- 3) [Make a one-time donation online](#) (or send to The Frederick Center, PO Box 3231, Frederick MD 21705)
- 4) Attend our events. Join our mailing list (above link), see our [website](#), or like us and share our events on [Facebook](#).
- 5) Volunteer for one-time opportunities, join our mailing list (above link) to get notices
- 6) Attend the Thursday 11/5/2015 [Youth Services Volunteer Fair](#)

Board members present: Brian Walker, Maureen Connors, Peter Brehm, Kristopher Fair, Katherine Jones, Steven Pippin, Eugene Stanton, Adam DeBaugh

Board members absent: Liz Barrett

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The Frederick Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation dedicated to support, educate, link, organize, and provide outreach to the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) community of central Maryland. Since 2012.

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