

**The Frederick Center Annual Meeting
Sunday, November 5, 2017 -- 3:00 pm
C. Burr Artz Library**

Minutes

1. Board chair Kris Fair welcomed attendees. He asked board members present to introduce themselves.
2. Treasure Susan Leathery gave the Treasurer's report:

Bank balance as of September 30, 2016: \$23,393.59

Bank balance as of December 31, 2016: \$22,217.52

Bank balance as of September 30, 2017: \$26,536.21

For Fiscal Year 2016, ending December 31, 2016, total costs were \$50,127.20, of which \$46,660.65 were spent on programs and services to the community.

YTD for Fiscal Year 2017, ending September 30, 2017, total expenses have been \$56,092.51, of which \$51,130.18 were spent on programs and services to the community.

3. Maureen Connor reported on Youth Services, including the nearly 1000 contact points made with youth since the Youth Group started. She announced formation of the Young Adult Group. She invited community members to volunteer as chaperones.
4. Peter Brehm report on the Frederick HIV Coalition, which support Frederick County Health Department testing for HIV as well as distributes free home HIV test kits. The group is presenting a World AIDs Day event at FCC on Thursday, November 30, starting at 6 pm.
5. Because Tony Soltero was absent, Kris Fair presented information about Adult Services, including:
 - a. The Transgender/Gender Non-conforming Peer Support group continues meeting once per month, attracting 10 to 12 people per meeting. With permission by the facilitator, participants younger than 18 have on occasion been permitted to attend. Miller Hoffmann has announced he is leaving his role as facilitator at the end of 2017 and The Frederick Center is working to identify a replacement. A candidate has been identified.
 - b. TransFamily continues to meet, support 8 – 10 parents / guardians every other week.
 - c. Safe Space Healing, presented in coordination with Heartly House for LGBTQ victims of sexual assault, continues offering it services.
 - d. Pink Drinks continues monthly at a wider range of homes and businesses.
6. Em Perper updated attendees about OutReach efforts, which has included being present at:
 - a. In the Street
 - b. Latino Festival
 - c. El Shaddai event
 - d. AACF Health Festival
 - e. FMH event upcoming on 11/10

The group has presented LGBTQ 101 to several organizations over the year as well.

7. Kris Fair introduced Nicole Beller as the Frederick Pride 2018 Coordinator. Nicole reported she has developed a project timeline and is excited to be leading the group. She noted the first planning meeting will take place Tuesday, December 12 starting at 6 pm at the C. Burr Artz Community Room.
8. Rev, Barbara Kershner Daniel reported that she is seeking a Rotary Club grant for the Youth Group and that other grants will be pursued by the Grants Committee. Grants for a physical space and Executive Director are also being sought.
9. Brian Walker invited participants to volunteer.
10. Questions and answers:
 - a. In response to a question regarding The Frederick Center lobbying for transgender civil rights and protections, board members reminded attendees that the IRS 501(c)(3) tax exempt designation forbids The Frederick Center from lobbying for or endorsing candidates or political causes. The Frederick Center can advocate for transgender civil rights, which the organization continues to do, and cannot endorse any candidate political entity.
11. The meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm.