

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

Welcome and introductions Brian Walker

State of The Frederick Center

Treasurer's Report Peter Brehm

Youth Services Report Maureen Connors

- Hosted weekly Youth Group meetings, with average attendance of 25 LGBTQ youth
- Retained the services of an LCSW to support the group twice a month
- Started participating in the Youth Equality Alliance (YEA) and in support of that organization attended a hearing in Annapolis in support of greater State resourcing for LGBTQ youth
- Initiated Housing Instability program for LGBTQ youth who get kicked out of their homes
- Volunteers needed to help staff Youth Group meeting and assist with Housing Instability program

Transgender/Gender Nonconforming Group Kris Fair

- Hosted monthly meetings

HIV Home Test Kits Program Adam DeBaugh or Peter Brehm

- Distributed 72 HIV Home Health Test Kits at outreach events like In the Streets and Pride 2015
- Need volunteers to assist staffing outreach events and soliciting donations

Adult Services Katherine Jones or Brian Walker

- Supported presentation of "I am my Own Wife" play
- Initiated compilation local LGBTQ his/herstory
- Held interdenominational service in conjunction with Pride
- Held Ally of the Year event
- Organized 12 Pink Drink social events
- Need volunteers to help organize, staff, and host these events

Outreach Kris Fair

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

- Frederick County Equity Partnership
- HIV/AIDS Coalition
- Partnerships/MOUs
 - Frederick County Department of Health
 - FreeState Legal
 - Frederick Film Festival
- Networking
 - Met with new City of Frederick Police Chief
 - 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 HIV Home Test kit program
- Received donations from two churches to support hiring of Youth Group LCSW
- Received grants from PFLAG for Youth Group activities
- Held Carnival fundraiser, attracting 75 attendees
- Held Pride 2015, attracting 1900 attendees
- Held Pride Silent auction
- Held F3, an LGBTQ film festival
- Need volunteers to help plan and staff these events and write grants

2014 Ally of the Year and 2015 Nominations Brian Walker

- 2014 Ally: Tiffany Fossett
- Need volunteers to plan, host, and staff this event.

Looking Ahead

Kris Fair

- Pride 2016
- Restart of Peaceful Connection peer support group
- LGBTQ 101 presentation to 2016 Frederick Police Academy

- Frederick as a Welcoming City conference
- Parents of Trans Youth Support Group
- Young Adult (21-35) Group
- 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

Questions and Comments

Brian Walker

WE NEED YOUR HELP: PLEASE BECOME A MEMBER OF THE FREDERICK CENTER

WHY? Youth Group ~~~ Other Youth Services ~~~ Trans and Gender Non-Conforming Community Group ~~~ HIV Test Kit Distribution Program ~~~ LGBTQ Awareness & Sensitivity Training for government and service organizations ~~~ Keeps our website online ~~~ Brochures, palm cards, posters in effective locations.

HOW? Head to our website www.thefrederickcenter.org and click "Join Our Mailing List". After you sign up for our free mailing list, click the PayPal buttons below it. \$10 for individuals or \$20 for a household. Thank you for keeping the lights on!

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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