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Meetings are back!!



Serving the Ann Arbor and Washtenaw County area, PFLAG Ann Arbor's monthly support meetings are back, although not yet in person.

PFLAG Ann Arbor NEEDS YOU!! Our next Zoom meeting will be on **Sunday, November 21** from 2 to 3:30-ish PM (and a promise to keep it short).

- Register with your email address and we'll send you a link: https://forms.gle/dAz8EjQaw85E5CyaA.
- Contact <u>PFLAG.AnnArbor@gmail.com</u> for further information. Come with a story
 of your own, AND be ready to pitch in with your own peer-to-peer support.

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Help build our leadership team!

Leaders are needed now!

We have much work to do. If PFLAG Ann Arbor is going to continue to exist, we need an Executive Committee to keep it going. PFLAG National would like us to identify a President, Secretary, and Co-Treasurer. Our previous Executive Committee members can work with you to make the transition, but the situation is urgent. Without a new Executive Committee, we will need to close down as an affiliated Chapter after our December meeting. It is simply too much work for one or two people to do.

Here is a draft of the Executive Committee job descriptions, based on what I have been doing for the past few months. Please feel free to contact me at PFLAG.AnnArbor@gmail.com if you wish to be part of the leadership team, or if you want to take on part of the work of a support committee. We can do this together!

What if we can't find new leaders?

If we aren't able to identify an Executive Committee here's what we stand to lose:

- We will lose our affiliation with <u>PFLAG National</u>: the name PFLAG has recognition value. People look to <u>PFLAG chapters</u> for support, education, and advocacy. We will lose our 501(c)(3) status and many of the <u>supports that PFLAG National provides</u> for free or at a very low cost.
- Our local chapter will need to close down our <u>website</u>, <u>phone line</u>, <u>and PO Box</u> without the donations and membership fees that support them.
- PFLAG Ann Arbor will lose its free virtual office space from <u>Google Workspace</u> for <u>Non-Profits</u>.

This chapter is in its 40th year. Much has changed since it first started. Although the Ann Arbor area seems to have many services and supports, we also support folks in the rest of the county and in nearby counties, where no chapter exists. Needs have changed, young people are coming out at earlier ages, and our Chapter seeks to include a new generation of parents, families, friends, allies, and peers in the LGBTQ+ community. Our chapter recognizes that we need to encompass these changing needs. We can do this!

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PFLAG/Ann Arbor Mission Statement

PFLAG/Ann Arbor promotes the well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and questioning persons, their families, and friends through

- Support to cope with an adverse society.
- Education to enlighten an ill-informed public.
- Advocacy to end discrimination and to secure equal civil rights.

PFLAG/Ann Arbor provides an opportunity for dialogue about sexual orientation and gender identity and acts to create a society that is healthy and respectful of human diversity.

PFLAG is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and is not affiliated with any religious or political group. All donations are tax-exempt.

Support PFLAG Ann Arbor!

Become a Member!

October started the new fiscal year for PFLAG Ann Arbor. Membership fees are due.

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Membership Application	Mail To:
(Please Print)	PFLAG Ann Arbor
Name	PO Box 7471 Ann Arbor MI 48107
Address	Make checks payable to PFLAG Ann Arbor
City StZip Code	\$ 35.00 Individual
E-mail	\$ 45.00 Household
Put me on your E-mail Notification System	\$ 55.00 Supporting
Telephone Numbers New Renewal Change of Address S15 of this donation will be sent to PFLAG National	\$ 105.00 Contributing
	\$ 1000.00 Lifetime
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