Annual Membership Meeting Set for February 20

The annual membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 20, at 6:30 p.m., at the CHUN mansion, 1290 Williams St., Denver.

AGENDA
- Greet membership
- Voting on by-laws
- Voting new Treasurer
- New VP and President
- Creating teams for programs
- Rebecca Reynolds in the office
- New ways to engage membership
- Growing Denver chapter
- Fundraising
- Adjourn meeting

Speaking of membership, it’s time to renew! The Board has made changes in the membership form, which is attached, and has also changed the structure of membership.

Formerly, dues for individual membership were $35 and for family membership, $55. The Board has voted to have only one membership category, i.e., for individuals, couples, or families, with dues set at $55. Business memberships are also available at two levels, $250 (basic) or $300 (supporter).

Persons who joined the Board during the year — Curtis Halbach, Jaime Marston-Cook, and Rebecca Reynolds — will be voted in at the annual meeting.

Reminder from the Scholarship Committee

Do you know someone who might qualify for one of our 2019 college scholarships?

Again this year, PFLAG Denver will award scholarships to deserving students who identify as LGBTQ+ or allies.

Applicants must be Colorado high school seniors or college freshman or sophomores. Scholarships are awarded based on service to the LGBTQ+ community.

Applicants must submit three essays, two letters of recommendation, and a transcript to verify enrollment. Sexual identity and gender orientation are not contributing factors for a scholarship.

Application deadline is February 8.

Please visit the Scholarship tab at our web site — www.pflagdenver.org — for more information and to download an application.

Changes in By-Laws To Be Voted On

The Board of Directors has updated the chapter’s by-laws, and the new version, with updated sections highlighted, is included with this newsletter. The following is an explanation of the changes.

ARTICLE I. NAME
The earlier by-laws stipulated “The name of the Organization is Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays of Denver, Inc.” The official name is now updated to “PFLAG Denver.”

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE, POLICIES, MISSION
The change in the first paragraph is simply to replace “of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender persons,” with “of all LGBTQ+.”

The third paragraph cites the new mission statement; it condenses the wording without altering the meaning.

ARTICLE VIII. DIRECTORS
The original by-laws required that a majority of the members of the Board of Directors be parents. The revised by-laws have removed the clause, “of whom a majority shall be parents,” as well as the paragraph defining “parent.”

ARTICLE IX. OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION
This changes the term of officers from one year to two years and removes the sentence “The President shall be a parent.”

ARTICLE XI. COMMITTEES AND TEAMS
The previous listing of specific teams (Leadership Development, Resource Development, Financial Management) has been eliminated. Only two sections — Executive Committee and Other Teams and Special Committees — remain, unchanged.
PFLAG SUPPORT GROUPS

Sunday, February 3
Gender Expansive Kids Group
3405 N. Downing St., Suite D
11:00 A.M. - 1 P.M.

Wednesday, February 6
Denver Families Group
CHUN Mansion, 1290 Williams St.
6:30 P.M.

Wednesday, February 6 CANCELLATION
Jeffco Families Group

Wednesday, February 13 CANCELLATION
Grupo de Alianza Familiar

Wednesday, February 13
Transgender Community Circle
3405 N. Downing St., Suite D
6:30 P.M.

Sunday, February 17
Gender Expansive Kids Group
3405 N. Downing St., Suite D
11:00 A.M. - 1 P.M.

Wednesday, February 20 CANCELLATION
PFLAG Online Community

***********************************************************

Friday, February 8
Deadline for scholarship applications
(See box, page 1)

Wednesday, February 20 Annual Membership Meeting
(See article, page 1)

Wednesday, February 27
Board of Directors meeting
CHUN Mansion, 6:30 P.M.

---

PFLAG National has announced that, effective February 1, Brian Bond will be the new Executive Director.

The Colorado Health Network announces the opening on January 22 of its new sex-positive health clinic in its new building at 6240 East Colfax in Denver. Clients will now have an alternative option for healthcare when seeking treatment for PrEP, NPEP (non-occupational post-exposure prophylaxis), HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C, and transgender and gender non-conforming care. This expansion of services complements CHN’s array of existing services, ranging from case management and supportive services to oral health care, mental health care and substance use counseling, all available beneath one roof and often during the same visit.

PFLAG Denver is teaming up with the Denver Center for the Performing Arts to offer discounts to our members for their upcoming shows. Get more information and the discount code from the attached flyer.

For this month’s newsletter, Board member Mia Furtado asked Sara Winter to cite her history and contributions to PFLAG Denver, as a way to introduce her to new board members as well as to recognize her many years of dedicated service. Sara has provided this ed summary:

By Lisa Telk

Volunteer Voices

Coming soon is our award ceremony for our youth scholarship program. We are looking for volunteers to help us set up and break down, as well as help with the activities throughout the entire night.

It is an exciting night and last year we had at least four volunteers. If you helped last year, I certainly will be reaching out to all of you again, but if anyone else is interested, please email pflagden@tde.com.

Also, if anyone is interested in volunteering in general with events or helping us excel in fundraising or marketing, we are always looking for people to join our PFLAG volunteer team!!