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President's Message

The Fort Wayne Chapter of PFLAG is in the midst of our annual membership drive. Hopefully you all received your membership registration or renewal form with the self-addressed stamped (with almost enough postage) envelope. Revenue from our membership drive comprises nearly ninety (90) percent of the income for the chapter each year. That revenue allows us to put out the monthly newsletter and fund special projects for the year. I hope that you will give serious consideration to returning your membership to us as soon as possible. I also would like to invite

you to consider volunteering some time to PFLAG. We have three major projects on which we would like to work this year. Since we rely on volunteers to accomplish these projects, more volunteers means that we can get more done. In addition to these projects, we have several opportunities to staff information booths at various events throughout the year, and we are invited to send panels of gay, lesbian, bisexual and trans-gendered individuals, and their parents, families and friends to speak to interested groups throughout the year. If you are interested

in participating in any of these events, please indicate your interest on the membership form, contact us via email or telephone, and we would be glad to add you to the list. I also want to take a minute to publicly thank our new newsletter producers, Dave and Mark. They have taken over this task, and I am confident you will enjoy the format of the newsletter as it evolves. Thank you Mark and Dave and everyone else who supports our chapter with your time and money. I hope to see you at an upcoming meeting or event.

Stan Pflueger, Chapter President

Rob Grayless Guest At Local Chapter January Meeting

The guest for the January 9th meeting of PFLAG at the Plymouth Congregational church was Rob Grayless telling us about opportunities with region 3 of Indiana Equality.

Currently Indiana is in the process of passing legislation that will make same-sex marriage impossible in the state of Indiana. Before this legislation can be made law, though, two separately elected legislative bodies must pass it. It has already fulfilled half of this by passing in the current session. Luckily for us there will not be an opportunity for the legislation to be passed by another 'separately elected' body until the 2007 session. This gives us a chance to influence this decision by influencing the next legislative body by getting out for the vote.

It was also noted that it is important to

let people know that GLBT people and their allies are not the only ones affected by these laws. There have been several legal decisions in Ohio and other states who have already passed such legislation which have shown that there are many far reaching hidden consequences which will affect us all in ways that are fundamental to our rights as citizens of the United States.

There are IE is helping to raise money to pay for professional managers and for lobbyists who will help to make certain that our voices are heard in the Indiana state legislature. There is a lot of information available to help each of us contribute in time,

money and participation to be found on the official IE site (www.indianaequality.org). While there you will want to check out the 'Get Active' program and software. You should also check out the IE !Yahoo group on the web at www.groups.yahoo.com : IndianaEqualityRegion3 to keep updated on local meetings and events.

PFLAG is connected in a very important way to IE. We hold a steering committee seat and have since September of 2005. This means that supporting the local PFLAG chapter is also an important step in helping to bring the needs of our local community to the attention of our state legislature.



Learn how you can help raise money to support IE's efforts locally by holding a House Party. You can raise the awareness of your friends, family and neighbors at the same time! Information is available many ways, including contacting your local IE representatives, joining them at the meetings held regularly at 7PM on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Up The Stairs Community Center, attending the monthly City Social sponsored by IE on the 4th Tuesday of the month at locations advertised in bulletins on the Yahoo group, or by asking us at PFLAG for contact information.



Upcoming Events:

February 13 — Fort Wayne PFLAG Meeting

February 21, 2006 — Road Trip to Defiance College, Defiance Ohio. A panel of speakers will talk to a Sociology class and answer questions about glbt issues.

March 13 — Fort Wayne PFLAG Meeting

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FINANCIAL REPORT

PFLAG Fort Wayne Chapter

Beginning October 1, 2004 -- Ending September 30, 2005

Beginning Assets	<u>\$1,997.83</u>
Revenue	
Interest	6.27
Dinner Dance Tickets	240.00
Proceeds from Pride Booth	-
Other Deposits	425.00
Two Dollar Bill Campaign Memberships/Donations	100.00 670.00
	<u>\$ 1,441.27</u>
Expenses	
Postage & Supplies	\$ (228.20)
Indiana Secretary of State	-
Dinner Dance Tickets	(240.00)
Pride Booth Rental	(30.00)
Love Makes a Family	(200.00)
Two Dollar Bill Campaign	(100.00)
Misc. Expenses	(196.07)
CDs for Pride	(72.04)
Memberships	(330.00)
	<u>\$(1,396.31)</u>
Net Income	<u>\$ 44.96</u>
Total Assets 09/30/04	<u>\$2,042.79</u>
Checking Balance	\$ 717.34
Savings Balance	<u>1,325.45</u>
Total Savings & Checking	<u>\$2,042.79</u>

We meet the second Monday of each month 7:00 pm at
Plymouth Congregational Church
 501 W. Berry Street (corner of Fairfield and Berry)
 For more information call 260-497-8528 or
 e-mail PflagFtWayne@aol.com

The PFLAG Mission

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) promotes the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered persons, their families and friends through **support** to cope with an adverse society, **education** to enlighten an ill-informed public and **advocacy** to end discrimination and to secure equal civil rights. PFLAG 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.