

Annual Financial Report

Oct. 1, 2008 – Sept. 30, 2009

Based on our compliance with the National PFLAG fiscal year

Balance as of 10/1/08:

Checking Account	4980
Savings Account	5214
Total Operating Balance as of 10/1/08	\$10,194
Kathie Braun Youth Leadership Dev. Fund	\$28,002

Revenue

Membership Dues	4915
Individual Contributions	2136
Open Door Grant (for 9/09 to 8/10)	3000
Interest and Dividends	28
Product Sales (Books, DVDs)	165
Newsletter Ads	260
Total Operating Revenue	\$10,504

Expenditures

Program Expenses (Speakers, DVDs)	630
Rent: FUMC Meeting Facility Use	582
Help-Line Phone Expenses	781
Supplies (Copying, Stamps, Paper)	495
Dues to National PFLAG @\$15	1410
Newsletter (Copying and Postage)	1645
Advertising (Newspaper Ads)	733
Cost of Products Sold	165
Dues to Coalition/CO PFLAG	206
Special Contributions to People/Organizations	3067
Initial Payments for Trans Video Project	2500
Total Expenditures	\$12,214

Balances on 9/30/09

Checking \$5776; Savings \$2708 = **\$8484**

Kathie Braun Youth Leadership Development Fund

Contributions \$1500;

Balance in fund on 9/30/09 = **\$27,000**

(The fund lost ~ \$2500 due to market drop.)

Board of Directors

Ken Thurow	President
Kristen Kinard	Vice-President
Melissa Druckman	Secretary
Richard Butler	Treasurer
Connie Coleman	
Herb Crede	
Louise Crede	
Tsunemi Rooney	
Jean Hodges	Ex Officio

Non-Board Leadership

John Hoffman	Membership
Rollie Butler	Publicity & Volunteers
Libby Martinson	Support Coordinator
Jean Hodges	Newsletter Editor
Jeff Vance	Newsletter & Website
Ron Braun	Kathie Braun Youth Leadership Development Fund
Straight Spouse Group Facilitator Needed	
Youth Liaison Needed	



PFLAG Boulder County, Colorado Annual Report

June 2009 – May 2010

Mission Statement

PFLAG promotes the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered (GLBT) 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 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.

PFLAG Boulder County

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Membership and Finances

PFLAG Boulder County has a few more members than last year, more allies than in past years, maybe due to our Straight for Equality efforts. Membership chair, John Hoffman, reports that our chapter has 107 member units as of May, 2010, for which we pay \$15 dues each to the national office. We count 156 individuals; 58% are family and friends and 42% are gay, lesbian, transgender or intersex. Lesbians make up the largest portion of our LGBTQI members with less than half as many gay men. We would very much like to attract more transgender and gay members, and a youth representative to be on our board of directors to attain a healthy balance of LGBT and age representation.

The economic downturn has decreased donations to PFLAG. As you can see from the financial report, our chapter spent more in 2008-09 than we brought in. Newsletter advertising has decreased. An effort to sell ads on our website needs someone to drive it. We hope to encourage more and more people to receive their monthly newsletter via email to save some \$1600+ annually in printing and postage.

Fortunately, this year we applied for an Open Door Fund grant for operating expenses and received \$3000 in September to help make up for our deficit. We are grateful, as always, to benefit from Open Door funding that helps us to remain active and do vital work.

Our Support Mission

For the past five years we have reported a drop in phone calls on our help-line. Libby Martinson reports only 38 phone calls this past year, only 12 of which were for support. That compares to 100 in 2004-2005 and 60 in 2007-2008. Rollie Butler who captures the emails on our website says that over the past year we have had 85 messages, at least 40 were for support or information that she responded to; others were forwarded to other board members in various categories. With a cost of \$781 for annual phone expenses, the board at their upcoming retreat may decide to discontinue the phone line.

Our continuing priority to reach out to parents of OASOS youth led to two gatherings in the fall organized by Melissa Druckman. The first, an October brunch, brought in some 12 parents who seemed reluctant to get involved in PFLAG. At the second session they asked to learn more about the OASOS program. Several families attended our Holiday Potluck. We hope to bring more younger parents into PFLAG.

We were disappointed that a tentative collaboration with a family counseling agency to facilitate a support group for Straight Spouses fell through due to lack of funding resources. There is no support group in Colorado that we are aware of. We would still like to find a volunteer facilitator to be on call in case we receive requests.

Our Education and Advocacy Missions

Monthly Programs

Shifting our program meeting time to 7:00 p.m. has encouraged attendance at monthly meetings. As always, our programs prove to be a strong draw. "Back to School" night in August focused on safe school issues in the county. "Coming Out Faithful" brought together a diverse LGBT panel to discuss their faith journeys. Another panel of activist allies talked about their own experiences of being "Straight for Equality". December brought us together with great food and *Somethin' About Lulu* for a light-hearted musical evening. Parents with trans children spoke in January. Author C.J Pascoe was unable to speak but a stimulating discussion about bullying in schools from elementary to college made the evening a success. Dylan Scholinski, author, artist, and activist, tied in his art project related to mental health issues and his own transgender experience as a teen in transition.

Community Outreach

Our second year tabling at the Farmer's Market was once a month, May-August, due to a new policy of charging non-profits for space. Kathleen Cain staffed the table consistently, but more volunteers are needed. We also tabled at the Martin Luther King celebration and at the Pride Block Party.

After the Facets Talent Show last June, Maria Delmonico (who soon became a PFLAG board member) for PFLAG help in stopping harassment at Longmont High School. Maria and Marley Hamrick, Niwot High graduate, were instrumental in the start of the new St. Vrain Valley Safe Schools Coalition which has been meeting monthly since last August. Growing numbers of youth and adults from the community and Boulder County Public Health and other agencies join this enthusiastic, action-oriented Coalition to change school climate in the St.Vrain District schools.

In March we made had a special luncheon in Longmont to meet with pastors and laity working to become more welcoming to LGBT persons. Rev. Rick King, pastor of the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Longmont, hosted the event which brought 32 persons together to hear Rev. Ermalou Roller, Visiting Theologian at the First United Methodist Church, Boulder, talk about *Collateral Damage: Coming Out and Coping As Families*. Rev. Ken Thurow, our liaison to faith communities in the county, hopes to bring the aspiring faith communities in Longmont to further discuss steps to becoming truly welcoming.

In April at the Boulder Public Library, we collaborated with *Mosaic*, the national Jewish gay support group, and the Boulder Jewish Community Center in helping to launch *Torah Queeries*, a book of scholarly exploration of the Hebrew Bible in regard to LGBT issues.

Our Transgender Education Project has been a 3-year dream until last summer when Gus Spheeris and Carol Christenson agreed to co-direct a 10-15 minute film. Jean Hodges as Executive Producer has successfully raised \$12,000 to fund the project. On March 14, an entertaining program of music and magic followed by dessert was an important community building and fundraising event. Individuals, PFLAG groups and LGBT-related organizations, such as the Open Door Fund, have provided the major funding. Interviews with a range of transgender people, including families with young children, as well as older trans persons and people of color, will give meaning to the film, *Faces and Places of Transgender Experience*, which will premier at our June 17th Pride Program. To break stereotypes and expand understanding of the spectrum of transgender identities is the goal.