



Newsletter

November 2008



Dignity & St. Ignatius Liturgy Schedules

Ravenna United Methodist Church	5751-33 rd Ave NE	Seattle
Every Sunday	→ 10:30 a.m.	St. Ignatius (UPSTAIRS)
Nov 9, Dec 14	→ 6:00 p.m.	Dignity/Seattle

Another reason to attend St. Ignatius: A pancake breakfast following Mass is held every 4th Sunday--a shared fellowship with our host congregation, Ravenna UMC.

Quarterly Luncheon

Julia's on Queen Anne
1825 Queen Anne Ave N (between Howe & Blaine)
Saturday, November 6th, 12:30 p.m.

Please join us as we celebrate autumn birthdays and anniversaries at an establishment that supports Dignity/Seattle. Julia's has donated food and prizes for our Pride Week Breakfasts. For those with e-mail, you should have received a "My Punchbowl" on-line invitation. If you wish to make a last-minute telephone reservation, please call 206/295-4895.

October 18: 35th Anniversary

(photos on page 3)

About a couple dozen people from Dignity/Seattle's past and present attended its 35th Anniversary Celebration at Rock Salt on Lake Union, Saturday evening, October 18th. Upon entering the dining hall, attendees picked up a commemorative 36-page history compilation.

An hors d'oeuvres reception was followed by remarks and prayers by Paula Lavallee, President of Dignity/Seattle, who noted that several attendees had served on the Board of Directors. While no visiting National Board Members were able to attend, she did note that Marianne Duddy-Burke's letter of congratulations was printed in the history booklet and that Dignity/Seattle member Leo Egashira, a current National Board Member, represented the national organization.

After a delicious dinner, while dancing was scheduled, people decided to continue visiting with each other. The gathering was intimate, both in numbers and atmosphere.

A silent auction raised nearly \$300 for DignityUSA, which the Dignity/Seattle Board may decide to use for Convention 2009 scholarships. Thanks to all who donated silent auction items: Jim Rankin, Bob Mitchell, Paula Lavallee, Paula Hills, Jim Weston and Leo Egashira.

Beyond Theology

A 10-part series
Jeanne O'Connor's home on Capitol Hill
Tuesdays, November 11th & 18th

Join Call To Action—Western Washington members and other progressive Catholics in a ten part video-program series by Benetvision. Video presenters include Joan Chittister, Karen Armstrong, Dr. Janes Forbes, Bishop John Shelby Spong, and Huston Smith among others.

Where: Home of Jeanne O'Connor on Capital Hill. Call for information and directions, 206/325-7446

When: The first meeting was already held October 30. The next two dates will be Tuesdays, November 11th and 18th at 7:00 p.m. Topics will be *Church and State* and *American Pluralism*. The group will be determining future topics which may include *Sciences and Spirituality*, *Evolving with the Bible*, *Spirituality and Religion*, *A Spirituality of Co-Creation*, *The Ground of Being*, *Mysticism and the Perennial Philosophy*, and *A Congress of the World's Religions*.

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Friday, November 14th, 7:30 p.m. Worship liturgy at Dennis B's. 604/669-3677.

Saturday, November 29th, 7:30 p.m. Potluck supper and social at Gerry W's. 604/435-1950.

Monday, December 1st, 7:30 p.m. Business meeting at Vincent W's. 604/325-1554.

Friday-Sunday, December 5-7, Advent Retreat at Rosemary Heights in Surrey. Please contact D/Vancouver for details, which have not been finalized at press time.

Official Business

Dignity/Seattle Board Members

Paula Lavallee	President
Michael Linden	Vice-President
Delia Vita	Treasurer
Denise Arceneaux	Secretary
Alan Scott	Member, Social chair

DignityUSA Board Member from Seattle

Leo Egashira At large (Communications)

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We provide a safe environment for people to reconcile our God-given gifts of sexual orientation and our Catholic faith through gay-affirming liturgies. Being part of the Dignity/Seattle family means claiming ownership of our faith and living up to the responsibilities of that ownership.

Board Minutes Summary, October 9, 2008

(Edited. For complete minutes, see Secretary)

Meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. at Delia Vita's house. Dignity prayer was read. All board members were present, including recently retired Jim Rankin. Minutes were read.

M/M/S/C: To approve the September 10, 2008 board meeting minutes and the September 27, 2008 membership meeting minutes as submitted.

President's report: (Paula Lavallee)

Quarterly DignityUSA phone call: Mark Matson gave an update on what the various chapters were doing for presiders: Though a wide range of people from different backgrounds were being utilized as presiders by Dignity chapters, most appeared to be led by lay-ordered priests (i.e. Dominican or Jesuit) in dioceses where the bishop has refused church services on its own premises such as ours.

Treasurer's report: (Delia Vita)

Checking Acct.

Beginning Balance:	\$3,331.83
Deposits:	
Collection :	135.00
Anniversary dinner/dance:	900.00
Ending Balance:	\$4,366.83

Expenses:

Newsletter mailing:	53.23
SGN ad:	30.00
RUMC Rental:	
September general meeting:	75.00
October:	75.00
Telephone:	42.00
Deposit for Dinner/Dance:	100.00
Sub-Total Expenses:	\$375.23

Ending Balance: **\$3,991.60**

Scholarship fund 250.00

Verbena donation 900.00

Total Available Funds: **\$2,841.60**

Savings Acct..

Beginning Balance: **\$1,598.80**

Interest income 0.33

Ending Balance: **\$1,599.13**

M/M/S/C: To accept financial report as submitted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Liturgy Committee: (Denise Arceneaux)

Philip Knowles will not be able to preside in October. Paula L. will preside should we not get anyone else.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The 35th Anniversary Party/Dance: 16 people paid for the dinner so far. Someone donated \$100.00. Delia V. suggested using this for a "scholarship." We need 40 people to attend to meet our minimum requirements for occupancy. D.J.: Music will be provided by Delia and others. National Board Member present? Leo will be the representative from the National Board to speak since Marianne Duddy-Burke can not come. She may tape a video of herself and send it to us. Otherwise, she will send a letter. Decorations: The decorations will be provided by the restaurant.
- Verbena: Money set aside for Verbena: There was a suggestion that ½ of it go to the Pride Foundation with a note for it to address Women's health issues and ½ of it be used to send someone to the Convention in July. The final decision on where to send the money, however, was held off until Mike Linden calls the Pride Foundation and asks what amount of the money goes to the Administration itself and what goes to the 3rd party. The Board is still open to suggestions from the membership as to where the money should go.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Board Elections: The following board positions were assigned: Paula Lavallee (President); Mike Linden (Vice-President); Delia Vita (Treasurer); Denise Arceneaux (Secretary). Social Committee: to remain Alan Scott and Delia Vita; Liturgy: Denise Arceneaux; and Membership Committee: Mike Linden.

- Anniversary/Birthday Celebrations: November 8 at Julia's on Queen Anne.
- Jim Rankin will give up his job of picking up the mail from the P.O. Box. Time sensitive statements can be done electronically—such as those for the phone and SGN. Delia V. will arrange for electronic statements to be received from both the phone and SGN. Jim will still send out the newsletters and will set up for the social after church but someone needs to help him carry the items downstairs.

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, November 6, 2008, at Delia's home.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.
Respectfully submitted by:
Denise Arceneaux, Secretary

A Few Photos from Dignity/Seattle's 35th Anniversary Dinner, October 18, 2008

Photos by Tish Charette

