

Newsletter

November 2009

Dignity & St. Ignatius Liturgy Schedules

Ravenna United Methodist Church	5751-33 rd Ave NE	Seattle
Every Sunday	→	10:00 a.m. St. Ignatius (UPSTAIRS)
Nov. 8, Dec. 13	→	6:00 p.m. Dignity/Seattle

A pancake breakfast following St. Ignatius Mass is held every 4th Sunday (Nov. 22nd), a shared fellowship with our host congregation, Ravenna UMC.

Holiday Party at Mike & Marc's! Saturday, December 5, 4:00 p.m.

Dignity/Seattle will be having a Holiday Party at Michael Linden and Marc Schulte's place the first weekend of December. Address and directions will be sent via e-mail. Dignity will be providing the ham and members are asked to bring a dish according to the quarter in which their birthday or anniversary falls. Those with a first quarter birthday or couple anniversary are asked to bring a salad. Those in second quarter are asked to bring a side dish. Third quarter: dessert, and fourth quarter: a beverage. In addition Dignity/Seattle will be collecting toys for the "Toys for Tots" program. Those coming are invited to contribute an unwrapped toy. For more information: Dignity.Seattle@gmail.com or 206-325-7314.

Second "Mass en Masse" Sunday, November 22, 7:00 p.m. St. Benedict Church, Wallingford & N 49th, Seattle

Michael Linden is organizing another mass en masse at Saint Benedict on Sunday Nov 22nd. Come for Mass and/or going out for dinner at a nearby restaurant afterwards. Please join in the camaraderie with other GLBT Catholics who worship at local parishes. For more information: Dignity.Seattle@gmail.com or 206-325-7314.

Happy Thanksgiving!



On November 3rd, Washington State became the first state in the nation to approve GLBT rights via the ballot box, when voters passed Referendum 71, 52.6% to 47.4% to enact a sweeping "everything but marriage" domestic partnership bill. The GLBT community in Washington State has much to be thankful for. In the post-election euphoria and in this season of acknowledging our bounty, let us not forget those who have little by way of material comforts to be thankful for in these trying economic times: Donate, volunteer and share your bounty!

Board Members & Contact Info

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 (Publications)
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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.

Dignity Board Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2009

(Edited for publication. See Secretary for full minutes.)

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. at Delia Vita's house. Dignity prayer was read. All board members were present. Minutes were read.

M/M/S/C: To approve the July 23, 2009 meeting minutes as submitted.

Vice President's report (Michael Linden)

It will take at least 30 days for us to receive money from the cell phone program.

Treasurer's report: (Delia Vita)

Checking Acct.

Beginning Balance:	\$5,067.88
Deposits: Collection August:	0.00
Ending Balance:	\$5,067.88

Expenses:

AD: SGN (July):	30.00
RUMC Rental (July):	75.00
Telephone (July):	43.63
Liturgy:	30.00
Newsletter mailing:	29.92
Donation: Bailey Boushay:	800.00
Donation: Multifaith Works:	800.00
Sub-Total Expenses:	\$1808.55
Ending Balance:	\$3,259.33

The Scholarship fund for yearly membership still currently has \$200.00.

The Scholarship fund for the convention still has \$450.00.

Total Available Funds: \$2,609.33

Savings Acct..

Beginning Balance:	\$1,600.30
Interest income	\$.05
Ending Balance:	\$1,600.35

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

Social Committee: (Alan Scott and Delia V.)

Contacted Julia's on Queen Anne for the 12th of September. We're all set for that date. Alan will look for a non-Pride Week breakfast donor in the GSBA book for the 4th Quarter Brunch.

Liturgy Committee: (Denise Arceneaux)

Denise will see if Pat Callahan can preside next month. If not, she will ask Philip Knowles.

Membership Committee:

Michael Linden tried to contact the two new members on the roster to see if they wanted to go to liturgy but couldn't get in touch with them. He is also sending out an e-mail to everyone on the social list so that we can meet for 7:00 p.m. mass at St. Benedict's and get together for coffee or food afterward. He also started a Facebook site.

Old Business:

- Paula contacted all three people on the election committee and all agreed to serve on the committee. We need to make sure the ballots go out the 1st week of September. Jim Weston will take care of the mailings, etc. Denise will provide the letter for the elections.
- Paula still needs to contact Philip about the sign.
- Convention fund: We are still waiting for the money from the cellphones before contacting people who attended the Convention.
- 1/3 attendance is needed as a quorum for the meeting. The Board discussed what our vision was for our Chapter and Paula will write a letter explaining what we're planning to do and invite the Membership to throw out ideas at the meeting.

New Business:

- The Board filled out the ballots from DignityUSA for the proposed amendments.
- Mail from Michael: There is a GSBA financial seminar scheduled for Wednesday.
- Michael will try to participate in a conference call for Call to Action.
- The Annual Membership Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 26th at 5:00 p.m.. The next Board Meeting is set for Wednesday, Oct. 7 at 6:00 p.m. at Delia's.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.
Respectfully submitted by:
Denise Arceneaux

Dignity Board Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2009

(Edited for publication. See Secretary for full minutes.)

Meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m. at Delia Vita's house. Dignity prayer was read. Board members Paula, Michael, Delia, and Alan were present. Minutes were reviewed.

M/M/S/C: To approve the August 10, 2009 meeting minutes as submitted.

President's report: (Paula Lavallee)

Participated in a conference call with approximately eight chapters represented. Much of the discussion focused on how to make chapters more vibrant including the National goal to expand membership especially to address Hispanics, women, and the younger generation.

Vice President's report (Michael Linden)

- Participated in a conference call of Dignity Young Leaders with the purpose of getting younger people organized to serve as an advisory group to the Dignity board.
- A check from Ecophone was received for \$18.05. Board agreed to continue collecting phones with Michael coordinating the gathering and shipping to Ecophone.

Treasurer's report: (Delia Vita)

For: October 7, 2009

Checking Acct.

Beginning Balance: \$3,000.80

Deposits:

Collection: September	\$60.00
Donation:	25.00
Ecophones:	18.05

Sub-Total Deposits: \$103.05

Expenses:

AD: SGN:	30.00
RUMC Rental:	100.00
Telephone:	43.63
PO Box Rental:	2.00

Sub-Total Expenses: \$175.63

Ending Balance: \$2,928.22

The Scholarship fund for yearly membership still currently has \$200.00.

The Scholarship fund for the convention currently has \$468.05.

Total Available Funds: \$2,260.17

Savings Acct..

Beginning Balance: \$1,600.41

Interest income \$.05

Ending Balance: \$1,600.46

Discussion followed on direction of disbursement of \$288 from the silent auction to the particular Scholarship fund originally targeted. Board to review board meeting minutes from November 2008 to recall selected scholarship fund for these silent auction funds.

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

Social Committee: (Alan Scott and Delia V.)

- The Birthday/Anniversary Brunch at Julia's on Sept. 12th was attended by 6 persons.
- Decision made to have a Birthday/Anniversary potluck on Saturday, December 5 at 4:00 p.m. instead of a restaurant brunch. A location or host for the potluck needs to be found.
- Following Birthday/Anniversary gatherings are to alternate between a restaurant brunch for spring and summer quarters, and a late afternoon potluck for winter and summer quarters. It is the intent to encourage families with children for the winter and summer quarter potlucks.

Liturgy Committee: (Denise Arceneaux)

Fr. Philip Knowles to preside in October. Considering John Reardon when Philip is unavailable.

Membership Committee:

The mass en mass on August 30 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Benedict's with get together for coffee or food afterward was well attended with a number of favorable comments. Future mass en mass gatherings are planned for alternating months with the next being in November.

Old Business:

- DignityUSA Scholarship Fund: \$200 of the scholarship fund divided by 10 participants will be disbursed to those who went to the Convention. Some participants are re-gifting the amount back to the fund.
- The RUMC sign to which \$100 was contributed has an incorrect start time for the Dignity service. The incorrect 7:00 p.m. start needs to be corrected to 6:00 p.m.

New Business:

- Recent content of the Dignity/USA conference call was discussed with focus on means of outreach.
- Paula to contact Sister Bea to discuss service project opportunities for January. Activity should focus in areas isolated from customers, thereby allowing children to participate.
- Discussion to contact the UW Newman Center.

- Discussion in ways to help Equal Rights WA with “Yes on Ref 71.” Considerations are to endorse on the Dignity/Seattle website including a webpage statement. Other thoughts are towards a special email, volunteer for the phone bank 6pm through 9pm (Monday through Thursday), letters to editors in eastern WA newspapers, and help with fund-raising.

M/M/S/C: To include a statement on the Dignity Seattle website with links to Equal Rights WA Ref 71 webpage. To send emails to social list in support of Ref 71.

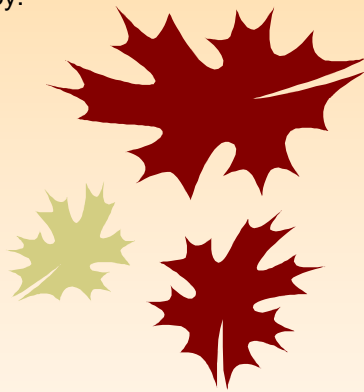
- Discussion on voice mail options to replace the current \$45/month charge. “My1Voice” \$10/month + tax service allows keeping the existing phone number and routes voice mail to email. Concerns were the apparent inability to maintain a published listing in the Dex phonebook. Sign-up on “My1Voice” would require a credit or debit card which should be easily available from the bank. Michael to further research “My1Voice” features and requirements.

M/M/S/C: Delia to obtain a debit card.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 4th at 6:00 p.m. at Delia Vita’s house.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.
Respectfully submitted by:

Alan Scott



Other Events of Note

Call To Action—Western Washington’s 10th Anniversary Celebration *Sold out!*
Sunday, November 22, 1:00 p.m.
Fare Start Restaurant, 7th & Virginia, Seattle

Cancellation waiting-list: Call Betty Hill at 360/357-6207 or e-mail information@ctaolympia.org

Next Dignity/Seattle Board Meeting:
 Wednesday, January 6th at 6:00 p.m. at Delia’s.

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Tuesday, Nov. 10, 7:30 p.m. Business meeting at Kevin/Don’s. 604/874-3428..

Friday, Nov. 20, 7:30 p.m. Worship liturgy at Dennis B’s. 604/669-3677

Saturday, Nov. 28, 7:30 p.m. Potluck supper & social at Lee L’s. 604/408-3442.

