



# Newsletter

## 3rd Quarter 2020



## Announcements

**Food Lifeline** has canceled evening sessions, so our volunteer night on August 6 is canceled. If anyone wants to volunteer for Food Lifeline, there are weekday morning and afternoon sessions available. Please call them: 206-545-6600

**Annual Picnic:** Due to COVID-19 and the strong possibility that gatherings of more than five people will probably still not be allowed in King County by the end of August, and for the safety of all our members and friends, the Dignity/Seattle Board of Directors decided to cancel this year's annual picnic. We hope everyone is staying safe and look forward to the time we can once again gather as friends.

### Elections & Membership Meeting Call for Nominations

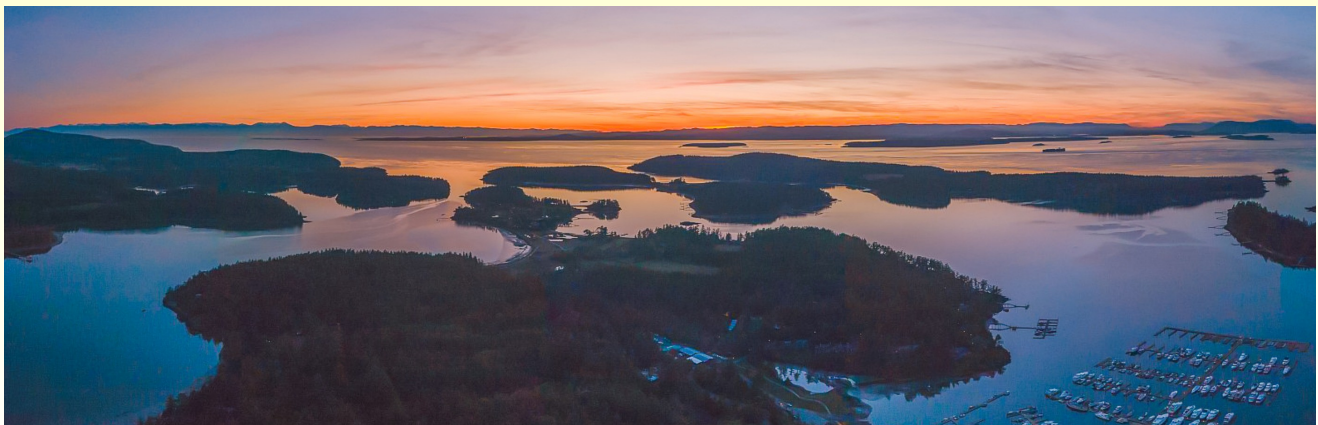
The annual election for the Dignity/Seattle Board of Directors is approaching. This year we have two seats on the board with expiring terms. The role of the Directors is to decide on the direction of the chapter. Directors must be a member of Dignity/Seattle and be available to meet 4-6 times during the year in-person or virtually, plus have access to email. Terms are for two years. If you are interested in running for an open position, please send a note of your intent to [dignity.seattle@gmail.com](mailto:dignity.seattle@gmail.com). Nominations will close on August 20, 2020.

### Election Ballots

The board is looking into ways to have our election ballots submitted by electronic means as a response to COVID-19 and the safety of our members and directors. We are wondering how our members feel about this. We are looking into the way DignityUSA runs their elections via Survey Monkey which would provide a confidential vote process. Members that we do not have an email address for, or members who prefer not to vote electronically would be sent a paper ballot. We are interested in your opinion. Please send an email to [dignity.seattle@gmail.com](mailto:dignity.seattle@gmail.com) with your thoughts, concerns, or suggestions.

### Membership Meeting – Save the Date

Our membership meeting is scheduled to be on Saturday, September 26 at 4:00 p.m. Due to the progress of containing COVID-19 – or lack of containment so far – we are looking at having our membership meeting virtually via a Zoom meeting. If anyone has thoughts, concerns or suggestions on a Zoom membership meeting, please send to [dignity.seattle@gmail.com](mailto:dignity.seattle@gmail.com)



## Board Members & Contact Info

### Dignity/Seattle Board Members

Paula Lavallee	President
Paula Hills	Vice-President, Liturgy Comm.
Delia Vita	Treasurer, Social Comm.
Alan Scott	Secretary, Social Comm.
Laure Hauge	At-large

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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.

<b>Sub-total General Expenses:</b>	<b>\$ 461.47</b>
<b>Ending Balance:</b>	<b>\$3,522.90</b>

### Savings Acct..

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$1,622.73</b>
Interest income	0.03
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$1,622.76</b>

**M/S/C:** To accept the July 16, 2020 financial report.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### Social Committee: (Alan Scott & Delia Vita)

- The board unanimously decided to cancel this year's summer picnic due to COVID-19. Alan will contact Seattle Parks and Recreation to seek a refund of the \$105 paid to reserve the Lower Woodland Park Shelter #7.

### **Old Business:**

- Food Lifeline: The August 6 volunteer evening has been canceled. Food Lifeline has suspended all evening volunteer opportunities. Dignity/Seattle members are encouraged to contact Food Lifeline to support the morning and afternoon volunteer sessions that remain.

### **New Business:**

- Food Lifeline: The board approved a \$250 donation to Food Lifeline.
- Student Backpack Program: The board decided to again to help support the Student Backpack Program for the homeless at Mary's Place. The board authorized the purchase of 90 (8GB) USB flash drives that are expected to total \$250. Paula L. will place the order and have the drives shipped to the Church of Scientology representative handling the Student Backpack Program. A limited inside staff will be assembling the student materials for this year's operation.
- Elections: Laure H. and Paula H. have expiring terms so there are two open positions. Paula L. will announce the open nominations by email to members or through an announcement in the newsletter. Paula will investigate Survey Monkey or another means to vote electronically. Voting will begin August 30 and finish September 23 in time for this year's September 26 membership meeting.
- Annual Membership Meeting: This year's meeting will be held online on Saturday, September 26 at 4:00 p.m. Delia will arrange a Zoom meeting.

**Next Board Meeting:** Online following the September 26 Membership Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Alan Scott, Dignity/Seattle Secretary

### Dignity/Seattle Board Meeting Minutes July 16, 2020 (edited for publication)

A Zoom meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. Board members Paula Lavallee, Paula Hills, Delia Vita, Alan Scott, and Laure Hauge were present.

The January 5, 2020 board meeting minutes were shared on Zoom. Minutes were reviewed and approved by all.

#### **President's report (Paula Lavallee)**

- Participated in the Dignity West Coast Regional Teleconference with six other West Coast chapters. Conference was hosted by Dignity's Chapter Outreach Committee.
- Received multiple requests from individuals to be included on the social list.

#### **Secretary's Report (Alan Scott)**

Reactivated Dignity/Seattle's Google phone account

#### **Treasurer's report (Delia Vita) January 5, 2020—July 16, 2020**

#### **Checking Acct.**

<b>Beginning Balance:</b>	<b>\$3,884.37</b>
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#### **Deposits**

PW Breakfast Hall rental refund	100.00
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<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
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<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>\$3,984.37</b>
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#### **Expenses:**

PW Breakfast Hall rental	100.00
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Post Office Box rental	190.00
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Summer picnic permit fee	105.00
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PW Breakfast supplies	16.47
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Membership scholarship	50.00
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**Dignity/Vancouver BC/Dignité****604/430-3466****dennisl-h@shaw.ca**

1st & 3rd Sundays, 3:00 p.m. Mass celebrated by Roman Catholic Women Priests. Our Lady of Guadalupe Tonantzin Community. The Listening Post, 382 Main St (off E Hastings St, Vancouver. [tepeyacvancouver@gmail.com](mailto:tepeyacvancouver@gmail.com).

For other monthly events such as potlucks and socials, please contact D/V/D via the contacts provided above.

**Random thoughts after 135 days at home**

By Paula Lavallee

Well, this has sure been an interesting year. I was looking forward to 2020, thinking that the uniqueness of the number 2020 would bring great things. After all, it is only once a century that we get double numbers – 2020, 1919, 1818. We won't be around for the next one 2121. So, I was anticipating an unusual year. I guess I should have been clearer on what is unusual – as the universe has hit us hard. We have global warming destroying our planet and a global health pandemic destroying our people. We have a government so divided that it is breaking. And we have a radical protest movement that hopefully, though painful now, will soon lead to good changes in our society.

It has not all been bad. A lot of people have moved out of themselves to help their neighbors, to care for others instead of just themselves. There is a strong awareness of the need for change – change in how we live, how we govern, and how we relate to all people. Right now, there is a larger awareness of how our choices and actions affect others. And how we can make change happen by the choices we make.

Who knew a year ago that “Zoom” would be a household word – both a noun and a verb. Who knew so many people actually could get their work done from home and do it effectively. Who knew a year ago that we could watch a concert, play games with friends, have social hours, and attend conferences and liturgy – all virtually and still build community.

Life has been hard these past six months. We have lost many friends and family to COVID-19. We have experienced cancelation of jobs, school, sports, breakfasts, picnics and so many activities we were looking forward to. And it is still so uncertain when things will get back to normal – or if we will ever see what we thought was normal again. Life has been frustrating – watching our government lack leadership and a sense of working for the good of all – watching rioters destroy our cities – watching people being senselessly killed. We have been given the chance to examine racism and its presence in our lives and in our history. But always we must maintain a sense of hope that in the end we will be better than we were.

This time in history can be a chance for us to take the time to center ourselves. To pray, to dream, to re-imagine ourselves and our society. We have a choice in the actions we choose. Will we choose for our self only or for our neighbors and society? Everything we do reflects on who we are and who we can be and are meant to be. Everything from whether we wear a mask, social distance, donate time or money, and even vote - reflects on how we see life. We have a chance now to study and examine our life, our actions, our thoughts. Which way will we go? What changes can we make happen? Where will our world be when 2020 comes to a close? Where will you be when 2020 ends? Will we let fear and hatred hold us down or will we rise up? How unique will 2020 be for you?

## DUSA Liturgies during Coronavirus lockdown



In this time of physical distancing, Dignity/Washington invites you to celebrate Mass with us virtually. We will continue to produce a Mass for each Sunday while we are unable to meet in person to celebrate with LGBTQ Catholics around the country.

Mass each week is made with contributions from Dignity members around the US and following safe procedures. Each Sunday, the Mass will be posted online to our [Dignity/Washington Facebook Page](#) and our Dignity/Washington YouTube by 10 a.m.

With this reach, we want to showcase all the chapters of DignityUSA in different ways for as long as we are doing services in this way. We want our weekly Masses not to just be Dignity/Washington, but also other chapters. If you are willing to contribute as a reader for a service please reach out to [christopherflow@gmail.com](mailto:christopherflow@gmail.com). We will also be reaching out to chapters to showcase what you are doing where possible.

We look forward to celebrating and worshipping with you.



Dignity/New York hosts a virtual liturgy starting at 6:30 p.m. EST (3:30 PST) every Sunday.

Here is how to join by Zoom or phone:

<https://zoom.us/j/231599312?pwd=bHJMT1NZOEtERE1oOTQwdS84NU45Zz09>

For those joining by phone or through an app, you will need meeting ID and password:

Meeting ID: 231 599 312

Password: 333 333

Dial

+1 253 215 8782 US

At 7:00 p.m. Eastern, they will pause to thank the essential workers and invite everyone who attends the liturgy to do so. The meeting room will open at 6:00 p.m. EST (3:00 p.m. PST). To receive the weekly worship aid, be added to our distribution list or ask a question, email us at [OnlinePrayer@dignityny.org](mailto:OnlinePrayer@dignityny.org).

Please consider a donation to [DignityUSA](#), [Dignity/New York](#) or to [your local community](#).

Your generosity will ensure our communities will continue to provide critical services and life-changing support in the months ahead.

We are using Zoom for our Dignity/New York Online Liturgy and member sponsored events.

Don't miss a minute of our events! If you need help email [ZoomHelp@DignityNY.org](mailto:ZoomHelp@DignityNY.org), our members are ready to help you get up and running.

### Dignity/San Fernando Valley

Dignity/SFV meets on SATURDAY evenings at 5:30 pm

Join Dignity/San Fernando Valley Zoom Meeting via this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/529326235>  
pwd=RFJUUDJ2b2o3bS9rT253dGVCCdCrUT09

Meeting ID: 529 326 235

OR by telephone only:

+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

+1 408 638 0968 US (San Jose)

You can also find that link on our website calendar at [www.dignitysfv.org](http://www.dignitysfv.org).



### Dignity/San Diego

Dignity/SD meets on Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m. for Liturgy of the Word. They also offer daily (except Sundays) Rosary at 7:00 p.m.. Links for the rosary are listed below the liturgy info.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/9506605806>

Meeting ID: 950 660 5806

Telephone:

+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

You can also find the liturgy and Rosary livestreamed to YouTube page and website at these links:

Website: <https://dignitysd.org/live>

Facebook: <https://facebook.com/DignitySanDiego>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrBbaCJKY7EbdCsAueqVtw>

