



Newsletter

August 2011

Dignity & St. Ignatius Liturgy Schedules

Ravenna United Methodist Church	5751-33 rd Ave NE	Seattle
Every Sunday	→	10:00 a.m. St. Ignatius (UPSTAIRS)
Aug. 14, Sept. 11	→	6:00 p.m. Dignity/Seattle

A pancake breakfast following St. Ignatius Mass is held every 4th Sunday (August 28th), a shared fellowship with our host congregation, Ravenna UMC.

Update: Pride Week Breakfast Netted \$1800

Proceeds will be divided three-ways among Bailey-Boushay House, Rosehedge-Multifaith Works and Dignity/Seattle's Convention Scholarship fund. Thank you to all attendees, supporters and hard-working volunteers!

Announcements

Elections for the Dignity/Seattle Board of directors is coming up soon. There are three open positions on the board this year. If you are interested in nominating yourself or another member, please contact Jim Weston, election chair, at dignity.seattle@gmail.com. All members in good standing will receive their ballots in the mail near the end of August. Please keep Sept. 25th open for our annual membership meeting (4:00 p.m. at RUMC).

Food Lifeline is looking for volunteers to help repackage food on Tue. & Thu. evenings and on Saturdays. They have a new Save the Day program for last minute volunteers to help fill-in when they are in need of help. The new online sign-up process is very easy. Dignity/Seattle has been volunteering as a group for the past year, and will be continuing in September, but now you can go as an individual, or bring a group of friends. It's fun, it's easy and it helps feed those in need in our area. Go to www.FoodLifeline.org for more info and to sign up.

Ravenna UMC is supporting **Mary's Place, Homeless Families** program by inviting fourteen women and children per evening into the church to provide them with shelter, food, safety, security and camaraderie for one week per quarter. RUMC is looking for volunteers to staff the week of Aug 30 to Sept. 5. Shifts are 5-8am, 4-9pm and 9pm to 5am. They need at least one male and one female for each shift. Duties include greeting and settling in the guests, serving dinner or breakfast and talking with the guests. Also needed are donations of food, blankets, and toys for the children. If you want more information or can help in any way, please let Paula know at dignity.seattle@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events of Interest

Aug 14, Sunday, 6:00 p.m.
Monthly Dignity Mass

Aug 28, Sunday, 10:00 a.m.
Dignity at St. Ignatius & pancake breakfast

Aug 30—Sept 5, Tuesday—Monday
Mary's Place staffing at RUMC

Sept 6, Tuesday, 6:00—8:00 p.m.
Volunteer Night at Food Lifeline

Sept 11, Sunday, 6:00 p.m.
Monthly Dignity Mass

Sept 25, Sunday, 4:00 p.m.
Annual Membership Meeting



Board Members & Contact Info

Dignity/Seattle Board Members

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

DignityUSA Board Member from Seattle

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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.

D/Seattle Board Meeting Minutes July 11, 2011

(Unofficial; edited for publication)

Meeting was called to order at 6:14 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 June 7, 2011 meeting minutes as submitted.

President's report (Paula Lavallee)

- Paula went to the Leadership meeting before the Convention. DignityUSA is rewriting its policy regarding presidors accused of sexual abuse. The second half of the meeting was about the use of technology and the setting up of forum groups to share information. DUSA is setting up training for Facebook. DUSA is also encouraging chapters to move their website to Dignity's platform.
- Seattle was officially named the 2015 DignityUSA Convention Site.

Treasurer's report—July 11, 2011: (Delia Vita)

Checking Acct.

Beginning Balance	\$4,433.73
Deposits	
Collection June	150.00
Collection July	140.00
PWB tickets	156.00
PWB raffle	22.00
PWB donation	350.00

PWB Collection	1,472.00
Refunded Deposit Central Lutheran	100.00
Total Deposits	\$2,345.00
Sub-Total	\$6,928.73

Expenses

Liturgy stipend (June-July)	\$60.00
Newsletter printing & mailing (June)	57.48
Rent—RUMC (July)	100.00
PWB grill	53.63
PWB food	188.78
PWB ad in SGN	100.00
PWB solicitation letter mailing	61.60

Sub-Total Expenses **\$559.89**

Ending Balance **\$6,368.84**

Scholarship fund for yearly membership \$100.00

Total Available Funds **\$6,268.84**

Savings Acct.

Beginning Balance **\$1,601.63**

Interest income 0.05

Ending Balance **\$1,601.68**

Proceeds from the Pride Week Breakfast are as follows:

Gross: \$2,325.00

Expenses: \$ 532.01

Net proceeds: \$1,793.00

M/M/S/C: To give \$600 to Rosehedge Multifaith Works, \$600 to Bailey-Boushay House and keep the balance (\$593) for Dignity/Seattle, earmarking the money to subsidize people to go to the Minneapolis Convention.

M/M/S/C: To accept the July 11, 2011 financial report as submitted

Liturgy Committee: (Denise Arceneaux)

Philip Knowles will be asked to preside in August.

Membership Committee:

Paula L will provide membership packets to people at the July 30th picnic and create membership flyers.

Old Business:

- Pride Picnic: Invitations have gone out for July 30th picnic. Alan and Delia will bring most of the food provisions and supplies.
- Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteered at Food Lifeline July 7th. The only nights for groups to come in are on Tue. or Thu. Paula will find out which Tuesday they need help on. She will also contact Lambert house and set up something with them.

New Business:

- 2015 Convention: Tom Yates will do a video promoting Seattle. He has done videos for other conventions and they asked him if he would do one for us. The National Committee will do most of the work but they need input from us. They put out feelers for hotels and the Hotel Crown Plaza and Renaissance have replied. We need to start thinking about a hotel and about a theme. (continued on Page 3)

(Minutes continued from Page 2)

- Elections: Delia, Paula L. and Alan are up for reelection. Paula L. and Alan will run again, while Delia has yet to decide. Paula L. will contact Jim Westin to be chair. Paula L. will get Leo to put a notice in the upcoming newsletter to see if anyone else is interested in running. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for Sept. 25th at 4:00 p.m. in the parlor at RUMC. Denise will check with RUMC to see if the parlor is available. The second choice for a date is on September 17th. Ballots need to be mailed by Aug. 25th.

The Annual Membership Meeting is scheduled for September 25th at 4:00 p.m. at RUMC.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Monday, August 8, 7:30 p.m.

Business meeting at Dennis L-H's. 604/430-3466

Saturday, August 20, 6:30 p.m.

Joint worship liturgy & potluck supper at Al O'N's. 604/817-7005



Some of the attendees at Dignity/Seattle's Summer Picnic at Woodland Park, Saturday, July 30th.