



Newsletter

August 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)
Aug 10, Sept 14	→ 6:00 p.m.	Dignity/Seattle

Upcoming Events of Interest

Quarterly Birthday Brunch

Saturday, August 16th, 12:30 p.m.
Mae's Café, 6412 Phinney Ave N, Seattle

We're patronizing businesses that have supported Dignity/Seattle's Pride Week Breakfast. We return to Mae's to celebrate birthdays occurring during the summer. Join us for a great social time, complemented by a good, voluminous and inexpensive brunch. "E-vites" have been sent out. If you are not on the e-mail invitation list and wish to receive notices for future events, please contact Alan, agscott@psweb.com or the D/S info line 206/325-7314.

Board Nominations Due August 25

Are you interested in growing our faith community and making it more vibrant? If so, consider joining the five-member Dignity/Seattle Board of Directors. Please submit your name and a brief candidacy statement to Denise at 206/938-3648 or denarcene01@hotmail.com. She will answer any detailed questions you might have. Nominations are due Monday, August 25th and ballots will be mailed out in early September. Board members meet 10-12 times a year and serve two-year terms from October 1st.

Annual Membership Meeting & Potluck

Saturday, September 27th, 5:00—7:00 p.m.
Ravenna United Methodist Church

Please join us for food, fellowship and the Board's Annual Report to the Membership. Details in the next Newsletter.

Save the Date!

Dignity/Seattle's 35th Anniversary!

Saturday, October 11th
Time & location to be announced

Dignity/Seattle Board Members

Paula Lavallee	President
Jim Rankin	Vice President
Denise Arceneaux	Secretary (Liturgy chair)
Delia Vita	Treasurer (Social co-chair)
Alan Scott	At large (Social co-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.

Dignity/VancouverBC/Dignité

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Vancouver Gay Pride Weekend:

Friday-Monday, August 1-4.
30th Annual Pride Parade on Sunday, August 3rd at 12:00 noon. D/Vancouver will be represented by "The Super Amigos." Come and join us!

Monday, August 11th, 7:30 p.m. Business Meeting at Dennis B's. 604/669-3677.

Saturday, August 23rd, 6:30 p.m. Worship Liturgy at John C's, followed by a restaurant outing OR a picnic. 604/888-2279.

Editor's Note regarding late Newsletter: I inadvertently (and stupidly!) disabled virus protection software by clicking on a questionably suspect link. My computer has been out of commission for one week; hence the delay in this August Newsletter. I apologize for any inconvenience. Leo

Official Business

Board Minutes Summary, July, 9 2008

(Edited. For complete minutes, see Secretary)

Meeting was called to order at 5:58 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 5, 2008 meeting minutes as submitted.

President's report (Paula Lavallee)

Noteworthy news on the Chapter Leaders conference call is the changing website and new webmaster.

Treasurer's report: (Delia Vita)

Checking Acct.

Beginning Balance:	\$2366.08
Deposit: Collection June '08:	121.00
Breakfast Tickets & Raffle	2115.50
Food Donation	250.00
Donation	100.00
Total Deposits	\$2586.00
Ending Balance:	\$4952.58

Expenses:

Newsletter Printing (June-July)	51.12
Newsletter Postage (June-July)	67.74
SGN ad:	30.00
Rent: RUMC:	75.00
Phone	41.00
Liturgy: Presider's stipend:	30.00
Sub-Total Exp. (non-breakfast)	\$294.86

Pride Week Breakfast

Envelopes	\$43.58
SGN ads (June 13 & 21)	0.00
Food: Paula	46.30
Laurie	128.98
Janet	61.39
Rent: Central Lutheran	100.00
Postage	27.60
Sub-Total Exp. (Breakfast)	\$407.85
Ending Balance	\$4249.87

Savings Acct..

Beginning Balance:	\$1598.35
Interest income	0.13
Ending Balance:	\$1598.48

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

Delia revised her report from an e-mail she sent to Leo and to the Board regarding gross proceeds from the Breakfast: Delia initially reported gross proceeds of \$2500.00; the actual amount is \$2922.50.

M/M/S/C: To divide the proceeds as follows:

\$450 to D/Seattle (minus the \$265 donated to D/S),
\$900 to Verbena, and
\$900 to Multi-Faith Works.

The Board decided to hold the check for Verbena until they answered the following question that Paula asked of them at the Breakfast: If we do contribute to the endowment fund that the Pride Foundation is setting up for them, and Verbena doesn't manage to get back on its feet, what will happen to the funds that we have given them?

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Social Committee: (Alan Scott and Delia V.)

- 35th Anniversary Party: No venue yet planned for party, which is scheduled for October 11th.
- Pride Breakfast: There was a complaint that there weren't enough volunteers to serve. There was also an e-mail alleging discrimination. Jim Rankin sent out "Thank You" letters to businesses and people who donated food and prizes.
- Next Quarterly Birthday/Anniversary social is scheduled for Saturday, August 16th at Mae's on Phinney Ridge at 12:30 p.m. Alan will send out E-Vites.

Liturgy Committee: (Denise Arceneaux)

- Philip Knowles will preside in July, but is on vacation in August. Denise will talk to Paula Hills about a woman who may be able to preside for us in August.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The meeting with Mark Matson, DignityUSA President was well attended and involved good discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Annual membership meeting and elections: Denise and Jim's terms are up. They need to consider whether or not they will run again. Denise will make sure that an announcement for nominations/elections is made in the next Newsletter. The membership meeting date is tentatively set for Sept. 27th from 5-7 p.m. Denise will call RUMC to see if the parlor is available then. With the Board's approval, Jim Weston, Bob Mitchell and Gary Gwin were appointed to the Election committee with either Jim Weston or Bob Mitchell as the chairperson. Mailings for the Election/Annual Membership Mtg. need to be out by Sept. 7th.

Next Board Meeting: 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 3, 2008, at Delia's home.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Denise Arceneaux, Secretary

Silent Auction at future Dignity event?

Leo E. is interested in organizing a silent auction fundraiser at the September 27th potluck & meeting or the 35th Anniversary Party on October 11th to benefit the important work of DignityUSA. Are there a half dozen Dignity/Seattle members who are willing to make gift baskets or provide services that people can bid upon? Please contact Legashira@yahoo.com or 206/723-4759.