



Newsletter

March 2009

Dignity & St. Ignatius Liturgy Schedules

Ravenna United Methodist Church	5751-33 rd Ave NE	Seattle
Every Sunday	→ 10:30 a.m.	St. Ignatius (UPSTAIRS)
Feb 8, March 8	→ 6:00 p.m.	Dignity/Seattle

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

Equality Day is March 12

Equality Day will be an opportunity for all Washington State residents to gather together in Olympia to lobby our legislators in support of full marriage equality, safer schools, preserving HIV/AIDS services and prevention funding, and other issues of importance to the GLBT community. Schedule for **Thursday, March 12:**

9:30 a.m.	Registration in Olympia
10:00 a.m.	Lobby Training Workshops
11:30 a.m.	Lunch Break
12:00 noon	Rally on Capitol Steps
1:30 p.m.	Meet with District Legislators

Details and registration: <http://equalrightswashington.org/events/equalityday09.html>, or call Equal Rights Washington at 206/324-2570.

Call To Action—Western Washington (which is based in Olympia) will be participating. Contact Betty Hill if you would like to join forces with fellow Catholics who advocate for GLBT civil rights: 360/357-6207.

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Monday, March 2, 7:30 p.m. Business meeting at Gerry/Cym's. 604/435-1950

Friday, March 13, 7:30 p.m. Worship liturgy at Kevin/Don's. 604/874-3428

Saturday, March 28, 7:30 p.m. Potluck supper at Rob/Arthur's. 604/438-7471.

DignityUSA's Convention 2009
Early Registration ends April 1st.
Mail in your registration today!

Northwest Catholic Women's Convocation

Friday-Saturday, May 1-2

Meydenbauer Center, Bellevue

Sponsor: Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center

The dawning of a new story calls us to radical hope, to create life-giving stories for our personal relationships, social structures, faith communities and planet Earth. The Northwest Catholic Women's Convocation gathers women for prayer, ritual, education, empowerment, celebration and transformation. Together we will envision new stories for our church and our world! Keynote speakers: Riane Eisler, Dr. Ivone Gebara, Cokie Roberts and Margaret J. Wheatley. For more information and registration forms, call 206/223-1138 or go to: <http://www.ipjc.org/women/convocationIV.htm>.

Spring 2009 Catholic Action

This spring, get involved with **Soulforce** locally! We are looking for people who want to be leaders in their community, working at the grassroots level while connected to an international effort. Our focus is on the Roman Catholic Church and their refusal to sign on to the Declaration on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity within the United Nations. We feel it's important that the Vatican stand in support of safety and protection for all people.

Whether you are a seasoned advocate or new to the world of activism, we would like you to get involved. You do not have to have an "activist resume." All that is required is passion, diligence, a willingness to reach out to others locally, and take it to the streets for justice. We'll support you in matching your efforts with your community's needs and sending a successful message.

Interested in knowing more or getting involved? Contact Katie@soulforce.org or Haven@soulforce.org, or visit the Soulforce website page: <http://www.soulforce.org/catholic-action>. **Also, let a Dignity/Seattle Board Member know you are interested in carrying out Soulforce's Action!**

Board Members & Contact Info

Dignity/Seattle Board Members

Paula Lavallee	President
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Delia Vita	Treasurer
Denise Arceneaux	Secretary
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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, February 5, 2009

(Edited; for complete minutes, see Secretary.)

Meeting was called to order at 7:15 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 November 6, 2008 meeting minutes as submitted.

Vice President's report (Michael Linden)

- Mail: Michael is checking P.O. Box twice a month. He is trying to get us off the paper lists and will try to get GSBA and others to send us electronic copies of newsletters and other assorted material.
- E-mail inquiries have been responded to by Michael. Dignity/Seattle has set up a new e-mail account (see above) with password given to Board members.
- Possible presidors: The Board informed Michael that the intent of the effort to get additional presidors was for back-up support and to expose the membership to a variety of presiding styles. He is still working on contacting people for different presidors.
- Membership: Michael expressed an interest in attracting people in their 20s and 30s to church. He wants to send out an e-mail asking them if we all want to attend Mass "en Mass" at one of the Churches like St. Benedict's.

- Instead of doing a Virtual Garage Sale, Michael proposed that we can put out boxes or envelopes for collection of old cell-phones and send them to a place which will donate the money for the cell-phones collected to charity (to our organization for scholarship for the convention.) He asked the Board to think of places where we can put the box or envelope. We can also tell people by word of mouth.

Treasurer's report: (Delia Vita)

Checking Acct.

Beginning Balance: \$3206.29

Deposits

Collection	32.00
Member donation	1200.00
Member donation	120.00
Member donation	150.00

Sub-Total Deposits \$1502.00

Ending Balance: \$4708.89

Expenses:

SGN ad (Dec-Feb)	90.00
RUMC Rental (Dec-Feb)	225.00
Telephone (Dec-Feb)	124.22
Newsletter mailing	16.96
Pride Foundation donation	450.00
Gift to Jim R.	50.00
Newsletter printing & mailing	187.71
McArron Web Design	18.00

Sub-Total Expenses: \$1189.89

Ending Balance: \$3519.00

The Scholarship fund for membership has \$250.00.

Total Available Funds: \$3,269.00

The Scholarship fund for the convention has \$450.00.

Savings Acct.

Beginning Balance: \$1599.46

Interest income 0.32

Ending Balance: \$1599.78

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

Social Committee: (Alan S. and Delia V.)

Brunch on February 14, 2009 at the Rosebud.

New Business:

- Delia brought to the attention of the Board that we need to change from a personal account at WaMu to a business account.

M/M/S/C: The Board voted to convert our account at WaMu from a personal account to a business account.

- Paula will be unable to listen in on the next quarterly phone meeting – which lasts approximately 1 hour. Mark may be able to participate in the next phone meeting.

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- Pride Breakfast: Letters to vendors to donate food for Breakfast and items for Auction need to be sent out by the end of March. Need to reserve Central Lutheran for the Pride breakfast.

**Next Board Meeting: Thursday, March 5
7:00 p.m. at Delia's home. Everyone is welcome!**

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.
Respectfully submitted by:
Denise Arceneaux, Secretary



**First Quarter
Brunch Photos**

Rosebud Café

**Saturday,
February 14**



**Next Brunch:
To be announced**

**Pride Week Breakfast:
Saturday, June 27**