



Newsletter

September 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)
Sep 13, Oct 11	→	6:00 p.m. Dignity/Seattle

A pancake breakfast following St. Ignatius Mass is held every 4th Sunday (Sept. 27th), a shared fellowship with our host congregation, Ravenna UMC.

Bob Mitchell 1933—2009

(Based on the printed obituary in The Seattle Times)



Robert (Bob) E. Mitchell, 75, of Seattle, went home to be with the Lord after dying suddenly and unexpectedly of a heart attack on August 15th, 2009. He was born Dec. 13th, 1933 in Great Falls, MT, to George and Mary Mitchell. He graduated from Great Falls High School in 1951, and from The College of Great Falls in 1955.

While serving in the army after college, a fellow soldier taught him the art of photography, which kindled a life-long love of art and pictures. Once out of the army, he moved to Seattle, where he embarked on a career with Boeing.

Going into retirement, he enjoyed collecting books and art, and taking daily walks. As the son of a railroad worker, he had a love for trains and whenever he traveled, he went by train if possible. He was often known to pass the time at King Street station just watching the trains arrive.

His faith was important to him and he regularly attended St. Benedict Church and Dignity/Seattle. He had many church friends with whom he enjoyed spending time.

An exceptional storyteller, he could bring any story to life using his great sense of humor and mind for details.

The list of charities he gave to was always growing, and being the charitable man he was, he spent countless hours doing volunteer work.

Bob was a kind soul who will be greatly missed by all whose paths he crossed.

He was preceded in death by his Mother and Father, and sister Peggy Joyner. He is survived by his brother, Donald Mitchell, as well as numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial mass will be held on Sat., Sept. 12, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Benedict Catholic Church, 1805 N 49th St, Seattle.

Remembrances may be made in his name to a charity of your choice.

Ed Note: Bob was a member of the Dignity/Seattle for two decades. He hosted the coffee hour after Mass for many, many years when Dignity used to hold liturgies at St. Joseph Church on Capitol Hill.

A hard-working "behind-the-scenes" guy who never sought recognition, Bob chaired several Dignity committees, including the current Elections Committee until his passing.

Bob, without any prompting, offered me and another former DignityUSA Board Member whether he could anonymously help defray the considerable expense of traveling to national board meetings across the nation.

His generosity of spirit and his quiet strength will be missed in the community.



Board Members & Contact Info

Dignity/Seattle Board Members

Paula Lavallee	President
Michael Linden	Vice-President
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.

Ending Balance: **\$5,487.45**

Expenses:

AD: SGN (June):	\$30.00
RUMC Rental (June):	75.00
Telephone (June):	44.19
Liturgy:	30.00
Newsletter mailing: .	0.00
PW SGN:	75.00
PW Food:	165.38

Sub-Total Expenses: **\$419.57**

Ending Balance: **\$5,067.88**

- The Scholarship fund for yearly membership still currently has \$200.00.
- The Scholarship fund for the convention currently has \$450.00.

Total Available Funds: **\$4,417.88**

Savings Acct..

Beginning Balance: **\$1,600.20**

Interest income 0.10

Ending Balance: **\$1,600.30**

Proceeds from the Pride Week Breakfast are as follows:

Gross Proceeds:	\$2,675.00
Total Expenses:	365.58
Net Proceeds:	2,309.42

See "New Business" for decision on distribution of funds for Pride Week Breakfast.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Social Committee: (Alan Scott & Delia V.)

The next Birthday/Anniversary Brunch will be on Sept. 19th at Julia's on Queen Anne at 12:30 p.m..

Membership Committee: (Denise Arceneaux)

We have two new members on the roster. Michael left a message for those people who are lapsed. Michael raised a concern that the chapter will not survive and would like to see more younger people get involved. He is planning to send an e-mail out to those 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. Paula advised the Board to really do a lot of thinking about where we are and need to be as a chapter for our next meeting so that we can be prepared to talk about it for the annual membership meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

DignityUSA Scholarship Fund: The board decided to wait to distribute the money until we see how much we will get from Ecophone. Paula will then contact all the people who went to the Convention.

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Board Minutes Summary, July 23, 2009

(Edited. For complete minutes, see Secretary)

Meeting was called to order at 6:12 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 10, 2009 meeting minutes as submitted.

President's report: (Paula Lavallee)

The Convention as a whole went very well – about 316 registered and there were more who showed up without registering beforehand.

Vice President's report (Michael Linden)

- The volume of mail is decreasing a lot: Michael distributed items from the mail we might want to read or use.
- We collected 15 cell phones and 8 inkjet cartridges. We will get a check from Ecophone in 2-3 weeks.
- Qwest electronic billing is working well.

Treasurer's report: (Delia Vita)

Checking Acct.

Beginning Balance: **\$2,613.45**

Deposits: Collection June: 157.00

Collection July: 92.00

Sub-Total Deposits: **\$249.00**

PW Breakfast & Raffle: 2,525.00

Donation PW QFC Gift Card: 100.00

Subtotal Deposits-PW: **\$2,625.00**

Total Deposits: **\$2,874.00**

NEW BUSINESS:

- E-mail from Philip regarding sign and distribution on funds for PrideWeek breakfast: Philip Knowles said that St. Ignatius is providing a new sign for Ravenna United Methodist Church with Dignity meetings listed. The Board decided to contribute to the cost of the new sign.

M/M/S/C: To give Bailey-Boushay \$800, Multifaith Works \$800 and the remainder to the Chapter, with up to \$300 allocated for the sign for Ravenna United Methodist Church.

- Rent at RUMC and presider's stipend: The Board decided to discuss possibly raising the rent paid to RUMC and the stipend to the presider at the Annual Membership Meeting, once we get a look at our annual report.
- Elections for September: According to the bylaws, the President needs to assign people to be on the Elections Committee. Paula will ask Jim W., Bob M. and Tish C. to serve. The Annual Membership meeting is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 26th at 4:00 p.m., at which time we will also have a potluck. Denise will find out from RUMC if it is available for this date.
- The Board decided that the minutes are not to be submitted to the Newsletter until the next meeting date at which time they will be approved.

Next Board Meeting: 6:00 p.m., Monday, August 10th, at Delia's home.

Following Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 7th, at Delia's home. All are welcome!

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.
Respectfully submitted by
Denise Arceneaux, Secretary

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Tuesday, September 8, 7:30 p.m. Business Meeting at Dennis B's. 604/669-3677.

Friday, September 25, 7:30 p.m. Reception for Dignity/Canada/Dignité House of Delegates. Kevin S. 604/874-3428.

Friday—Saturday, September 25-26, Annual Dignity/Canada/Dignité House of Delegates Meeting, St. Margaret's Anglican Church, Vancouver.

Saturday, September 26, 6:00 p.m. Liturgy/Potluck Supper at Vincent W's. 604/325-1554.

Upcoming Events of Note**Quarterly Birthday/Anniversary Brunch**

Saturday, September 19, 12:30 p.m.

Julia's on Queen Anne, 1825 Queen Anne Ave N

Invitations have been e-mailed to this fun & tasty quarterly function. If you would like more information or to RSVP via phone, please call 425/269-0607.

23rd Annual Seattle AIDS Walk

Saturday, September 26, 9:00 a.m.

Volunteer Park, Seattle

Join a team or support a walker, and work together to end the HIV/AIDS epidemic. More information can be found at http://www.lifelongevents.org/site/TR?fr_id=1230&pg=entry

**Potluck, Membership Meeting & Elections**

Saturday, September 26, 5:00 p.m.

Ravenna United Methodist Church

After the AIDS Walk, head on over to Ravenna and bring your favorite tasty dish, together with creative ideas. Dignity/Seattle's President and Treasurer will present their annual reports, and elections for the new 2009—2010 board will take place. Also, there will be discussion during the meeting about the direction that the chapter is going in. Your ideas, suggestions and input are welcomed and important!

Call To Action—Western Washington's**10th Anniversary Celebration**

Sunday, November 22, 1:00 p.m.

Fare Start Restaurant, 7th & Virginia, Seattle

A celebration meal will feature Edwina Gately, well known activist and CTA & Dignity supporter. Edwina has been the recipient of 13 national and international awards for her work in ministry. She currently is writing and giving talks and leading retreats. Her 13 books include *There Was No Path So I Trod One*, *Soul Sisters*, and *I Hear A Seed Growing*.

CTAWW has chosen the Fare Start Restaurant in keeping with our theme of justice. Fare Start trains the disadvantaged to be chefs. The food is excellent and the staff wonderful. Most of the proceeds from the restaurant goes into the training program. You can learn more about this restaurant by going to www.farestart.org.

The cost of the meal is \$25. We need a payment in order to hold the reservation. Information can be obtained by calling Louise at 206/448-2344 or Betty at 360/357-6207. Payment should be mailed to Betty Hill, 2045 East Bay Dr., Olympia, WA 98506.