



Newsletter

December 2009

Blessed & Joyous Christmas to All

Dignity & St. Ignatius Liturgy Schedules

Ravenna United Methodist Church 5751-33rd Ave NE Seattle
 Sundays, except 12/06 → 10:00 a.m. St. Ignatius (UPSTAIRS)
 Dec 3, Jan 10 → 6:00 p.m. Dignity/Seattle

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



Holiday Party at Mike & Marc's! Saturday, December 5, 4:00 p.m.

Dignity/Seattle will be having a Holiday Party at Michael Linden and Marc Schulte's place the first weekend of December. Address and directions will be sent via e-mail. Dignity will be providing the ham and members are asked to bring a dish according to the quarter in which their birthday or anniversary falls. Those with a first quarter birthday or couple anniversary are asked to bring a salad. Those in second quarter are asked to bring a side dish. Third quarter: dessert, and fourth quarter: a beverage. In addition Dignity/Seattle will be collecting toys for the "Toys for Tots" program. Those coming are invited to contribute an unwrapped toy. For more information:

Dignity.Seattle@gmail.com or 206-325-7314.

"Mass en masse"

By Michael Linden

On Sunday November 22nd, I organized a second "Mass en Masse" at Saint Benedict Parish in Wallingford (Seattle , WA). For those of you not familiar with this event, we meet as a group for the 7:00 p.m. mass at the parish, followed by dinner at a nearby restaurant. Information on these events is provided by e-mail, so don't forget to check your inbox! Our first event took place in August, with over 20 people coming together for worship. Our second event in November drew about 10, with Dignity member, friends, and allies coming together for worship and food. I hope to continue to plan such events every 2-3 months. Besides offering an additional opportunity for fellowship, the gathering offers an opportunity to heighten GLBT presence in a local parish.

Year Three for St. Ignatius

By Leo N. Egashira

The First Sunday of Advent marks the birth of the Ecumenical Catholic Community of St. Ignatius. November 29, 2009 marked its third year of serving reform Catholics.

As many of you know, Fr. Philip Knowles pastors St. Ignatius, but there are occasionally other ECC-ordained presiders and lay-led liturgies. Fr. Philip is also the main presider for Dignity/Seattle's once-a-month liturgies. Needless to say, St. Ignatius is progressive, inclusive and welcoming to all. Attendance is variable, but growing, so much so that a new, larger space upstairs will become a welcome necessity.

Prior to the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass, there is a joint (with our host, Ravenna UMC) "Seattle's Most Dangerous Sunday School." And, on the Fourth Sunday of every month, a pancakes, sausage & eggs breakfast is served by and for the two faith communities.

For those Dignity/Seattle members who "need" more than our current once-a-month liturgies, St. Ignatius provides a progressive, gay- and women-affirming alternative for meaningful and soul-renewing worship.

**Celebrate
 "Midnight"
 Mass at
 St. Ignatius!
 10:00 p.m.
 Dec. 24.**



Board Members & Contact Info

Dignity/Seattle Board Members

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

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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 Board Meeting Minutes: *DRAFT* November 4, 2009

(Edited. Minutes are approved at next Board Meeting.)

Meeting was called to order at 6:11 p.m. at Delia Vita's house. Dignity prayer was read. All board members were present. Minutes were read and amended as follows:

- In "Old Business," to correct the amount allocated to the DignityUSA Scholarship Fund from "\$200" to "468.05."
- In "New Business," to correct "Sister B." to "Sister Bea."

M/M/S/C: To approve the October 7, 2009 meeting minutes as amended.

President's report: (Paula Lavallee)

Another national leadership conference call will take place next week, but the date hasn't been determined. Every chapter is supposed to have at least one representative in on the conference call. All Board members are welcome to participate.

Treasurer's report: (Delia Vita)

Checking Acct.

Beginning Balance:	\$2,928.22
Deposits:	
Collection October:	100.00
Donations in honor of Bob Mitchell:	48.50
Sub-Total Deposits:	\$148.50

Expenses:

Ad: SGN:	
RUMC Rental (October):	100.00
Telephone (October):	43.56
Newsletter printing and mailing:	92.05

Sub-Total Expenses: \$235.61

Adjustment SGN 2008:	360.00
Adjustment SGN 2008:	300.00

Sub-Total Adjustment: \$660.00

Ending Balance: \$3,501.11

- The Scholarship fund for yearly membership still currently has \$200.00.
- The Scholarship fund for the convention currently has \$756.05.

Total Available Funds: \$2,833.06

- There is an adjustment indicated in the report for the SGN because we haven't been paying them since we haven't been receiving any statements from them and the SGN stopped running the ad in early 2008.
- Also, the Convention Scholarship fund currently has \$756.05. Disbursement of \$288 from the silent auction to the convention scholarship fund is included in the amount reported.

Savings Acct.

Beginning Balance: \$1,600.46

Interest income \$.05

Ending Balance: \$1,600.51

M/M/S/C: To accept financial report as corrected from "September" donation to "October" donation.

Social Committee: (Alan Scott and Delia V.)

Michael and Marc will host the Birthday/Anniversary potluck on Saturday, December 5 at 4:00 p.m.. Invitations will be sent three weeks in advance. The Board will solicit and collect a small unwrapped toy for charity "Toys for Tots." The Chapter will pay for the main dish and Alan S. will pick it up. It will be a "guided" potluck with birth month groupings: 1st quarter birthdays: to bring salad; 2nd quarter: side dish; 3rd quarter: dessert; 4th quarter: beverages. Invitees are also to be encouraged to bring instruments and Christmas music and it is to be emphasized that all families and children are welcome.

Liturgy Committee: (Denise Arceneaux)

Pat Callahan will preside in November. Fr. Philip Knowles will preside in December, if available.

Membership Committee:

Michael Linden will schedule another mass "en mass" for November 22nd at 7:00 p.m. at St. Benedict's

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Old Business:

- RUMC sign: The sign with Dignity/Seattle information has been corrected.
- DignityUSA scholarship fund for the convention: Delia Vita will issue 10 checks to the 10 convention participants. Paula L. will send out a letter with the checks explaining what to do with them.
- Referendum 71: Dignity/Seattle was an endorser to approve Referendum 71 and it was posted on the website
- Volunteer Opportunities: Paula L. has not yet contacted Sister Bea regarding volunteer opportunities for February or March
- Voice Mail: There was discussion regarding voice mail options to replace the current \$45/month cost from Qwest with "Google Voice" at no charge. Delia is still working on getting a debit card. Mike is looking into getting Dignity/Seattle on the "Do not call" list.
- UW Newman Center: The Board wants to introduce themselves to the UW Newman Center for outreach to more youth. Leo will be contacted for ideas on how to do that.

New Business:

- Volunteer Opportunities: Mike Linden asked the Board to think about winter volunteer activities to be planned in February or March before the next meeting in January. Fr. Steve from St. B's might have more suggestions for serving the community at large.
- The Board decided to continue only advertising in the SGN for Pride Breakfast, not during the course of the entire year. The Board discussed the possibility of advertising in the "Daily" at the UW.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 6th at 6:00 p.m. at Delia Vita's house.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.
Respectfully submitted by:
Denise Arceneaux



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Tuesday, December 8, 7:30 p.m. Business meeting at Gerry W's. 604/435-1950.

Saturday, December 12, 6:00 p.m. Annual Advent Service hosted by Integrity/Vancouver (GLBT Anglicans) at St. Margaret's Anglican Church, Cedar Cottage, 1530 E 22nd Ave, at Dumfries, Vancouver.

**The Dignity/Seattle Board
wishes everyone a blessed
and joyous Christmas!**

