



Newsletter

September 2006

Dignity/Seattle Liturgy

Reminder

Liturgy is at 6:00 p.m. every 2nd Sunday: Sept. 10, Oct. 8
Ravenna United Methodist Church 5751-33rd Ave NE Seattle

Local Events: Saturday, Sunday, Monday, September 9, 10, 11

Northwest AIDS Walk

Saturday, September 9th, 8:00 a.m.
Volunteer Park, Seattle

Hello Dignity/Seattle friends;

I am writing to ask your support for Lifelong AIDS Alliance's 20th Annual AIDS Walk on Saturday, September 9, at Volunteer Park in Seattle. Registration is at 8:00 a.m., opening ceremonies at 9:00, and the walk, which begins and ends at the park, starts at 10:00.

This year marks 25 years since the first cases of what later came to be called AIDS were diagnosed. This year is also the 20th anniversary of the AIDS Walk here in Seattle. The funds raised from the AIDS Walk go to the direct services Lifelong AIDS Alliance provides to its clients: Case management to connect clients with the medical & social services they need; Transitional and permanent housing for people who would otherwise be homeless; Medical insurance premiums for clients who would otherwise be uninsured; Education and prevention efforts in schools, churches, and other communities, especially communities of color and immigrants; The Chicken Soup Brigade food program to provide groceries and hot meals tailored to each individual's diet needs (this program now also serves people with other life-challenging illnesses, especially those with MS and kidney disease); Advocacy at the state and federal government levels to help insure funding for AIDS research, treatment, and practical support.

You can donate online through my personal Walk page: http://www.lifelongevents.org/site/TR?px=1015609&pg=personal&fr_id=1080&et=4njfOwdeNyZDpr4pPiVFNw.&s_tafid=5300. If you prefer to send a check, please make it out to "AIDS Walk". On the memo line, please write "Walk Sponsor - Paul Allen" so that it will be credited toward my goal.

Thank you for your support.
Paul Allen

Annual Membership Meeting

Sunday, September 10th, 3:30 p.m.

Ravenna UMC, 5751-33rd Ave NE

Start off with a potluck supper, followed by Dignity/Seattle's Board of Directors' reports, elections, and then liturgy at 6:00 p.m. See what we're up to, enjoy tasty food & great conversation, and worship joyfully with us!

Screening of "The Saint of 9/11"

Monday, September 11, 7:00 p.m.

Varsity Theater, 4329 University Way NE

Dear Dignity members:

Tara Morgan, membership director of the Seattle International Film Festival, has reserved four tickets for Dignity at the screening of "The Saint of 9/11" about Fr. Michael Judge, the first documented victim of 9/11 and who was also said to be gay. It will take place on Sept. 11th at the Varsity at 7:00 p.m. You only need to show up thirty minutes ahead of time. Tickets will be reserved for us "on call." Let me know if you're interested in going, so I can advise Tara ahead of time. If more than four people are interested, I can probably get more.

Thanks. Denise 206/938-3648

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604/432-1230

Friday, September 22nd. 7:30 p.m. Worship liturgy at Dennis B's. 604/669-3677.

Saturday, September 30th. 7:30 p.m. Potluck supper at Lee L's. 604/408-3442.

1975 - 2006: Happy Birthday Dignity/Vancouver!

. . . from your sister Seattle chapter south of the border. May you have many more years of service and witness to the GLBT Catholic community of British Columbia.

Official Business

Dignity/Seattle Board Members

Jim Rankin	President
Steve Kearney	Vice-Pres., Social Chair
Denise Arceneaux	Secretary, Liturgy Chair
Delia Vita	Treasurer
Paula Lavallee	At-large, Membership Chair

DignityUSA Board Members from Seattle

Paula Lavallee	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, August 9, 2006

(Edited: For complete minutes, see Secretary)
 Meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. at Delia Vita's home. Dignity prayer was said. All board members were present, with Steve Kearney and Denise Arceneaux arriving late.

President's report (Jim Rankin)

Jim Weston agreed to be election chair, materials needed for election ballots were sent to him. Only one position is open and Jim Rankin is running again for it.

Treasurer's report: (Delia Vita)

Checking Acct.

Beginning Balance	\$3,823.52
Collections/Donations August	60.00
Total Deposits	60.00
Sub-total	\$3883.52

Expenses

Admin: Telephone August	37.00
Advertising: SGN August	30.00
Rent: RUMC August	75.00
Printing & postage July	46.66

Printing & postage August	38.80
Donations from Pride Week Breakfast	
Multifaith Works	800.00
Verbena	800.00
Total Expenses	\$1,827.46
Ending Balance	\$2,056.06

Savings Acct.

Beginning Balance	\$2,086.51
Interest income	0.76
Ending Balance	\$2,087.27

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

Old Business:

- Annual Membership Meeting: Jim Rankin to notify new Pastor at RUMC about reserving the parlor for September 10th at 3:30 p.m. Notices have been sent along with ballots. Potluck dinner at 3:30 followed by membership meeting, then liturgy.
- House Party: to be held in October along with D/Seattle's 33rd Anniversary. Still looking for a place to gather for this.

New Business:

- Steve asked for approval to purchase new pitchers to be used at the social hours. All agreed.
- Dignity/Seattle to look into what it would require to join the Religious Coalition for Equality.

Minutes from July were read (after Secretary's arrival).
M/M/S/C: To approve the minutes as submitted.

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 3rd at Delia Vita's house at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
 Paula Lavallee

Father Phillip requests your testimonials

Father Phillip Knowles, PhD, who has presided for Dignity/Seattle the past two years, is in the process of changing affiliations from the American Catholic Church to the Ecumenical Catholic Communion <http://www.ecumenical-catholic-communion.org/>.

In order to ensure a smooth, successful transition, the Ecumenical Catholic Communion needs to hear from those who are familiar with Fr. Knowles' work and ministry. Please send comments and testimonials to: Rev. Kathy McCarthy, 82061 Hanson Drive, Indio, CA, 92201.