



Newsletter

October — November 2014

Dignity & St. Ignatius Liturgy Schedules

Ravenna United Methodist Church 5751-33rd Ave NE Seattle
 Every Sunday → 10:00 a.m. St. Ignatius ECC
 Nov. 9, Dec. 14 → 6:00 p.m. Dignity/Seattle

President's Report for 2013-2014

Our roster stands at 20 active members. The roster has remained pretty much the same for several years. We hope that the upcoming 2015 DignityUSA National Convention to be held in Seattle will help to get people involved and wanting to join.

We continue to meet on the second Sunday of each month. Gary S. continues to preside for us. Attendance has been very low and we are looking for ways to get more people in the door. We are still warmly welcomed at Fr. Philip's parish of St. Ignatius and continue to be invited to join St. Ignatius and Ravenna United Methodist for combined ecumenical celebrations on major feasts. Thank you to Denise for the overall coordination of the liturgy and presiders and to Paula H. for continuing to provide great music to help us in our celebrations.

Dignity/Seattle celebrated its 40th Anniversary in October last year. We had a wonderful dinner where around 30-35 members and friends attended. DignityUSA's executive director, Marianne Duddy-Burke was our guest speaker. Our quarterly birthday/anniversary celebrations continued this year. Our fourth quarter 2013 celebration was again a potluck and holiday party hosted by Ray. A large group gathered to celebrate. We collected toys for Toys for Tots again this year. Laure donated some light balls that were auctioned off, with the money raised going to Toys for Tots. The first quarter of 2014 was celebrated at a local restaurant. We skipped meeting in the 2nd quarter. The third quarter was once again our annual picnic at Woodland Park. We had a great turn out on a very beautiful Seattle summer day. Thanks to Alan for reserving a shelter and coordinating the food and to Tom S. - our barbecuing chef extraordinaire.

We celebrated our 26th Pride Week Breakfast in June netting proceeds of almost \$2100 –just about the same as last year. We donated \$700 each to Lifelong AIDS Alliance and Pride ASIA. The remainder we put into a convention scholarship fund to help get our members to the DignityUSA National Convention in 2015. Thank you to all who worked so hard to make this breakfast another success.

We have continued to volunteer at the Food Lifeline warehouse in Shoreline, helping to repack bulk food

items into smaller packages for distribution at various Western Washington food banks. Eight to twelve members, friends and family met every other month. We are scheduled to continue this volunteer activity this year. Come join us – it is fun work for a good cause.

Dignity/Seattle will be hosting the DignityUSA National Board of Directors on Oct. 3-5, 2014. They will be meeting at the Renaissance Hotel (the site for the convention). All are invited to join them for any part of the meeting, along with liturgy and dinner on Sat. evening.

DignityUSA's 2015 National Convention will be in Seattle July 2-5. The theme of the convention is: God's Love: Enduring as the Mountains, Endless as the Sea. We have a committee of 5 doing a lot of work to get ready for the convention. We are going to need a lot more volunteers. I am starting a list of those wanting to help before hand and those just wanting to work during the convention. Please let me know if you are interested in helping out in any way.

I would like to thank our board of directors - Denise, Delia, Alan and Paula H for their leadership and commitment. And a very special thanks to Leo for continuing to be our newsletter editor and keeping us all aware of what is happening locally and nationally in our community.

I look forward to a new year and new opportunities for Dignity/Seattle to grow and thrive. I welcome any suggestions or input from members and friends. Thanks for another good year.

Paula Lavalley
 President, Dignity/Seattle

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**Dignity Seattle
Treasurer's Report
10/1/13 - 9/27/14**

Checking Account	2013	2014
Beginning Balance	\$5,830.17	\$4,689.02
Deposits		
Collection	707.00	1068.00
Donation from members & friends	1200.00	1200.00
Donation to Toys for Tots	110.00	0.00
PW Breakfast & Raffle	2110.25	2459.00
PW Hall Deposit Refund	100.00	0.00
PW Donation	617.75	100.00
Donation to DS 15 Convention		30.00
40th Anniversary		995.00
Total Deposit	<u>4846.00</u>	<u>5872.00</u>
Sub-Total	<u>10,775.17</u>	<u>10,561.02</u>
Expenses		
Operations:		
PO Box Rental	144.00	148.00
Liturg- Stipend	330.00	270.00
Newsletter Printing/Mailing	286.72	0.00
Membership fee		30.00
Web Design-Annual Fee	68.00	0.00
Rent-RUMC	1200.00	1200.00
Summer Picnic/Christmas Dinner	144.25	136.34
Supplies	10.00	
Donation to toys for tots	110.00	68.00
Advertisement with SGN during prideweek	75.00	
Bank Services		105.00
Subtotal Operation Expenses	2367.97	1997.34
40th Anniversary Printing Brochure		221.85
40th Anniversary Deposit	500.00	810.00
40th Anniversary Miscellaneous		148.75
National Convention Promo Material	95.81	
National Convention Scholarship	1158.22	
PW Breakfast Expenses/Donation		
PW Breakfast-Food	198.25	159.76
PW Breakfast Supplies/mailling/solicitation letters	90.9	69.81
PW Breakfast Advertisement (SGN)	75.00	75.00
PW Breakfast-Hall Rent	200.00	100.00
PW Breakfast-Donation Rosehedge Multfalth Wor	700.00	
PW Breakfast-Donation Bailey Boushay	700.00	
PW Breakfast-Donation to Lifelong Aids		700.00
PW Breakfast PrideAsia		700.00
Total Expenses	6086.15	4882.71
Transferred to Savings		3.00
Ending balance	\$4,689.02	\$5,573.31
Restricted funds		
DS 2015 Convention fund		704.43
Total Restricted funds	50.00	704.43
Total Available unrestricted funds	<u>\$4,639.02</u>	<u>\$4,868.88</u>
Savings Account		
Beginning Balance	\$1,802.82	\$ 1,604.19
Interest Income	1.27	0.68
Transferred from checking		3.00
Ending Balance	\$1,604.19	\$ 1,609.87

Board Members & Contact Info

Dignity/Seattle Board Members

Paula Lavallee	President, National Convention Comm. Member
Paula Hills	Vice-President, Liturgy Comm.
Delia Vita	Treasurer, Social Comm.
Alan Scott	Secretary, Social Comm.
Laure Hauge	At-large

DignityUSA Board Member from Seattle

Leo Egashira At-large, Publications Comm.

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Total Expenses : 914.58
Ending Balance: \$4,778.73

The Dignity/Seattle 2015 Convention Fund currently has \$704.43.

Total Available Funds: \$4,074.30

Savings Acct.
Beginning Balance: \$1,609.87

Interest income 0.20

Ending Balance: \$1,610.07

M/M/S/C: To accept the October 10(?), 2014 financial report as submitted.

Committee Reports:

Social Committee: (Alan Scott and Delia Vita)

- The annual summer picnic held August 9 had approximately 15 attendees. Board in agreement to continue with the Lower Woodland Park Shelter 7 venue for next year's picnic.
- The Annual Christmas Celebration will be at Ray Curry's home on Saturday, Dec. 6.

Old Business:

Dignity Seattle hosted the 2015 National Convention Committee the weekend of October 3-5 at the Renaissance Hotel. Attendees were pleased with the City, hotel, hotel restaurant and proximity of bus transportation. Convention plans continue with selection of eco-friendly items for attendee gifts.

New Business:

- Board and Committee Positions (see text box top left) were accepted and approved
- Bylaws: Dignity/Seattle bylaws need to be updated to bring in line with current DignityUSA terminology and committees. Following a rewrite and approval by committee, a copy of the revised bylaws must be sent to D/S members for approval. Paula L will establish a "member" category in the Gmail contacts list to facilitate sending bylaw and other Dignity membership materials to paid members.
- Social Justice: Discussed and approved the inclusion of the D/S Chapter as a signatory on DignityUSA letters sent to political leaders in support of social justice. Such letters would be sent to the US Congress and corporations to push for social justice and to request that religion not be used to justify eliminating benefits to various groups of people.
- Christmas Party: Paula L will order and pick up a ham. Toys and donations will be collected for Toys For Tots. Laure will assemble disco balls for auction. No plans were made to bring musical instruments for a group sing-a-long. The social committee should email the invitation to members quickly.

The next Board Meeting is slated for January 2015 with an exact date to be determined.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.
 Respectfully submitted by:
 Alan Scott

Dignity/Seattle Board Minutes October 12, 2014 (Minutes edited for publication)

Meeting was called to order at 4:50 p.m. in the sanctuary of Ravenna United Methodist Church. Dignity prayer was read. Board members Paula Lavallee, Paula Hills, Delia Vita, Alan Scott, and Laure Hauge were present.

Delayed approval of the July 15, 2014 minutes to a following board meeting when printed copies are available.

President's report: (Paula Lavallee)

Verified that bylaws provide for the election of a write-in candidate with a majority vote count.

Treasurer's report: (Delia Vita)

Treasurer reported a change in the bank agreement to eliminate the checking account service charge by maintaining checking account balances of \$1500 or greater.

Checking Acct. October 10, 2014 (?)

Beginning Balance: \$5,573.31

Deposits:

Donation: 90.00
 Bank charge reversal: 30.00

Total Deposits: \$120.00

Sub-Total: \$5,693.31

Expenses:

General Expenses:

Rent—RUMC for October : \$100.00
 DignityUSA board member gifts : 122.73
 Dinner DUSA & D/S board members: 691.85

News & Events

Christmas dinner!

Saturday, December 6, 2014, 4:00 p.m.
Hosted by Dignity/Seattle
206-295-4895
Home of Ray Curry
1527 California Ave SW, #401
Seattle, WA 98116



Dignity members and friends of Dignity are all invited to celebrate Dignity/Seattle's Christmas dinner at Ray Curry's home in West Seattle (206-937-3742). Dignity will be providing honey-baked ham as the main course; Ray will have a wide assortment of liquid refreshments.

Attendees are asked to bring a dish according to the quarter in which their birthday falls (1st Quarter: side dish. 2nd Quarter: dessert. 3rd Quarter: side dish. 4th Quarter: salad). To keep the Ray's place clean, house slippers or stocking feet are requested. In support of "Toys for Tots," attendees are invited to bring an unwrapped toy for this Dignity/Seattle—sponsored collection. Additionally, Laure's decorative Christmas disco balls will be auctioned with proceeds going to charity.

Formal invitations will be e-mailed to all on our social list. RSVPs can also be made to Alan 206-295-4895 or agscott@psweb.com.

Dignity/Vancouver BC/Dignité



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Every Sunday, 3:00 p.m. Mass celebrated by Roman Catholic Women Priests. Our Lady of Guadalupe Tonantzin Community. The Listening Post, 352 Main St, Vancouver. tepeyacvancouver@gmail.com

Convention 2015: Seattle!

Planning for DignityUSA Convention

Seattle is hosting the July 2015 DignityUSA Convention! The local Convention Committee is meeting frequently, and we are looking for people to staff the Finance, Marketing and Registration Committees. If you can help or provide ideas, please e-mail dignity.seattle@gmail.com.



Food Lifeline Volunteer Night

Tuesday, December 2, 6:00 p.m.—8:00
 1702 NE 150th St, Shoreline, WA 98155

If you can volunteer to help put food on the table for our Puget Sound neighbors in need, please e-mail dignity.seattle@gmail.com. We need to send a head count to Food Lifeline.



Our volunteers at Food Lifeline, October 7, 2014.



Top L-R: National Convention Committee members: Jim Smith, Bill Baird, Paula Lavallee, Marty Grochala
Bottom L-R: Dignity/Seattle folks: Delia Vita, Leo Egashira, Paula Hills, Laure Hauge (missing Alan Scott)



DignityUSA National Board Members, DignityUSA staff, and Dignity/Seattle members during the national board meetings, October 3-5, 2014, held at the Seattle Renaissance Hotel, site of the July 2015 Convention.

In the media: Seattle Gay News and KUOW-FM

July 25, 2014

Dignity/Seattle donates \$700 to Official Pride ASIA

by Shaun Knittel - SGN Associate Editor

Dignity/Seattle, the local chapter of DignityUSA, a religious group celebrating the wholeness and holiness of LGBT Catholics, announced this week that they will be donating \$700 to Official Pride ASIA, the organization that produces the annual Rice Ball and Pride ASIA events.



Delia Vita and Paula Lavallee of Dignity/Seattle told Official Pride ASIA's Founder and Co-Director Aleksa Manila and Co-Founder Arnaldo! Drag Chanteuse their organization raised the money at Dignity/

Seattle's 26th Annual Pride Week Breakfast, June 28, held at Central Lutheran Church (1710 11th Ave).

Guests at the breakfast purchased \$7 tickets for the all-you-can-eat breakfast and a raffle for prizes. Dignity members and the general public participated in the fundraiser, which also benefited Lifelong AIDS Alliance and DignityUSA's annual convention - being hosted in Seattle in 2015.

Lavallee is the current Dignity/Seattle President, as well as a member of the National Convention Committee. Vita is Dignity/Seattle's Treasurer.

'It is with our deepest gratitude that we gladly accept your generous donation,' Aleksa Manila thanked Dignity/Seattle in a letter upon learning of the donation. 'Your generosity will help ensure our organization's mission will continue to prosper in our communities.'

Pride ASIA is comprised of out and proud LGBTQ Asian American/Pacific Islanders in the Seattle and Northwest Region including respected individuals and organizations with rich histories in health advocacy, human rights, social service, political activism, arts and entertainment. Pride ASIA is a proud member of Social Outreach Seattle and The National Queer Asian Pacific Islander Alliance. Founded in 2012, Pride ASIA's mission is to celebrate, empower and nurture the multi-cultural diversity of the LGBTQIA communities through the Asian-Pacific Islander American lens. Learn more at www.prideasia.org.

According to the group's description, Dignity/Seattle

'provides 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/Seattle meets second Sundays at 6 p.m. for liturgies and prayer services at Ravenna United Methodist Church (5751 33rd NE). More information is available at www.dignityseattle.org or by emailing Dignity/Seattle at Dignity.Seattle@gmail.com.

DignityUSA and Dignity/Seattle and the recent Vatican Synod on the Family

- October 14, 2014 KING-5 TV news story: <http://www.king5.com/story/news/local/seattle/2014/10/14/seattle-area-reacts-to-catholic-stance-on-gays/17237149/>
- October 17, 2014 KUOW-FM ten-minute interview of Leo Egashira by Jeannie Yandel: <http://kuow.org/post/will-seattles-lgbt-catholics-reunite-church>

How being HIV-positive brought forth a new positive perspective on life

- September 8, 2014: Leo Egashira was interviewed by "RadioActive" high school intern Esa Tilija: <http://kuow.org/post/death-sentence-turns-call-wild>



Happy Thanksgiving!