



Newsletter

March 2013

Dignity & St. Ignatius Liturgy Schedules

Ravenna United Methodist Church	5751-33 rd Ave NE	Seattle
Every Sunday	→ 10:00 a.m.	St. Ignatius (UPSTAIRS)
Mar. 10, April 14	→ 6:00 p.m.	Dignity/Seattle

Plan for these events!

Volunteering at Food Lifeline
Tuesday, April 2

2nd Quarter Brunch
Saturday, May 18

25th Annual Pride Week Breakfast!
Saturday, June 29, 2013

Help us plan to make this the most successful fundraiser ever!

DignityUSA's Convention 2013, Minneapolis MN
Thursday—Sunday, July 4-7, 2013
<http://conv2013.dignityusa.org/>

Dignity/Seattle's 40th Anniversary Celebration
Saturday, October 19, 2013

Help us celebrate 40 years of service to the Seattle GLBT Catholic community. An anniversary committee is being formed. Please contact Dignity.Seattle@gmail.com or call 206-659-5519.

Dignity/Vancouver BC/Dignité



604/432-1230 dennisl-h@telus.net

March 15, Friday, 7:30 p.m. Worship liturgy at Dennis L -H's. 604-430-3466.

March 17, Sunday, 4:00 p.m. Mass celebrated with Our Lady of Guadalupe Tonantzin Community, RCWP, New Way Community, 678 E Hastings St, Vancouver. Info: tepayacvancouver@gmail.com.

March 23, Saturday, 6:30 p.m. Potluck supper at Vincent W's. 604-325-1554

March 31, Easter Sunday, 4:00 p.m. See 03/17 notice.

Women's Convocation ♡

Thursday-Friday, April 12-13, 2013
Maydenbauer Center, Bellevue



Plenary Sessions:

- **Dr. Clarissa Pinkola Estés**
Abre La Puerta—Open the Door
- **Grace on the Margins**
Debut of Convocation Musical
- **Valarie Kaur**
Faith, Forgiveness, and Storytelling:
Finding Grace on the Margins
- **Helen Prejean, CSJ**
Never Say Die! Life on the Margins

Workshops: 16 offered over two sessions

Sponsor: **Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center**
Registration: \$150

Visit the IPJC website: <http://www.ipjc.org>,
E-mail ipjc@ipjc.org,
Call **206-223-1138**

RIP Gwen Cole. Obituary on p.3

Board Members & Contact Info

Dignity/Seattle Board Members

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

DignityUSA Board Members from Seattle

Paula Lavallee	Secretary
Leo Egashira	At large (Publications)

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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.

Total Expenses :	\$1,219.14
Ending Balance:	\$6,108.50

Restricted Funds

Scholarship fund for yearly membership:	\$50.00
Dignity National Convention 2013 Fund:	\$1,254.05
Total Available Funds:	\$4,804.45

Savings Acct..

Beginning Balance:	\$1,602.99
Interest income	0.35
Ending Balance:	\$1,603.34

M/M/S/C: To accept the March 6, 2013 financial report as submitted.

Social Committee: (Alan Scott and Delia V.)

- Alan reported a pleasant February brunch at Julia's with five attendees.
- A revision to the summer picnic date was discussed. Alan is to contact Seattle Parks and Recreation with the preferred Aug 24 date.
- A second quarter brunch date of May 18 was selected. Alan is to contact McMenamins – 6 arms restaurant as a possible location being that Mae's Restaurant is being sold.

Old Business:

- Volunteer Opportunities: Food Lifeline is scheduled for Tuesday, April 2.
- Web Designer: National has requested to hold off on the Dignity Seattle webpage redesign with Logan until his task on the convention website is in order.
- Pride Breakfast: The Central Lutheran Church Hall has been reserved for June 29. Delia is to contact vendors. Alan to print tickets. Paula L. to purchase food and coordinate volunteers. The breakfast cost is to remain at \$7. Discussion continued on various ways to mark this 25th breakfast anniversary as a special event. Considered were counting every 25th person to receive a special gift, a lavender carpet entry way, Alan and Delia to design a logo, Delia to contact former members who worked the first breakfast, and enlisting a priest to give a blessing/convocation at 8am.
- 2015 Convention: National unanimously accepted a write-up and logo by Paula H. after much positive feedback. Logo graphics to be developed by a volunteer with the New York chapter. Thought was given to coordinating a local volunteer project just prior to the start of the convention. Discussed the need for a one minute skit or presentation to be given at the 2013 Minneapolis Convention to promote the Seattle 2015 Convention, as well as a little gift to those who preregister for the Seattle 2015 Convention while attending the 2013 Convention, and the inclusion of Seattle Convention promotional material for the information bag that attendees will

D/S Board Meeting Minutes March 6, 2013 (Edited for publication)

Meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. at Delia Vita's house. Dignity prayer was read. Board members present – Delia Vita, Paula Lavallee, Paula Hills, Alan Scott. Absent – Denise Arceneaux. Minutes were read.

M/M/S/C: To approve the November 8, 2012 meeting minutes as submitted.

Treasurer's report, November 8, 2012 (Delia Vita)

Checking Acct.

Beginning Balance:	\$5,777.64
Deposits:	
Collection (Nov, Dec, Jan):	240.00
Donation on Dec. 28	1310.00
Total Deposits:	1550.00
Sub-Total:	\$7,327.64

Expenses:

General Expenses	
Liturgy stipend (Sep-Mar):	210.00
Newsletter mailing & printing (Nov-Feb):	155.14
Rent - RUMC (Dec-Mar):	200.00
USPS—PO Box rental	144.00
Donation: Toys for Tots	110.00
PW Breakfast	
Refundable deposit	100.00
Lutheran Church Hall Rental	100.00

receive at the 2013 Convention. Discussion followed on the need for Seattle members to attend the 2013 Convention and to assist at the Seattle 2015 Convention promotion table. Paula L. will announce by email the availability of assistance funding for all Seattle member attendees at the 2013 Minneapolis Convention.

- 40th Anniversary celebration: October 19 was selected at the date for the celebration. It is anticipated that a member of the National board will be able to attend. Delia is tasked with finding a suitable restaurant. Paula L. will inquire of a new meeting/dinner room being constructed on an upper floor of the Renaissance Hotel that should have a view. Paula L. will ask Leo to update the "History of the Chapter"

pamphlet. Some of the Dignity/Seattle portion of the Pride Week Breakfast proceeds will be used to help cover some of the celebration costs.

- Facebook: Delia was assigned to work on the Dignity/Seattle Facebook pages and to check on notices that appear.

New Business:

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Alan Scott

Requiescat in pace: Gwen Cole 1969—2013

Edited from: <http://bonneywatson.com/obituaries/detail.html?id=4543>



Joanne and Art, and two of her close friends from childhood, Denis and Moira McGrath.

Gwen was born June 10, 1969, in Chelsea, MA. She was a 1987 graduate of Huron High School in Ann Arbor, MI, and a proud alumna of Saint Mary's College in Notre Dame, IN. She later earned a Master of Public Administration degree from Seattle University. After graduation she moved to Seattle, where she married Dana Guppy on September 14, 2002. Gwen worked as an accountant and volunteered in many civic activities in Seattle. She was an active member of St. Edward's Church in Seattle. In recent years she was especially happy in the company of her knitting friends of the Columbia City Knitters.

Throughout her life, Gwen confronted and overcame severe heart problems; however, she did not make them the

Our beloved and wonderful wife and daughter Gwen died peacefully at home Sunday afternoon, February 24, from complications arising from her lifelong heart issues. She passed away serenely, surrounded by her husband Dana, her parents

focus of her life, and many of her friends and acquaintances were unaware of her physical issues. She was very easy to love. She tremendously enjoyed cats, knitting, and her friends. She and Dana adopted several dogs and cats whom they loved and cared for. She had a brave heart and gentle disposition, and she treasured trusting relationships. She returned home to hospice in mid-February to enjoy the company of her friends and family, and after ten days, on Sunday afternoon, she simply went to sleep.

A funeral Mass was celebrated March 1 at St. Edward's Church, Seattle (on Orcas St.). Gwen was buried at St. John the Baptist Catholic Cemetery in Ypsilanti, MI.

Please keep Gwen, and us, in your prayers. She was much loved and we miss her terribly.

Dana Guppy
Art and Joanne Cole

Ed. Note: Gwen and Dana were one of the few visible, straight supporters of Dignity/Seattle when we held weekly liturgies at St. Joseph Parish in the 1990s. Gwen and Dana often attended Mass and participated in Dignity activities. We saw less of Gwen when Dignity was evicted from Catholic Church property in the early 2000s. In the final days of her life, she reached out to the Dignity/Seattle community, and several of us said our final good-byes last month. Rest in peace, my friend.



*When Love hopes all things,
Justice will flow down like a river and
Righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.*

Minneapolis 2013

July 4 - 7

Minneapolis Hilton