



Newsletter

Fourth Quarter 2020

During the holidays, please stay apart safely this year so we can all gather together in-person next year . . .



Dignity/Seattle Holiday Zoom Gathering
Saturday, December 5, 2020, 4:00 p.m.
Zoom link to be provided

During this period of mandated physical distancing, when many of us will not be able to get together with family or friends, you are invited to meet virtually with other members of the Dignity/Seattle community. Let's check-in with each other and celebrate the meanings of the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. More information will be forthcoming.

Good-bye 2020 Gathering
Date and time to be determined
Zoom link to be provided

Let's say good-bye to 2020, acknowledge the challenges we all faced, and express our hopes for a better New Year. More information will be forthcoming.

September 26, 2020
President's Report 2019-2020

Our roster remains at 19 active members. We have averaged around 18-20 members over the past several years.

This has been a very unusual year not only for our chapter and members but for the whole world. We ended 2019 with a wonderful holiday party hosted again by Delia and Annah. We shared a pot-luck dinner and collected donations which allowed us to purchase 20 wool blankets for Tent City 5. Thanks to all who donated and to Alan for coordinating the blanket purchase and delivery. 2020 then began with our second annual Kings Day Game Day, again hosted by Delia and Annah. Jerry provided the lunch and all had fun playing games and watching the Seahawks play. Thanks Jerry, Delia and Annah and all who came to play. We celebrated our first quarter birthday/anniversary gathering in February at the Varsity Inn, and volunteered at Food Lifeline.

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Board Members & Contact Info

Dignity/Seattle Board Members

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

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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.

picnic has been rescheduled for the following year and is now currently set for August 22, 2021 beginning at 3:00 p.m. at Lower Woodland Park Shelter 7.

Old Business:

- Annual Election: Three people on the membership list did not respond to requests for ballots. Ballots worked well using Survey Monkey. Discussion followed favoring the use of Survey Monkey for next year's election.
- Annual Meeting: The board discussed using Zoom for future meetings primarily since many more members were able to attend.

New Business:

- Zoom Subscription: Discussion continued on the use of Zoom for future gatherings. Subscription periods and cost are approximately: Monthly generally \$16.99, Quarterly \$36, and annually \$169. Paula L. recommended that Delia purchase Zoom for the month of December.
- Annual Christmas Party: Delia to set up a December Zoom Social Gathering for Saturday, December 5. The start time will be 4:00 p.m.
- End of 2020 Party: Date to be decided during or following the December 5 Christmas Party.
- Board approved funding a one-year membership scholarship for one of Dignity/Seattle members.
- 2020-2021 Officer Slate: President – Paula L., Vice President – Paula H., Secretary – Alan S., Treasurer – Delia V., Member-at-large – Laure H.

Next Board Meeting: Online sometime in late December. Meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Alan Scott, Dignity/Seattle Secretary

Dignity/Seattle Board Meeting Minutes September 26, 2020 (edited for publication)

A Zoom meeting was called to order at 4:50 p.m. Board members Paula Lavallee, Paula Hills, Delia Vita, Alan Scott, and Laure Hauge were present. The July 16, 2020 board meeting minutes were read on Zoom. Minutes were approved by all.

Secretary's report (Alan Scott)

Continuing to maintain the website primarily with changes to the main page and addition of our quarterly newsletter.

Treasurer's report (Delia Vita) January 5, 2020—July 16, 2020

Checking Acct.

Beginning Balance:	\$3,522.90
Deposits	0.00
Expenses:	
General exp: Mary's Place USB drive	246.79
Donation to Food Lifeline	250.00
Total Expenses:	\$ 496.79
Ending Balance:	\$3,026.11

Savings Acct..

Beginning Balance	\$1,622.76
Interest income	0.04
Ending Balance	\$1,622.80

M/S/C: To accept the Sept. 26, 2020 financial report.

Committee Reports:

Social Committee: (Alan Scott & Delia Vita)

- Seattle Parks and Recreation was contacted to request cancellation of the 2020 annual picnic. The

Dignity/Vancouver BC/Dignité



Currently, travel between the U.S. and Canada is prohibited.

During Covid-19, please contact Dignity/Canada/Dignité for information about the suspension of chapter gatherings: info@dignitycanada.org.

President's Report 2019-2020
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Then the pandemic hit and the world seemed to shut down. Our governor ordered us to stay home and stay safe. Our volunteer nights at Food Lifeline were all canceled. Our second quarter birthday/anniversary gathering – canceled. Our 32nd Pride Breakfast – canceled. Our annual picnic – canceled. The annual packing party to assemble backpacks for Mary's Place was canceled – but we were able to contribute by purchasing and donating the 90 flash drives needed for the high school students. The board also decided to donate to Food Lifeline since they were to receive part of the Pride Breakfast profits. A check for \$250 was sent to them – about a third of what we had hoped to send from the breakfast earnings. The pandemic also moved us into virtual meetings for the board, and electronic voting for our board positions. I have learned that you can develop a sense of belonging, a sense of community via virtual gatherings.

As our communities slowly move forward from the pandemic, and we await the go ahead for gatherings to safely happen, the board is looking for different ways to get our members and friends active and engaged in our community. We have discussed having virtual game days, discussion groups, and social hours. If you are interested, or have any ideas of activities or events to participate in, please contact us via email at dignity.seattle@gmail.com.

I would like to thank our board of directors - Delia, Alan, Laure and Paula H for their leadership and commitment. 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. Thanks also to Alan for keeping our website (www.dignityseattle.org) current. And thanks Delia for keeping our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/DignityofSeattle) up and current. And a very special thanks to Delia and Annah for opening their home earlier this year for meetings and gatherings. They continued to give our chapter a place to be. Thank you!

I thank all our members, friends and supporters for your support. I look forward to a new year and new opportunities for Dignity/Seattle to grow and thrive. Hope to see all of you at our events during the year – either virtually, or in person once we reach that time.

In Peace,
Paula Lavalley
President, Dignity/Seattle



Dignity Seattle
Treasurer's Report
10/1/19 - 9/26/20

	<u>2018-2019</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>
Checking Account		
Beginning Balance	\$5,081.56	3582.89
Deposits		
Donation from members & friends	645.00	600.00
Donation from 45 Anniversary	895.00	
Donation - Tent City	220.00	170.00
PW Breakfast & Raffle	2,383.00	
PW Hall Rental Refund		100.00
Total Deposit	<u>4,143.00</u>	<u>870.00</u>
Subtotal	<u>9,224.56</u>	<u>4452.89</u>
Operations Expenses		
Supplies	21.34	0.00
Website services	14.95	0.00
PO Box Rental	176.00	190.00
Membership fee	50.00	50.00
Summer Picnic/Christmas Dinner	112.00	55.00
Summer Picnic Site Permit	105.00	105.00
Subtotal Operations Expenses	<u>479.29</u>	<u>400.00</u>
Special Events Expenses		
DSUSA DonationConference Brochure	250.00	0.00
D/S 45 Anniversary Dinner	1,176.25	0.00
National Convention Scholarship	1,449.30	0.00
Donation to Tents & Socks		171.90
Donation to Mary's Place-USB	220.28	241.62
Jubilee Meetings-Dinner		0.00
Blankets for Seattle's Tent City 5	228.05	0.00
Subtotal Special Events Expense	<u>3,323.88</u>	<u>413.52</u>
PW Breakfast Expenses		
PW Breakfast-Food	100.00	
PW Breakfast Supplies/mailing/solicitation lette	38.50	16.47
PW Breakfast Advertisement (SGN)	100.00	0.00
PW Breakfast-Hall Rent	100.00	100.00
Subtotal PWBreakfast Expenses	<u>338.50</u>	<u>116.47</u>
PW Donation		
PW Breakfast Donation to Food LifeLine	750.00	
PW Breakfast Donation to CareTeams	750.00	
Subtotal PWBreakfast Donation	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>
Total Expenses	<u>5,641.67</u>	<u>929.99</u>
Ending balance	<u>\$3,582.89</u>	<u>\$3,522.90</u>
Savings Account		
Beginning Balance	\$1,622.03	1622.55
Interest	0.52	0.21
Ending Balance	<u>\$1,622.55</u>	<u>\$1,622.76</u>

Date: September 26, 2020

DUSA Liturgies during Coronavirus lockdown



In this time of physical distancing, Dignity/Washington invites you to celebrate Mass with us virtually. We will continue to produce a Mass for each Sunday while we are unable to meet in person to celebrate with LGBTQ Catholics around the country.

Mass each week is made with contributions from Dignity members around the US and following safe procedures. Each Sunday, the Mass will be posted online to our [Dignity/Washington Facebook Page](#) and our Dignity/Washington YouTube by 10 a.m.

With this reach, we want to showcase all the chapters of DignityUSA in different ways for as long as we are doing services in this way. We want our weekly Masses not to just be Dignity/Washington, but also other chapters. If you are willing to contribute as a reader for a service please reach out to christopherflow@gmail.com. We will also be reaching out to chapters to showcase what you are doing where possible.

We look forward to celebrating and worshipping with you.



Dignity/New York hosts a virtual liturgy starting at 6:30 p.m. EST (3:30 PST) every Sunday.

Here is how to join by Zoom or phone:

<https://zoom.us/j/231599312?pwd=bHJMT1NZOEtERE1oOTQwdS84NU45Zz09>

For those joining by phone or through an app, you will need meeting ID and password:

Meeting ID: 231 599 312

Password: 333 333

Dial
+1 253 215 8782 US

At 7:00 p.m. Eastern, they will pause to thank the essential workers and invite everyone who attends the liturgy to do so. The meeting room will open at 6:00 p.m. EST (3:00 p.m. PST). To receive the weekly worship aid, be added to our distribution list or ask a question, email us at OnlinePrayer@dignityny.org.

Please consider a donation to [DignityUSA](#), [Dignity/New York](#) or to [your local community](#).

Your generosity will ensure our communities will continue to provide critical services and life-changing support in the months ahead.

We are using Zoom for our Dignity/New York Online Liturgy and member sponsored events.

Don't miss a minute of our events! If you need help email ZoomHelp@DignityNY.org, our members are ready to help you get up and running.



Dignity/San Fernando Valley

Dignity/SFV meets on SATURDAY evenings at 5:30 pm

Join Dignity/San Fernando Valley Zoom Meeting via this link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/529326235>

pwd=RFJUUDJ2b2o3bS9rT253dGVCcDcrUT09

OR by telephone only:

+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

+1 408 638 0968 US (San Jose)

You can also find that link on our website calendar at www.dignitysfv.org.

Dignity/San Diego

Dignity/SD meets on Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m. for Liturgy of the Word. They also offer daily (except Sundays) Rosary at 7:00 p.m.. Links for the rosary are listed below the liturgy info.



Join Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/9506605806>

Meeting ID: 950 660 5806

Telephone:
+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

You can also find the liturgy and Rosary livestreamed to YouTube page and website at these links:

Website: <https://dignitysd.org/live>

Facebook: <https://facebook.com/DignitySanDiego>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrBbaCJkY7EbdcsAueqVtw>