



Newsletter

February—March 2017

Dignity Liturgy Schedule

2nd Sundays 6:00 p.m.

February 12, March 12
Ravenna United Methodist Church
5751-33rd Ave NE Seattle



1st Quarter Brunch

Saturday, February 4, 12:30 p.m.
Julia's of Wallingford
4401 Wallingford Ave N

To all Dignity Members and Friends of Dignity,
In celebration of all who have birthdays or anniversaries in January through March 2017, members, guests, and friends are all invited to enjoy brunch on Saturday, February 4 at Julia's of Wallingford at 12:30 p.m. Check out Julia's website which provides an interesting summary of their cuisine. <http://julasrestaurantseattle.com/julias-of-wallingford-seattle-restuarants/>

We look forward to visiting with you in this new year. Please RSVP by calling 425-821-8618 so as to provide Julia's an accurate seat count. Thank you.
The Dignity/Seattle Board

D/Seattle's Food Lifeline Volunteer Night

Tuesday, February 7, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
815 - 96th St, Seattle WA 98108 (South Park)

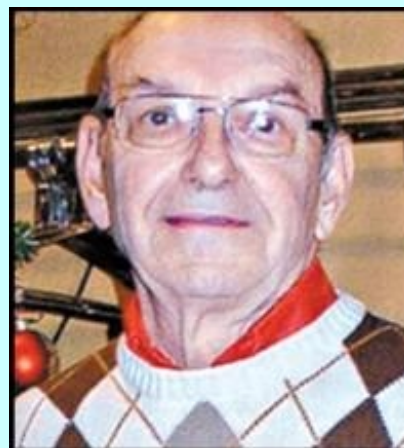
Come enjoy the fun and know that you are helping to feed families in need. To help with planning, RSVP to 206-659-5519 or Dignity.Seattle@gmail.com.

Requiescat in Pace

Joe Tafelski

March 28, 1945 — January 10, 2017

It is with sadness that we announce that Joe Tafelski (Jim Weston's partner) passed away recently. Joe was born and raised in Detroit, Mich. and served in the Air Force in Vietnam. A teacher for 31 years, he taught for 26 years at Woodmont School in Des Moines,



Wash. He was beloved as a teacher and mentor and esteemed as a wise man—always ready to give advice and comfort to those he knew.

Preceded in death by his older sisters Mary and Barbara and former partner Lee Norrell. Survived by his life partner James Weston. Joe's funeral mass was held January 28 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.



Board Members & Contact Info

Dignity/Seattle Board Members

Paula Lavallee	President, Nat'l Conference Committee Chair
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.

Dignity/Seattle Board Meeting Minutes, January 11, 2017 *(edited for publication)*

Meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m. at Delia Vita's home. Dignity prayer was read. Board members Paula Lavallee, Paula Hills, Delia Vita, Alan Scott, and Laure Hauge were present.

The October 20, 2016 board meeting minutes were read and approved by all.

Secretary's report (Alan Scott)

Will follow up with the Gay Yellow Pages to verify Dignity/Seattle's listing.

Treasurer's report: (Delia Vita)

September 25, 2016—January 11, 2017

Checking Account

Beginning Balance:	\$5,895.78
Deposits: Donation: Tent & Socks	206.00
Donation: Toys for Tots	40.00
Donation	1,200.00
Total Deposits:	\$1,446.00
Sub-Total:	\$7,341.78

Expenses:

Rent: RUMC, October 2016 - January 2017	\$400.00
Toys for Tots	40.00
Tent & Socks	206.00
Christmas Party expenses	76.57
Liturgy Expense ** Note below **	30.00
Sub-Total General Expenses:	\$752.57
Ending Balance:	\$6,589.21
Restricted Funds beginning balance:	\$699.63
Ending Balance:	\$5,889.58

Savings Account Beginning Balance:

\$1,611.18

Interest income

0.13

Ending Balance:

\$1,611.31

Note: ** Check to G. Southerton to be voided and reissued. Prior check date was several months old.

M/M/S/C: To accept the January 11, 2017 financial report.

Committee Reports:

Liturgy Committee: (Paula Hills)

- Paula Hills presided at the January 8 liturgy at the RUMC with four attendees.
- Gary Southerton will be available to preside at the February 12th liturgy.

Social Committee: (Alan Scott and Delia Vita)

- The annual Christmas Party at Delia's home on Queen Anne Hill was attended by approximately 20 members and friends. Donations were collected for Tents and Socks for Tent City 5 and shelters on QA Hill, as well for Toys for Tots.
- The first quarter brunch scheduled for February 4 at Julia's of Wallingford.

Old Business:

- Eight Dignity members and friends volunteered at the South Park Food Lifeline Warehouse on Nov. 15 to sort frozen food items for distribution. Upcoming Food Lifeline volunteer nights are set for Feb. 7, Apr. 4, and June 6. A holiday greeting card was received from Food Lifeline in appreciation of volunteer work and future volunteer commitments.
- Paula H. will set up a meeting with Gary Southerton and other Dignity/Seattle members to discuss liturgy options.
- The Dignity National (Western region) Leadership teleconference was held at 7:00 p.m. on November 1. Paula L. and Laure H. represented Seattle. Other attendees were from Dignity chapters in San Francisco, San Fernando Valley, Palm Springs, and Los Angeles. Discussions were on what the chapters were doing, how they operate, and any difficulties they were experiencing.

New Business:

- Pride Breakfast: Delia will reserve Saturday morning, June 24 at the Central Lutheran Church Hall for this year's annual Pride Breakfast. Alan will print tickets, envelopes, and letters in April and stuffing envelopes will occur in early May.
- Board members noted words of sympathy in the passing of Joe Tafelski in a card to be sent to Dignity/Seattle member Jim Weston.
- Dignity National Conference 2017 will be held in Boston from Thursday, July 6 to Sunday, July 9, 2017.
- Paula L. reported on a wonderful line-up of interesting speakers. The conference theme is "A Place at the

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Table.” Discussion followed on lodging and airfare.

- Next meeting date TBA

Meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m..

Respectfully submitted by:

Alan Scott, Dignity/Seattle Secretary

Tent City 5 says “Thank you!”



By Alan Scott

Alan Scott (left) and Charles Johnson at Tent City 5

A big thank you goes to all who contributed to the Toys for Tots campaign and the Tents and Sock fund drive. On December 13, 2016, I was pleased to meet with Charles Johnson, Camp Advisor of Tent City 5, who received the three heavy-duty tarps needed to cover tents at the site near Dravus St. in Interbay. The remaining donations from Dignity/Seattle members and friends went for the purchase of socks for three shelters around Queen Anne.

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1st & 3rd Sundays, 3:00 p.m. Mass celebrated by Roman Catholic Women Priests. Our Lady of Guadalupe Tonantzin Community. The Listening Post, 382 Main St (off E Hastings St), Vancouver. tepeyacvancouver@gmail.com.

For information about other D/V events, please visit <http://dignitycanada.org/vancouver.html>.

Dignity/Seattle Christmas Party

Many thanks for go around to all for attending and making this gathering of 20 friends a joyful occasion. Thank you for all the donations (see story at left) A special thank you goes to Delia and Annah for opening their beautifully decorated home for this year's party held on December 3, 2016.

Most—but not all—of the attendees at the Christmas Party at Delia's and Annah's home.

