



# Newsletter

## April—May 2019



## Upcoming Events

**D/Seattle's Food Lifeline Volunteer Night**  
**Thursday, June 6, 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](mailto:dignity.seattle@gmail.com). Photos of the April 2 Volunteer Night are on Page 4.

**Second Quarter Brunch**  
**Saturday, June 8 at 12:30 p.m.**  
**McMenamins Queen Anne**  
**200 Roy St (north of Seattle Center)**

Spring is a wonderful time to celebrate with those who have anniversaries or birthdays in April, May, or June. Please join us for brunch on Saturday.

The McMenamin's website provides a description of their various entrees (<http://www.mcmenamins.com/308-mcmenamins-queen-anne-home>). The brunch is an opportunity to patronize McMenamin's Restaurant which has contributed to Dignity/Seattle's Annual Pride Breakfast. Invitations have been e-mailed to those on our list-serv. RSVP: 206-295-4895.

**31st Annual Pride Week Breakfast**  
**Saturday, June 29, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon**  
**Central Lutheran Church**  
**1710 - 11th Ave (at E Olive St)**

As summer approaches, we can look forward to a Seattle Pride Week tradition: Dignity/Seattle's 31st Annual Pride Pancake Breakfast.

All proceeds after expenses will be donated to: (1) Care-Teams (a program of Samaritan Center), which "offer people from all walks of life a common volunteer experience by providing a network of practical support and



**Dignity/Seattle**

**31st Year!!**

**PRIDE**

**PANCAKE**

**BREAKFAST**



PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT

**CARETEAMS -**

A program of

**SAMARITAN CENTER**

**FOOD LIFELINE**

**DIGNITY/SEATTLE**

**\$7 Donation**

**RAFFLE**

**PRIZES**

**SATURDAY**  
**JUNE 29, 2019      9 AM to NOON**  
**CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH SOCIAL HALL**  
1710-11th Ave, Seattle (across from CAL Anderson Park)

emotional support to people living with HIV/AIDS"; (2) Food Lifeline, which provides nutritious food to thousands of families across Western Washington, and (3) Dignity/Seattle's Conference Scholarship Fund.

We are looking for volunteers for many positions, especially for servers. Please let Paula Lavallee know if you can help, 206-659-5519 and [dignity.seattle@gmail.com](mailto:dignity.seattle@gmail.com). More information will be coming out in the next month.

## 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 activities and/or 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 May 2, 2019 *(edited for publication)*

Meeting was called to order at 5:48 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.

All board members approved the January 5, 2019 meeting minutes.

**Treasurer's report:** (Delia Vita)  
January 5, 2019—May 2, 2019

#### Checking Account

<b>Beginning Balance:</b>	<b>\$5,615.31</b>
<b>Deposits:</b>	
No deposits	
<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>\$5,615.31</b>

#### Expenses:

Blankets for Seattle's Tent City 5	228.05
Website services	14.95
Central Lutheran Hall deposit (refundable)	100.00
Central Lutheran Hall fee	100.00
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$443.00</b>
<b>Ending Balance:</b>	<b>\$5,172.31</b>
2019 Conference Restricted Funds:	\$804.85
<b>Total Available Balance:</b>	<b>\$4,367.46</b>

#### Savings Account

<b>Beginning Balance:</b>	<b>\$1,622.15</b>
Interest income	0.13
<b>Ending Balance:</b>	<b>\$1,611.28</b>

**M/M/S/C:** To accept the May 2, 2019 financial report.

### Committee Reports:

**Social Committee:** (Alan Scott and Delia Vita)

- First Quarter Brunch – Seven members and friends of Dignity enjoyed brunch at the Varsity Inn Restaurant in Wallingford on Saturday, March 16. The food was good and the staff was very friendly.
- Kings Games Day – Dignity/Seattle's first Kings Games Day was lots of fun with a number of favorable comments following the event. Discussion followed on repeating the Kings Games Day next year and possibly adding an additional game day event sometime around midyear.

### Old Business: Pride Week Breakfast

- Delia signed the contract with the Central Lutheran Church for use of their hall for the June 29 breakfast. Checks to be mailed tomorrow (May 3).
- The advertising flyer was reviewed and edited to include "Care Teams – a Program of Samaritan Center."
- Delia will place a ¼ page ad in the SGN for the week prior and the week of Pride.
- Paula L. will contact Food Lifeline (2019 co-beneficiary) to ask that notification of this year's breakfast be included in their mailings and other correspondence to donors.
- Laure H. is to handle purchasing of food enough to serve 125 attendees.
- Last year's quilt was re-donated back to Dignity. Board discussed offering the beautiful 2018 quilt through a silent auction.
- Delia will mail letters to potential Pride Breakfast donors asking for their support.
- Paula L. will send emails asking for volunteers.
- In need of coffee pots. Board will inquire of coffee pot availability with friends and family.

### New Business:

- Second Quarter Brunch - June 8th was selected as a tentative date for brunch. Pride Breakfast supporter, McMenamins is being considered.
- Food Lifeline – Discussion of a date to replace the first Tuesday volunteer night since many will not be able to attend June 4. First Tuesday dates for following volunteer evenings in months of August, October, and December were also discussed for potential conflicts with various activities.
- 2019 Board Elections – Board positions currently occupied by Paula L., Delia, and Alan are up for a vote in 2019. Paula L. will put out a notice inquiring of nominations.
- Summer Picnic – A date and location for this year's summer picnic is open. Alan will check with prior hosts to find a location for this year's picnic.
- 2019 National Convention – Discussed placing an ad in this year's Convention Brochure to congratulate Dignity USA on the 50th year. Board decided to place a half page ad costing \$250.

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## Board Meeting Minutes (continued from p2)

The date of the next Board Meeting was undecided. Board will correspond by email to select a date in the 2nd or 3rd week of July.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Alan Scott, Dignity/Seattle Secretary

## Dignity/Vancouver BC/Dignité



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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](mailto:tepeyacvancouver@gmail.com).

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

## Sad Note from D/S member Jim Weston

Jim Weston's brother John passed away in early April in San Francisco. Jim was with him when he passed. We remember John for his donation to our Pride Raffle. For many years John donated his guest space in SF for the raffle.



John had suffered from Lou Gehrig's disease and for the last three years was completely paralyzed.

He was a fighter, though, and wanted to live. He had friends all over the world and was much loved and appreciated by many. Jim sent 90 emails out to them. Please send extra prayers for John and his twin brother Joe and for Jim.

May John rest in peace.



## Dignity's 1st Quarter 2019 Brunch

Seven members and friends of Dignity enjoyed a mighty fine brunch at The Varsity Inn Restaurant in Wallingford on Saturday, March 16. The food was tasty and the staff very friendly and accommodating. The venue worked so nicely for our little group as we were able to sit together towards the back wall and visit.

Please join us for next quarter's brunch on June 8 at McMenamin's (see page 1 for details and RSVP).





### *Food Lifeline* **A few bad oranges**

A few bad oranges but over 15,000 pounds of edible oranges saved for distribution to food banks in Western Washington. Four Dignity/Seattle members together with 26 volunteers working the evening shift at the Food Lifeline warehouse on Tuesday, April 2, 2019 sorted through 22 large bins of oranges to discard any mushy or moldy product. The remaining good ones were placed in banana boxes which were then placed on pallets, wrapped, and labeled making the over 14 pallets ready for delivery the next morning.



Together as a team, the Dignity members enjoyed working with the appreciative and dedicated Food Lifeline staff as well as volunteers from other organizations. Our team is looking forward to returning to Food Lifeline on Thursday, June 6, and welcome additional Dignity members and friends to join in this worthwhile charitable endeavor. For more information, please see Page 1.