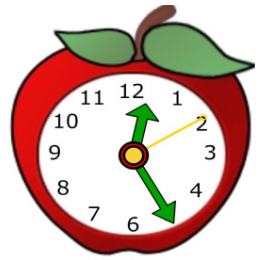


The Independence

The Newsletter of Dignity/Philadelphia for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Catholics & Friends

TIME FOR POTLUCK: SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

It seems like forever since Dignity Philadelphia has had a potluck dinner! So, Dignettes, let's get back on schedule. This event (initially named the Annual Clyde Sam's Potluck) is taking place Sunday, September 16, 2018, from 4:30 PM until 6ish. Express yourself via cooking and bring your culinary signature dish; or stop at KFC and bring a bucket of chicken (for those culinary challenged members). All dishes are welcome and we don't discriminate when it comes to food. Anyone who wants to help set up should arrive at 3:30 PM. This is a great chance for many of the lapsed or dropped members to return to celebrate with the Dignity Chapter. And the food is not bad either – especially those homemade desserts! Some members are also known for making chocolate – a feast for the eyes! Mark your calendars – it has been a while since we have broken bread together!



SEMIANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday, September 23, 2018

Opening Prayer

Approval of the Agenda

Approval of the Minutes from March 18, 2018

Old Business

1. Elections
2. **Community Meeting on Sunday, April 29 “The Future of Dignity/Philadelphia”**
(as info, renamed to “Implementation of Goals – The Future of Dignity/Philadelphia”)
3. 45th Anniversary - recap

New Business

1. Budget for 9/1/18 – 8/31/19
2. Meeting on 8/26 on discussion of the Our Father prayer - recap

Board of Directors Reports

Director/President

Director/Membership

Director/Record Keeping

Director/Finances - report since last semiannual business meeting on 03-18-18

Director/At Large

Service Groups Reports

Communications

Liturgy

Working Groups Reports

Broad Street Ministry - monthly

Birthday Cakes – monthly

Audit Committee (9/1/16 – 8/31/17) – recap by Mike Viola and Rob Baker

Philly Pride on June 10 – recap by Michael, Dick, BJ and Erin

Pride Night at the Phillies June 28 – recap by Henry Chau

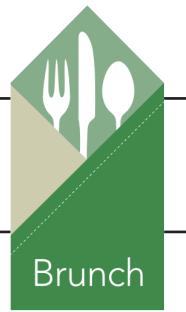
Motion to Adjourn

Closing Prayer

DIGNITY BRUNCH – OCTOBER 20, 2018

The Annual Dignity Brunch is scheduled to take place in our usual location, which

**Saturday
October 20, 2018
Noon to whenever!**



is Knock, 225 S. 12th Street, right smack in the middle of the Gayborhood! Everyone always looks forward to this annual event, which happens to be the major fundraiser for the Liturgy Service Group. Dignity expects this Brunch to be as big a financial and social success as in past years.

We are starting at the same time as last year. The brunch will start at noon, with coffee, juice (on the house), and mixed drinks (at your expense). Pastries are also included in the price of the Brunch. The price remains the same: \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. People will have the opportunity to select their entrée at the time they pay. FYI, 100% of the profits goes directly to Dignity. Additionally it is suggested that people ordering drinks at the bar tip the bartender separately. Dignity thanks Knock for sponsoring this benefit.

Tickets will be announced and sold the beginning of October, so put this very important event on your calendar. The Liturgy Service Group members will announce the entrées and gladly take your money for this annual event. And tell your friends – everyone is welcome.

AND SPEAKING OF FOOD...

Broad Street Ministry will be serving food on September 5 and October 3, 2018. There is always room for more Dignity volunteers, so keep Jimmy Calnan posted on your availability.

Birthday cake will take place September 9 and October 14, 2018. Come and celebrate someone's or anyone's birthday – who cares? Cake is cake and rumor has it that one September Birthday individual may be bringing ice cream!

MOTIONS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors met July 1 and August 5, and the following motions came out of these two meetings:

Motion 18-07-01: Made by Joe Orr; seconded by Kevin Davies. Be it moved that the 50/50 for August be Philadelphia FIGHT. Passed unanimously.

Philadelphia FIGHT Community Health Centers provide culturally competent comprehensive primary care, and state of the art HIV primary care to low income members of the community, along with research, consumer education, advocacy, social services and outreach to people living with HIV and those who are at high risk, including family members, communities with high rates of HIV, formerly incarcerated persons, and young people at risk; and access to the most advanced clinical research in HIV treatment and prevention.

Motion 18-07-02: Made by Michael Rocks; seconded by Erin McMenamin. Be it moved that proceeds of Mark Ratkus Fund, Scholarship Fund, Craig Scott Fund will be rolled into the operating fund. Passed unanimously.

Motion 18-08-01: Made by Kevin Davies; seconded by Rob Baker. Be it moved that the 50/50 for September be the AIDS Fund and the 50/50 for October the Roman Catholic Women Priests. Passed unanimously.

September 50/50: AIDS Fund's mission is to educate about, and increase public awareness of, HIV/AIDS and to provide emergency financial assistance to people living with HIV disease and organizations providing HIV services in the communities. Since its founding, AIDS Fund has remained committed to the philosophy that by coming together, each individual can make a difference in the fight against HIV/AIDS in the community.

October 50/50: Roman Catholic Womenpriests (RCWP) is an international movement within the Roman Catholic Church. The mission of Roman Catholic Womenpriests-USA is to prepare, ordain in Apostolic Succession, and support primarily women who are called by the Holy Spirit and their communities to a renewed priestly ministry rooted in justice and faithfulness to the Gospel. Roman Catholic Womenpriests are at the forefront of a model of service that offers Catholics a renewed priestly ministry in vibrant grassroots communities where all are equal and all are welcome. The voice of the Catholic people---the *sensus fidelium*---has spoken. Women are no longer asking for permission to be priests. Instead, RCWP have taken back their rightful God-given place ministering to Catholics as inclusive and welcoming priests.

Motion 18-08-02: Made by Rob Baker; seconded by Kevin Davies. Be it moved that D/P approve the 2018-2019 Budget as proposed. Passed unanimously.

DIGNITY PHILADELPHIA 2018-2019 BUDGET

INCOME

Christmas Appeal	\$1,200	Mark Ratkus Fund Donation	\$-
Community Emergency Fund	\$-	Membership Dues	\$1,350
Craig Scott Music Fund	\$-	Michael Durkin Income	\$-
Dan Estes Income	\$-	Other Income	\$-
Donations	\$5,700	Outreach	\$-
Anniversary Appeal	\$1,500	Retreat Income	\$-
Education Scholarship	\$-	Social Income	\$-
Fund Raising	\$-	Special Donation	\$-
Brunch	\$700	Stewardship	\$3,000
Total Fund Raising	\$700	Stipend for Mass Said	\$100
Interest Inc	\$35	Sunday Contributions	\$6,500

TOTAL INCOME: \$20,085

EXPENSES

Advertising	\$-	Rent	
Awards	\$300	Church	\$6,240
Community Emergency Fund - Expense ...	\$50	Office	\$4,368
Dues, Fees for GLBT Orgs, Events	\$160	TOTAL RENT	\$10,608
Fund Raising Expense	\$-	Retreat	\$50
Homilist and Presider Stipend		Social	
Homilist	\$150	Cakes	\$420
Presider	\$1,600	Potluck & Social	\$300
Total Stipend	\$1,750	Total Social	\$720
Insurance	\$454	Supplies	
Postage	\$375	Office Supplies	\$225
Printing Costs		Dignity Pins	\$200
Misc Printing	\$100	Music Planning	\$3,950
Newsletter Printing	\$900	Liturgy Supplies	\$243
Total Printing	\$1,000	Total Supplies	\$4,618
		Telephone	\$-

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$20,085

THANK YOU, THANK YOU AND THANK YOU AGAIN!



As a result of the many 50/50 organizations that Dignity sponsors every month, we occasionally get “thank you” notes or letters acknowledging our generosity. For the past months, we received three thank “youse” from, Sam’s Hope, Dawn’s Place and New Leash on Life. It is always good to have people acknowledge our generosity! And thanks to Al C. for being in charge of the Dignity 50/50 Ministry.

BI-MONTHLY MUNCHIE!

“There is a time in the last few days of summer
when the ripeness of autumn fills the air.”

- Rudolfo Anaya

HAPPY AUTUMN

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

(weekly mass at 330 S 13th Street between Pine and Spruce Streets)

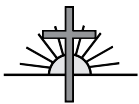
September is National Awareness Month, National Literacy Month and National Prostate Health Month. National Hispanic Heritage Month is Sept. 15 to Oct. 15.

- Sun., Sept. 2 Mass at 7 p.m.
Board of Directors Meeting – 4:30 p.m.
- Mon., Sept. 3 Labor Day (Thank the Unions for a 40 hrs work week)
- Wed., Sept. 5 Broad Street Ministry (BSM), 10:30 a.m.
- Thurs., Sept. 6 Ferko Mummies Band at the Mummer's Museum
- Friday, Sept. 7 Prayer Around the Cross, 7 p.m. (upstairs at St. Luke's)
- Sun., Sept. 9 Mass at 7 p.m.
Liturgy Service Group Meeting at 4:30 p.m.
- Thurs., Sept. 13 Greater Kensington Mummies Band – last concert of the season
- Sun., Sept. 16 Mass at 7 p.m.
Potluck at 5 p.m.
Rosary Group at 6 p.m.
- Sun., Sept. 23 Mass at 7 p.m.
Semi-Annual Business Meeting at 8:30 p.m. following Mass
- Sun., Sept. 30 Mass at 7 p.m.

October is LGBT History Month, Muslim Heritage Month, and National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

- Wed., Oct. 3 BSM, 10:30 a.m.
- Thurs., Oct. 5 Prayer Around the Cross, 7 p.m. (upstairs at St. Luke's)
- Sun., Oct. 7 Mass at 7 p.m.
Board of Director Meeting at 4:30 p.m.
- Mon., Oct. 8 Columbus Day
- Thurs., Oct. 11 National Coming Out Day
- Friday, Oct. 12 20th Anniversary for Matthew Shepard
- Sun., Oct. 14 Mass at 7 p.m.
Liturgy Service Group Meeting at 4:30 p.m.
- Sat., Oct. 20 BIG Brunch at KNOCK (see article in newsletter)
- Sun., Oct. 21 Mass at 7 p.m.
Rosary Group at 6 p.m.
AIDS Walk
- Sun., Oct. 28 Mass at 7 p.m.
- Wed., Oct. 31 Halloween Day

PRAYER INTENTIONS



Please sign our Prayer Intentions book if you have anyone you would like the community to remember in our prayers.

The deadline date submission for the November/December 2018 newsletter is Oct. 17, 2018

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- Michelle Perrone/Dolores Vera** – Communications Service Group
- Rev. Ron Hoskins** – Chaplain on leave of absence



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Yes, I want to be a member of the Dignity family!

I am joining as a **new member** I am **renewing my membership** **Address Change**

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