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

TOTAL INCOME: $20,085

EXPENSES

Advertising ...................................................... $-
Awards ............................................................. $300
Community Emergency Fund - Expense ........................ $50
Dues, Fees for GLBT Orgs, Events ............................ $160
Fund Raising Expense ......................................... $-
Hamilist and Presider Stipend .................................
Hamilist .............................................................. $150
Presider .............................................................. $1,600
Total Stipend .................................................... $1,750
Insurance ........................................................... $454
Postage .............................................................. $375
Printing Costs
Misc Printing ..................................................... $100
Newsletter Printing ............................................ $900
Total Printing ..................................................... $1,000

Rent
Church ............................................................. $6,240
Office ................................................................. $4,368
TOTAL RENT .................................................... $10,608
Retreat ............................................................... $50
Social
Cakes ............................................................... $420
Potluck & Social ................................................... $300
Total Social ........................................................... $720
Supplies
Office Supplies ................................................... $225
Dignity Pins ........................................................ $200
Music Planning ................................................... $3,950
Liturgy Supplies ................................................... $243
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)*

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| 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                                                       |

**P R A Y E R  I N T E N T I O N S**

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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